DoodleBeez Worksheets

Grade 4 | Reading

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The Mural: Reading Comprehension

Fiction story · about 200 words

Read the story. Then answer each question. Circle the best answer or write your answer on the lines.

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Theo showed his sketch to Mrs. Jackson. Her eyes lit up. "If you can get the paint, the wall is yours," she said.

Theo asked the hardware store owner for donations, and he gave them leftover paint. Theo's art teacher volunteered to help. On the first Saturday, only Theo and two friends showed up. They painted the sky and outlines. But as neighbors walked by, they stopped to watch. Soon, Mr. Diaz from the bakery grabbed a brush. Then the basketball players. Then a grandmother with her three grandkids.

After four weekends, the mural was finished. It showed dozens of neighbors, smiling and waving. Mrs. Jackson hung a small sign under it: "Painted by the people of Jefferson Avenue."

1. **Main idea:** What is the story mostly about?
   A. a boy leads his neighborhood in painting a mural B. a boy wins an art contest C. a family moves to a new block D. a store owner sells paint

2. **Detail:** What was wrong with the wall?
   A. It was falling down. B. It was painted bright pink. C. It was covered in faded paint and scribbles. D. It was too small.

3. **Detail:** What did Theo's design show?
   A. the ocean B. the neighborhood and the people who lived there C. dinosaurs D. outer space

4. **Detail:** Where did Theo get the paint?
   A. he bought it with his allowance B. Mrs. Jackson C. the hardware store owner donated leftover paint D. his school

5. **Sequence:** What happened as neighbors walked by?
   A. They complained. B. They ignored it. C. They stopped to watch and then joined in. D. They called the police.

6. **Inference:** Why did Mrs. Jackson's sign say "Painted by the people of Jefferson Avenue"?

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   Many neighbors helped paint it, so it belonged to the whole community.