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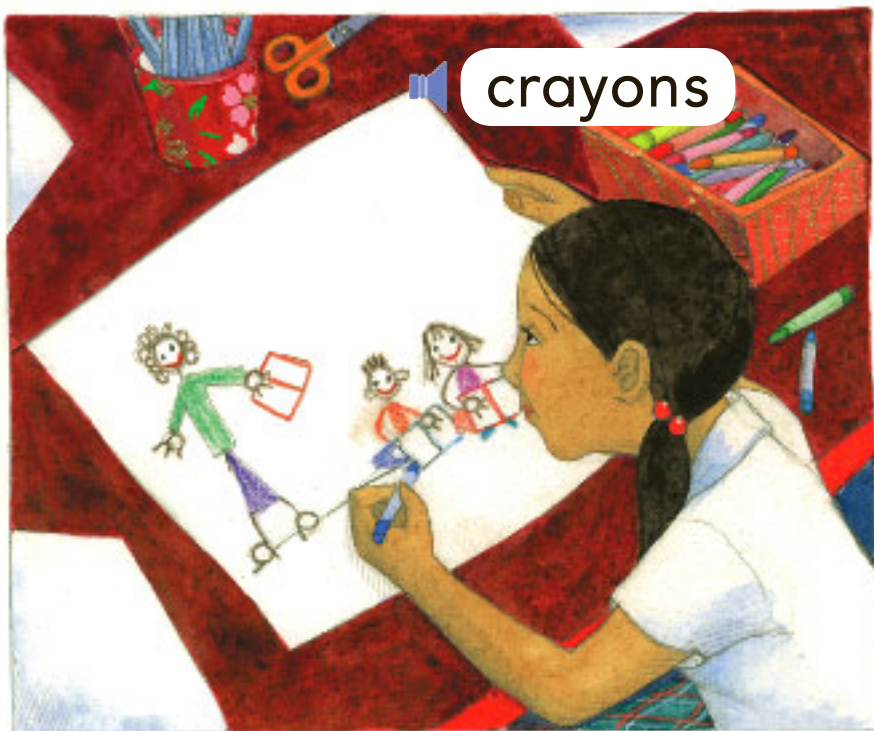
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🔊 "I am your new art teacher," Mr. Vega said.

🔊 "I want you to make a picture that shows something you like about our school."



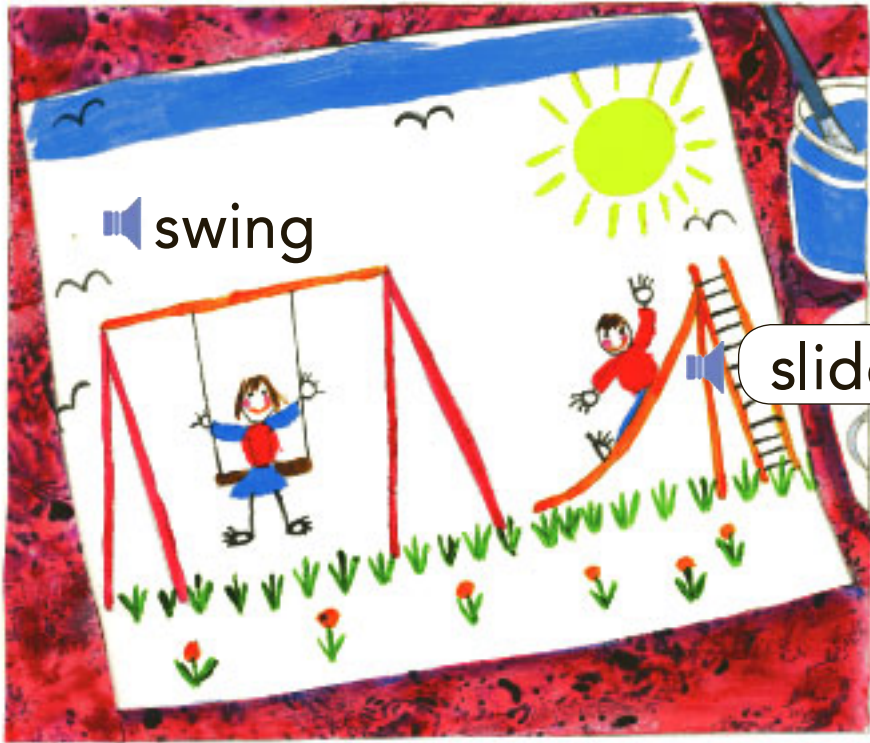
crayons

- ▶ "I like to read,"
said Marta.
- ▶ Marta got her crayons.
She drew children
reading books at school.



🔊 “I like to play,”
said Devon.


🔊 Devon got the paint.
He painted the place
where he played.

