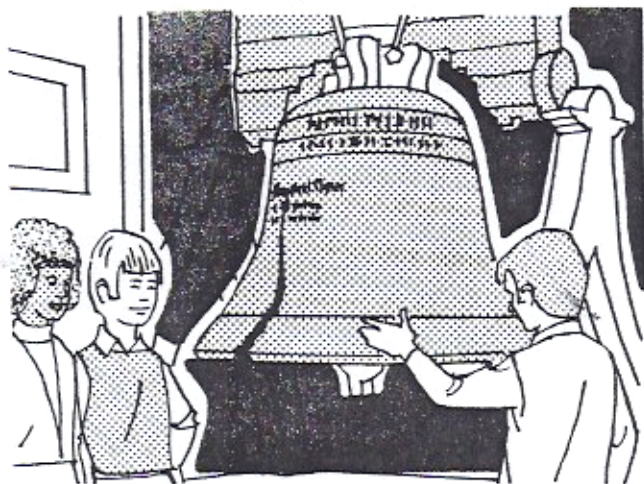


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# How did the Liberty Bell get its crack? Name \_\_\_\_\_

1 The Liberty Bell is very old. It has been in Philadelphia since 1752. For many years, it rang out when important things happened. It cheered loudly when great leaders came to town. It cried softly when leaders died. The bell also brought people together. It called them to hear the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776.



2 The Liberty Bell is now silent. It has a very bad crack in one side. No one knows for sure how the crack started. It may have started when the bell was made. The bell broke the first time it was ever rung in 1752. But it was melted down and made again. Experts think a new crack started when the metal cooled. Each time the bell was rung, the crack grew.

3 For a long time, the crack was too small to see. No one knew it was there. Then on July 8, 1835, the bell was ringing very slowly. All at once, a large crack ripped across it. The bell was badly broken.

4 The Liberty Bell has been mostly quiet since then. But it still brings people together. Thousands of people come to see the famous bell each year.

Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

- The Liberty Bell \_\_\_\_\_.  
 still rings today       called people together       has been lost
- Which word in paragraph 2 means people who know a lot about something?  
 crack       knows       experts       bell
- The story does not tell \_\_\_\_\_.  
 what the bell is made of       who rang the bell       when the bell was rung
- Which paragraph tells where the Liberty Bell is?  
 1       2       3       4
- SLOWLY is to QUICKLY as quietly is to \_\_\_\_\_. Think how the first two words go together. Then mark the word that goes with quietly in the same way.  
 badly       softly       hard       loudly
- The Liberty Bell is in Philadelphia.       True       False  
No one can see the Liberty Bell anymore.       True       False  
The bell cracked badly in 1835.       True       False
- Crack can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 2.  
 a break       a sudden noise