

Post by Post

What is hard about painting a fence?

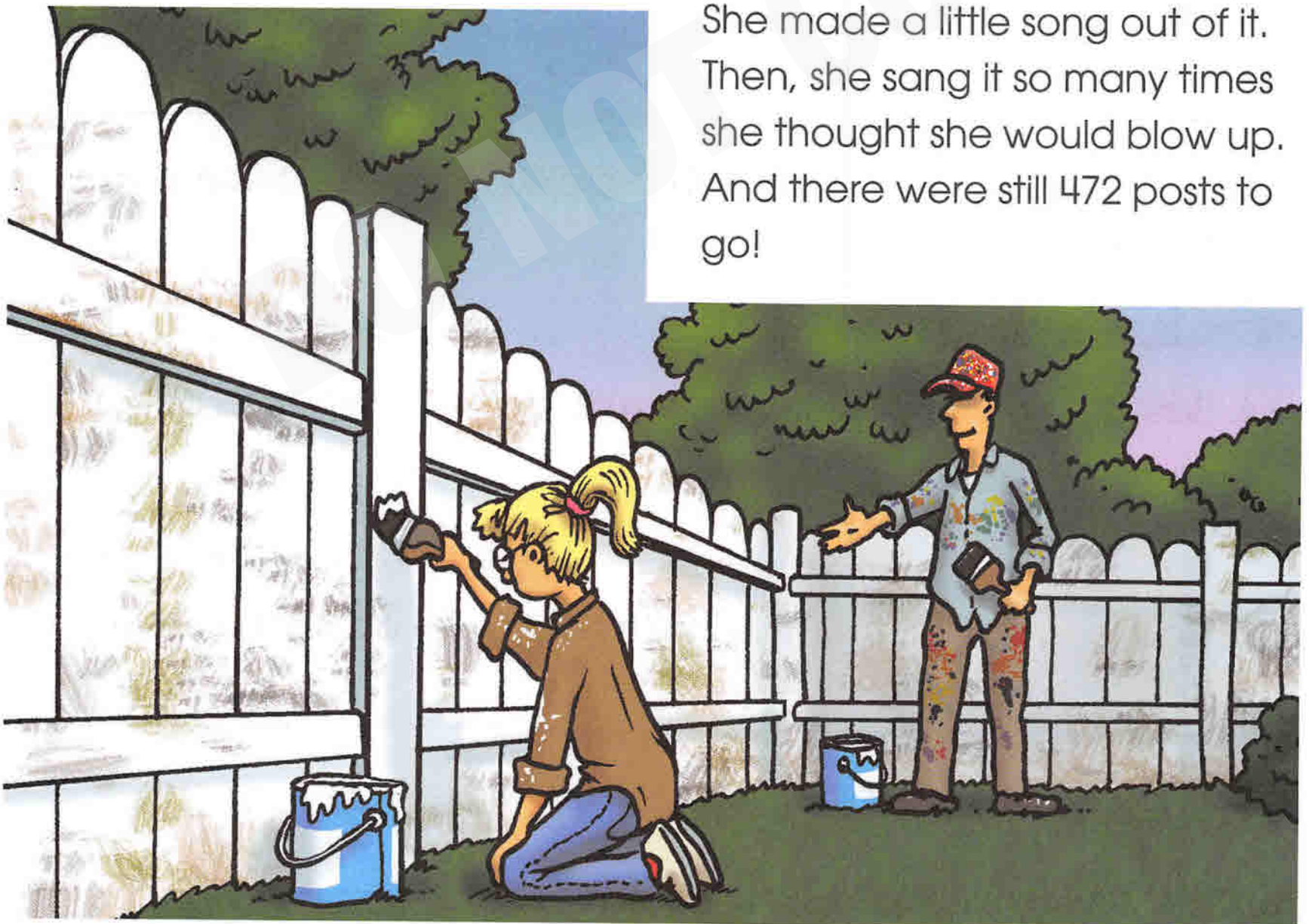
¹ “Is this everything we need, Dad?” Michelle looked at her dad in his painting hat. It was covered with so much paint that you couldn’t see the words anymore.

² Dad looked grim. “No. We need a radio. I can’t paint without some good painting music.”

³ “I’ll get the old one from the basement,” Michelle called out as she ran into the house. When she got back, Dad stirred the paint. Then, he stared at the fence. It went all the way around the yard.

⁴ “On each post,” Dad explained, “you have to do the front, then both side edges.”

⁵ “The front, the edge, and the other edge,” repeated Michelle. She made a little song out of it. Then, she sang it so many times she thought she would blow up. And there were still 472 posts to go!



1. Write **1**, **2**, and **3** by these sentences to show what happened first, next, and last.

_____ Dad stirred the paint.
 _____ Michelle got the radio.
 _____ Dad and Michelle painted.



2. What does Michelle have to do on each post?

3. Why does Michelle think she will blow up?

4. Have you ever done a task that went on and on and on? Write about it.

5. In the second paragraph, why does Dad look grim?

6. What does Dad's painting hat tell you about him?

7. What can you learn about the story from the picture? Choose something that you didn't learn from the text.

8. What does Dad send Michelle inside to do?
