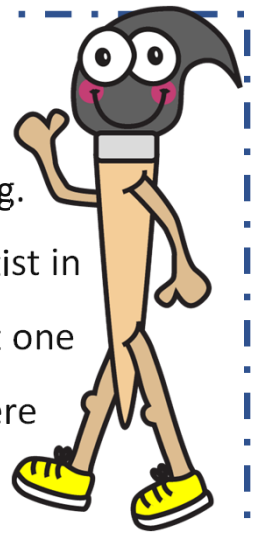


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The Paintbrush Vanished!



In the quiet town of Artville, there was a mystery that had everyone talking. Mr. Doodle's favorite paintbrush disappeared! Mr. Doodle was the best artist in town. He loved to paint colorful pictures of flowers, trees, and houses. But one day, when he was ready to start a new painting, his paintbrush was nowhere to be found! "Oh dear," said Mr. Doodle. "I need my paintbrush to create my art. Where could it be?" He looked all over his art studio, but the paintbrush was gone. So, he decided to ask his friends if they had seen it. First, he asked Ellie the Eraser. "Have you seen my paintbrush, Ellie?" he asked. Ellie shook her head. "No, Mr. Doodle, I haven't seen it. I've been busy erasing smudges all day." Next, he asked Penny the Pencil. "Penny, did you see where my paintbrush went?" Penny twirled around and said, "Sorry, Mr. Doodle, I didn't see it. I've been drawing lines and shapes." Then, he asked Marky the Marker. "Marky, do you know where my paintbrush is?" Marky capped himself and replied, "Nope, I've been too busy coloring in the pictures." Mr. Doodle was puzzled. His paintbrush had just vanished! He sat down, thinking hard, when he noticed something strange. There were tiny paint splatters leading out of the studio. He followed the splatters and found his paintbrush lying next to a beautiful painting of the sunset. And there, with paint on her paws, was Cassie the Cat! "Cassie!" exclaimed Mr. Doodle. "Did you take my paintbrush to paint this picture?" Cassie meowed and nudged the painting with her nose. Mr. Doodle laughed. "Well, I guess you're an artist too, Cassie. Let's paint together from now on!" And so, the mystery was solved, and Mr. Doodle and Cassie became the best painting partners in all of Artville.

1. Read the passage about "The Paintbrush Vanished!"
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. Who is Mr. Doodle?

- a. Artist
- b. Painter
- c. Cartoonist

2. What did Mr. Doodle love to do?

- a. paint colorful pictures
- b. paint houses
- c. paint animals

3. Who were the 3 friends Mr. Doodle asked about his missing paintbrush?

- a. Mark, Pete, Ethan
- b. Markie, Ellie, Penny
- c. Eleanor, Pam, Matt

4. What did Mr. Doodle follow to find the paintbrush?

- a. paint
- b. splatters
- c. a cat

5. Who took the paintbrush?

- a. Cassie the bird
- b. Cassie the dog
- c. Cassie the cat

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Why do you think Mr. Doodles paintbrush is so important to him?
 2. How would he feel about his vanished paintbrush?
 3. Explain what this story is about.
 4. Describe what you think Mr. Doodle would look like.
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- What qualities would make Mr. Doodle a good artist?
 - Why do you think Cassie the Cat wanted to paint?
 - Could this story be true? Explain why or why not.
 - Do you think Mr. Doodle and Cassie will make better paintings because of working together? Explain.
 - What type of paintings do you think Cassie might paint?