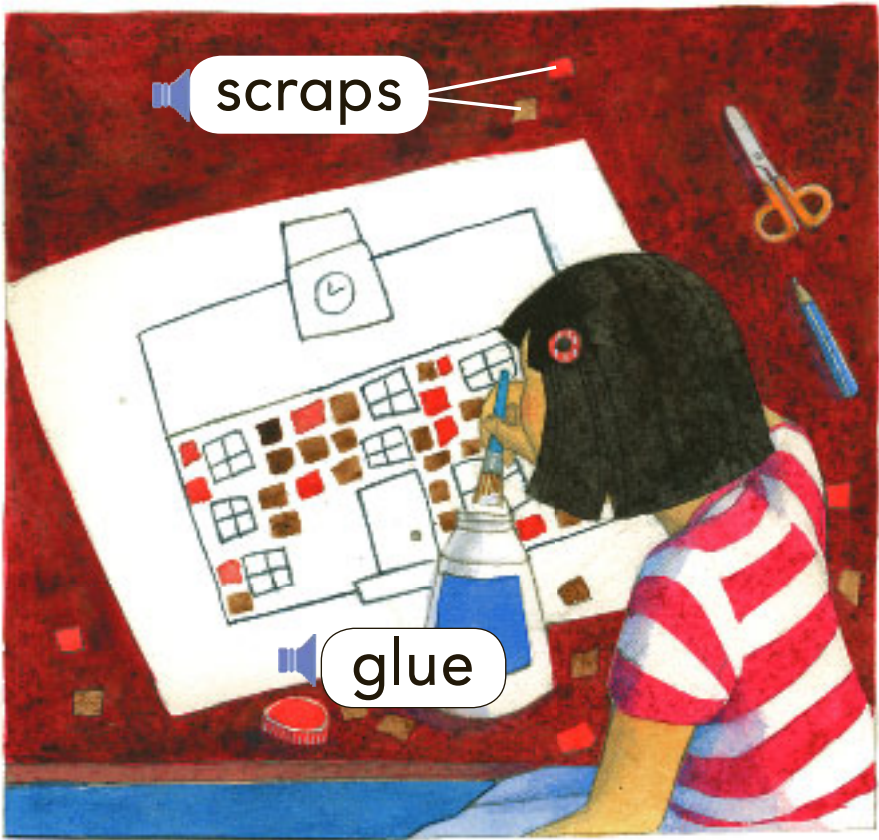


Devon painted a blue sky and green grass. He painted his friends on the slide and the swings.



 paper

 "I like the way our school looks," said Sue. Sue got some paper. She cut and cut.



- ▶ Sue glued the scraps to her paper.
- ▶ She made a picture of the school.

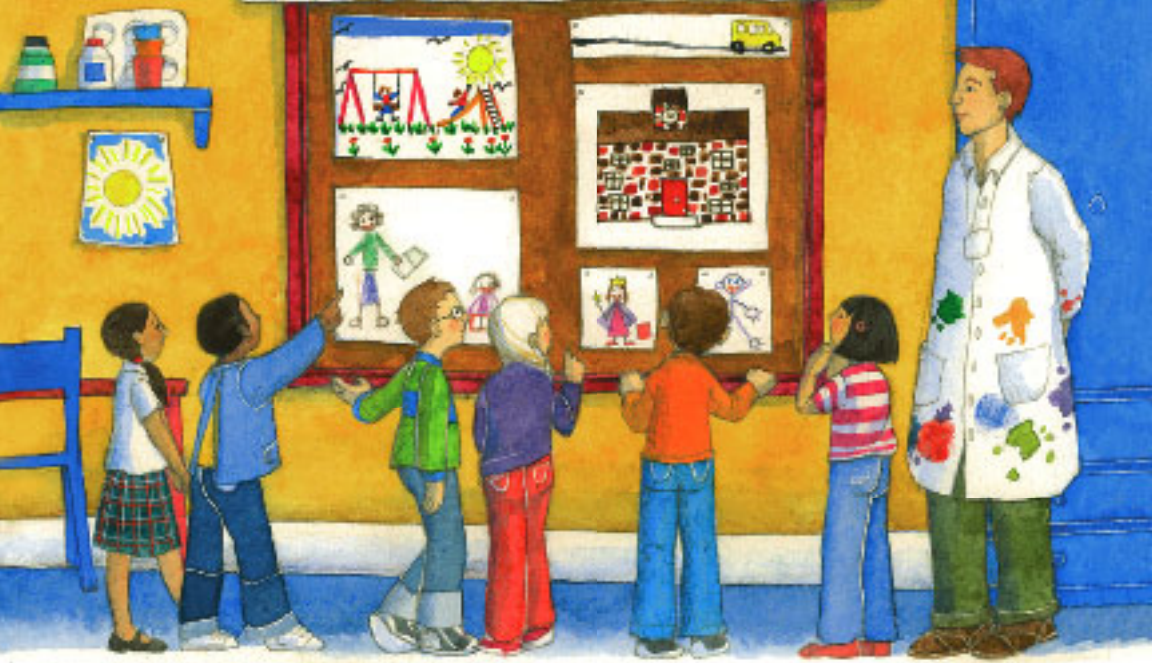


🔊 Mr. Vega showed the pictures to the class.



- ▶ "The pictures show all the things you like about our school," Mr. Vega said.
- ▶ He put the pictures on the wall.

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- ▶ The children looked at all the pictures.
- ▶ "We like a lot of things about our school!" they said.

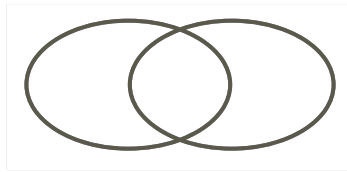
Responding



TARGET SKILL

Compare and

Contrast How is Devon's picture different from Marta's picture?
How are the pictures the same?
Make a diagram.



Write About It

Text to Self What do you like about your school? Draw a picture. Write a sentence to tell about your picture.



WORDS TO KNOW

above

bear

even

pushed

studied

surprised

teacher

toward



TARGET SKILL

Compare and Contrast Tell how two things are alike or not.



TARGET STRATEGY

Monitor/Clarify

Find ways to figure out what doesn't make sense.



GENRE Realistic fiction is a story that could happen in real life.

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