

The magic pencil

A narrative tells a story. In this narrative the main character, Mark, has quite a shock in his art lesson!

Before you read

- Do you enjoy art lessons?
- Look at the title. Can you guess what the story is about?

Read this story

THE MAGIC PENCIL

At one o'clock the teacher handed out new green pencils to the class for the art lesson.

"Hey ginger long legs," said one unkind girl to Mark. "What are you going to draw?"

Mark flicked the red hair from his face and didn't know what to say. He sat at his desk. He could feel his big blue eyes filling up with tears.

"What can I do?" he asked his friend Matthew. "I don't know what to draw. I'm no good at drawing."

"Well, I'm going to draw my bike," said Matthew. "Have you got a bike or maybe a pet you can draw?"

Mark thought long and hard, but he couldn't think of anything to draw. Then a strange thing happened. As Mark picked up the pencil, it began to shake and twitch. Mark held on to the pencil tightly. Then it began to draw a picture on the blank piece of paper. It was wonderful!

At the end of the lesson, everyone admired Mark's work.

"How ever did you draw that?" they asked. "It's great!" Mark had a smile on his face for the rest of the day. When it was time to go home, Mark looked for the pencil on his desk, but it had gone.

He wondered where it might end up next!





Re-read the story

Answer the following questions.

1. Where does the story take place? _____

2. Pick out two sentences from the story that tell you what Mark looks like.

3. Why was Mark sad? _____

4. Which two words tell you how the magic pencil moved? _____

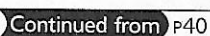
5. Why was the pencil a magic one? _____

6. How do you think Mark felt when the pencil started to move? _____

7. What do you think the magic pencil drew? _____

8. Where do you think the pencil is now? _____

9. Do you think Mark would have told his friends about the magic pencil? Why?



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