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Reading

► Read the selection and answer each question.

The Magic Paintbrush

Retold by Ellen L. Ramsey

¹ As Liang drew in the dirt with a stick, an old woman stopped to look at his drawing. "It is so full of life," she said.

² Then she handed Liang a beautiful paintbrush. "This is for you," she said, "but don't misuse it. Paint only things you love for people you love."

³ That afternoon, Liang painted a picture for his mother. He painted a round body, four little paws, a tail, and two pointed ears. He added bright eyes, a nose, a mouth, and whiskers. Then Liang fell asleep.

⁴ A soft meow woke him. To his surprise, a kitten had appeared!

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⁵ Each day, Liang painted for the people in his village. For an old man, Liang painted a horse to carry him to market. For a sad woman, he painted a big, colorful garden. Everyone talked of Liang's wonderful paintings that came to life.

⁶ One day, the emperor sent for Liang. "Paint me a mountain of gold or I will lock you up," said the emperor.

⁷ Liang thought of the old woman's words: "Paint only things you love for people you love." He shook his head.

⁸ The emperor's guards took Liang's paintbrush and locked him up.

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- ⁹ Days later, Liang was brought before the emperor again. The emperor held the magic paintbrush. "If you paint me a mountain of gold, I will let you return to your mother," he said.
- ¹⁰ Liang knew his mother needed his help. He took the paintbrush and painted a mountain of gold across a wide sea.
- ¹¹ "That mountain is too far away!" the emperor roared.
- ¹² "I cannot move a mountain," Liang said, "but I will paint a ship to take you there."
- ¹³ Liang painted a ship, and the emperor went aboard.
- ¹⁴ "Paint me wind to sail!" yelled the emperor.
- ¹⁵ Liang painted the wind.
- ¹⁶ The waves grew taller and stronger until the emperor's ship overturned. He had to swim to shore and was stuck on his mountain of gold.
- ¹⁷ Then Liang painted himself wings and flew home to his mother.

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- 1 Read the sentence from paragraph 2.

"This is for you," she said, "but don't misuse it."

Think about the prefix *mis-*. What does the woman mean in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ Don't use it a lot.
- Ⓑ Don't use it again.
- Ⓒ Don't use it wrong.
- Ⓓ Don't use it at all.

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- 2 At the beginning of the story, what does the woman mean when she tells Liang his drawing is “so full of life”? What happens after she tells him this? Use words and ideas from the story to explain your answer.

- 3 In paragraph 5, what do Liang’s actions show about him?

- Ⓐ He is shy.
- Ⓑ He is kind.
- Ⓒ He is brave.
- Ⓓ He is proud.

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- 4 Read the sentence from paragraph 6.

One day, the emperor sent for Liang.

Now read the dictionary entry.

emperor (em-pər-ər) *noun* a man who is the ruler of one or more countries

Which word has almost the same meaning as emperor in the story?

- Ⓐ king
 - Ⓑ artist
 - Ⓒ father
 - Ⓓ neighbor
- 5 How does Liang solve his problem in the story?
- Ⓐ He tells the emperor he will not paint for him.
 - Ⓑ He paints a mountain of gold across a wide sea.
 - Ⓒ He tricks the emperor by painting a ship in a storm.
 - Ⓓ He helps the people in the village by painting things for them.

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Writing

► Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Jed's teacher asked the class to write about a day outside. Jed wrote about a special day in his neighborhood. Read Jed's paper and look for any changes he should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Spring Picnic

(1) Last weekend, I went to Spring Picnic. (2) Spring Picnic is a special day in my neighborhood. (3) Every April, we _____ a big picnic at Tall Oaks Park. (4) All the neighbors come and bring food to share. (5) There is music and dancing and lots of fun things like sports and games. (6) This year my friends and I did the potato sack race. (7) Another team won, but we still have so much fun.

1 Which word belongs in the blank in sentence 3?

- Ⓐ have
- Ⓑ has
- Ⓒ had
- Ⓓ having

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2 What change should be made in sentence 6?

- Ⓐ Change *did* to **do**.
- Ⓑ Change *did* to **does**.
- Ⓒ Change *did* to **done**.
- Ⓓ No change is needed.

3 What change should be made in sentence 7?

- Ⓐ Change *have* to **has**.
- Ⓑ Change *have* to **had**.
- Ⓒ Change *have* to **having**.
- Ⓓ No change is needed.

Answer Key: Module 8, Week 2 Assessment

Item Number	Correct Answer	Module, Week, Program Skill	Depth of Knowledge
READING			
1	C	M8W2: Generative Vocabulary: Prefix <i>mis-</i>	2
2	See rubric on p. R1.	M8W2: Comprehension: Figurative Language	3
	Sample two-point response: At the beginning of the story, a woman tells Liang his drawing is so full of life. She means that his drawing looks like it is real. Then she gives him a magic paintbrush that makes his paintings come to life.		
3	B	M8W2: Comprehension: Characters	2
4	A	M8W1: Vocabulary Strategy: Reference Sources	2
5	C	M8W2: Comprehension: Characters	2
WRITING			
1	A	M8W2: Grammar: Irregular Verbs	2
2	D	M8W2: Grammar: Irregular Verbs	2
3	B	M8W2: Grammar: Irregular Verbs	2

Constructed-Response Rubric

Points	Description
2	2 points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response gives a complete and correct explanation of, or answer to, the question.• Response includes clear and specific explanations, interpretations, or opinions based on an accurate understanding of the text.• Response is supported with details from the text.
1	1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response gives a partially complete and correct explanation of, or answer to, the question.• Response attempts to include explanations, interpretations, or opinions, but they may be unclear and show a limited understanding of the text.• Response is supported with limited details (in quantity or quality) from the text.
0	0 points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response is incorrect, irrelevant, or not provided.