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Naomi's Creative Solution

Every afternoon, Naomi sat on her porch to sketch the neighborhood birds. She had spent all week working on a detailed painting of a blue jay to enter into the annual Westridge School Art Show. The art show deadline was 4:00 PM on Friday, and Naomi only needed to add the delicate, thin lines to the bird's wing feathers to complete her masterpiece.



At 3:00 PM, Naomi opened her wooden supply box to get her fine-tip detail paintbrush. She gasped—the box was empty! She searched under her bed, looked through her backpack, and checked behind the couch, but her detail brush was nowhere to be found. Panic set in as the clock ticked closer to 4:00 PM. Without the fine brush, she couldn't paint the thin lines on the blue jay's wings.

Naomi took a deep breath and remembered what her art teacher always said: "An artist can make a tool out of anything." She looked around the porch and spotted a small, smooth blue jay feather resting on the wooden step. Naomi picked up the feather, dipped its narrow tip into her black paint, and tested it on a scrap paper. The feather made thin, soft strokes that were even neater than her old brush.

Naomi quickly painted the final lines on the blue jay's wings and blew gently on the canvas to dry the paint. She ran down the sidewalk to the school media center, handing her painting to the judges at 3:52 PM. That evening, Naomi was awarded second place in the art show. As she held her ribbon, Naomi smiled, knowing that thinking creatively and staying calm had helped her solve her problem.

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1. Part A

What is the central lesson of the story?

A. It is important to always buy extra art supplies.

B. Staying calm and thinking creatively can help solve unexpected problems.

C. Blue jays are the easiest birds to draw and paint.

D. Winning awards is the most important part of making art.

Part B

Which sentence from the passage best supports the answer to Part A?

A. "The art show deadline was 4:00 PM on Friday, and Naomi only needed to add the delicate, thin lines to the bird's wing feathers to complete her masterpiece."

B. "She searched under her bed, looked through her backpack, and checked behind the couch, but her detail brush was nowhere to be found."

C. "As she held her ribbon, Naomi smiled, knowing that thinking creatively and staying calm had helped her solve her problem."

D. "She ran down the sidewalk to the school media center, handing her painting to the judges at 3:52 PM."

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