

My Big Brother JJ

I was happy. My brother JJ was happy. It was nearly half term.

Then Mum rushed into the room.
 “JJ! Jasmine! I need to talk to you about next week. I know it is holiday time, but I have to go to work,” she said.

“I need to know that you can be a good girl for JJ. He will be in charge.”



Practice questions

(a) Why was JJ looking after Jasmine?

Mum was going to work.

Mum was going on holiday.

Jasmine was ill.

Jasmine was going on holiday.

Tick **one**.

(b) Who is telling the story?

On Monday, we had a very good day. We went to the fair in the park. I won a huge, pink teddy.

On Wednesday, we went to the circus in a big tent. It was so lovely! We saw acrobats swinging high above our heads.

On Friday, JJ said, "Let's do something for Mum. She has been working all week."



"Can we do a picture in the garden?" I asked.

1 Draw **three** lines to show what Jasmine and JJ did on each day.

Monday •

• did something for Mum

Wednesday •

• went to the fair

Friday •

• went to the circus

2 What did Jasmine and JJ see at the circus?

“Let’s find the paints,” said JJ.

“Can we paint the shed wall?” I asked.

“Yes,” said JJ. “It is a really boring colour!”

JJ fetched the steps. He said, “These steps are a bit wobbly. I will paint the top bit.”

He climbed up and painted a basketball net and a red ball going into it. I painted some beautiful flowers and some grass.



3 Why did JJ agree to paint the shed wall?

4 Why did JJ paint the top of the shed?

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Jasmine didn’t like painting.

The steps were dangerous.

He knew what to paint.

Mum would like what he painted.

When we finished, our painting was really bright and colourful. Then JJ said, "Hold these brushes very carefully. I will get something to clean them."

I wanted to see the top of our picture so I climbed the steps. They wobbled!

I dropped the brushes!



5 Why did Jasmine climb the steps?

6 Why did Jasmine drop the brushes?

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The steps moved.

JJ told her to.

The brushes were dirty.

Mum was angry.

Red, white, green and yellow droplets flicked all over the sky at the top of our lovely painting! Great splashes of paint landed on my clothes.

“Mum will be furious!” I wailed.

We rubbed and scrubbed as much as we could. We did not hear Mum come home.

Then we saw her. I wanted to hide from her really cross face.



7 What happened when Jasmine dropped the brushes?

8 **Find** and **copy two** words that tell you how JJ and Jasmine tried to clean off the paint.

1. _____

2. _____

“Jasmine! You have got paint all over your hair,” she shouted.

But then she saw the painting. Her face changed.

“Whatever made you think of doing that?” she said. “It is FANTASTIC and I love the sparkling fireworks at the top!”

JJ grinned. “It was Jasmine’s idea to add some extra colour,” he said. We all laughed.



9 When Mum came home, where did she first see the paint?

10 How did Mum feel when she first saw Jasmine?

11 What did Mum describe as *sparkling fireworks*?

Tick **one**.

the sky that JJ painted

the basketball net and red ball

the flowers that Jasmine painted

the splashes of paint