

Kids: Lingokids.

Speaker: Tomorrow is my frog Cynthia's birthday, and I want to make her a painting.

Speaker: Why did you point the paint?

Speaker: That's just it, I look at this piece of paper and--

Speaker: And what?

Speaker: I have no idea.

Speaker: Maybe we can help, Lisa. Welcome to Stories for Kids by Lingokids, where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. Lingokids listeners, let's help Lisa figure out what she can paint to make her birthday gift a guaranteed hit.

Kids: Yes.

Speaker: Lingokids listeners, we'll be getting a little messy in this episode. If you are listening at home, you could follow along and draw or paint with us. When painting, be sure to cover the table with newspaper to catch any drips and wear an overall so clothes stay clean. If you want to join in and do a painting too, ask a grown-up for help.

Speaker: Okay, let's help Lisa with her painting.

Speaker: I need some ideas.

Speaker: [whistling]

Speaker: I'm not so good at painting a picture of myself, Billy.

Speaker: What does Cynthia like?

Speaker: She likes math. Aargh, maybe a painting is a damn idea.

Speaker: Doing something nice for someone is never a dumb idea.

Speaker: Don't give up Lisa.

Speaker: Hey, you know what might be fun? Abstract art.

Speaker: What's that?

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Speaker: It's art that doesn't look like a person or a thing and since Cynthia, the frog, likes math, we can use geometry.

Speaker: What kind of tree is that?

Speaker: [laughs] Not a tree. Geometry is about shapes.

Speaker: Like circles and squares?

Speaker: And triangles?

Speaker: What about rectangles?

Speaker: Sure, you could use any of those. You can be like the Dutch painter, Pieter Mondriaan. He would squint his eyes to see the world as basic shapes. We can try it. Squint and look around. Do you see geometric shapes?

Speaker: I do. The chair is a square.

Speaker: The sofa is a rectangle.

Speaker: The table is a circle.

Speaker: You got the idea. Mondriaan used thick black lines to make squares and rectangles of different sizes. What do you think, Lisa?

Speaker: I have a big black marker. I could use it to draw Cynthia's home.

Speaker: Oh, yes. She lives in a little glass terrarium. There's a small log, a rock, a bowl of water, and a plant growing inside. Let's squint and notice what shapes we see.

Speaker: Well, the terrarium is a square.

Speaker: Okay. Use your black marker to make a big square on your paper.

Speaker: [whistling]

Speaker: Right, Billy, the log could be a long rectangle near the bottom of the square.

Speaker: okay, I did that.

Speaker: The water bowl is a big circle. The rock is a small one.

Speaker: I'm on it. I'll add a big circle to the middle of the square and a small circle to the right.

Speaker: That looks great, Lisa.

Speaker: The only thing left is the plant growing on the left. When I squint, the leaves look like triangles.

Speaker: Sounds right to me. How about four triangles along the left side of the square? One, two, three, four.

Speaker: I love it, but I wish I had more colors. I only have red, yellow and blue paint.

Speaker: We can make orange, green, and purple. Lisa, try mixing red and yellow.

Speaker: Okay. Some red and a little yellow. Ah, I made orange.

Speaker: Kawi, try blue and yellow.

Speaker: Blue and yellow make green.

Speaker: To you Elliot, try red and blue.

Speaker: Red and blue make purple.

Speaker: We have a rainbow of colors. Let's paint the leaves. I mean triangles. Kawi, you paint two green and I'll paint two yellow.

Speaker: Super.

Speaker: What color should the long rectangle be?

Speaker: Is it okay to make the log purple?

Speaker: Sure. Remember, abstract art doesn't match the real world.

Speaker: Elliot, can you paint that?

Speaker: One purple log, rectangle coming up.

Speaker: The bowl is a red circle with blue in the middle for the water. Billy, want to try? I'll paint the small circle orange.

Speaker: Nice teamwork everyone.

Speaker: Cynthia is going to love it.

Speaker: Combining geometry and art adds up to a whole lot of fun. Lingokids listeners, we had a great time today painting abstract art with Lisa. We learned how to make orange, green, and purple by mixing colors. Lingokids listeners, if you made a piece of geometric art, you can ask a grown-up to help take some pictures and send them to us so we can share on our social media. Kids at home, we have some exciting news. Next time you will hear something new and different. This will be our special episodes of stories for kids.

We call them mini-series. We invite you to join Elliot on his adventure to become an athlete. Which sport do you think we will talk about? We will have part one, two, three, and four called Elliot and Sports. Follow our podcast. You surely don't want to miss that.

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