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Vocabulary

colors
draw
drew
great
over
show
sign

Word count: 272

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Beth and her friends were eating lunch in the park.

"Tell us about your trip to the beach," Beth said to one of her friends.

"It was great!" her friend said.



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Beth's friends talked about sports, and they talked about movies. But Beth was not talking. She was looking away. "Beth?" they called to her.



Beth did not speak. She was looking at a bird. It had landed on a sign. Beth just stared. "I have a feeling," Beth said at last.






"What does that mean?" her friends asked.

Beth took out her drawing pad. "I need to draw that bird," she said.



So Beth drew. She drew straight lines. She drew curved lines. She drew squiggles. "There!" she said. "Let me show you! Here is a beak, and feet, and wings."



 “That’s great!” her friends cried. “But look! It is starting to rain. We have to go.”
Beth did not seem to hear them.



“Now for the colors,” Beth said. She got out her paints. She painted straight lines. She painted curved lines. She painted squiggles. She stepped back and looked at her painting.

“But it isn’t what I feel,” Beth said.





Just then, Beth saw a feather. She picked it up. She dipped it in the paint and painted with it.

At last, Beth was done. "Perfect," she said. "Now I'll wait until the paint dries."



Beth's friends tried to speak to her again, but she did not hear them. She was looking over there at a squirrel. Beth just stared.

"I have a feeling," she said at last.

"Oh, no! We know what that means!" cried Beth's friends together.





Be an Art Detective

Read Together

Did you know that you can decide what a picture is about? Look closely at the picture. If the picture is a painting or photo, think about what you see. What is happening? What kind of feeling does it give you? Think about the colors. Look for shapes and patterns. Now, say what you think the artwork is about.



Here is an example of abstract art.



Think and Share

Read Together

1. What is the big idea of this story?
2. Use a story map. Write what happened in the story at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end.

Title: How Beth Feels

Beginning



Middle



End

3. *Great* is a vocabulary word in this story. Write it on a piece of paper. Then write a word that means the same thing.
4. How does Beth come up with ideas for her art? Use details from the story to explain your answer.