

## Reading Comprehension Worksheet Part 1

### The Art Show



1 “Are you entering the school art show this year?” asked Jordan as he flipped through his sketchbook.

2 “I think so,” replied Maya. “I love painting, but I also kind of want to try photography. I saw the sign-up sheet in the hallway.”

3 Jordan’s eyes lit up. “Photography? That sounds cool! But I’ve always pictured us both painting. We’ve entered the art show together every year.”

4 “I know,” Maya said, brushing a strand of hair behind her ear. “But maybe this year I should try something different.”

5 “Different?” Jordan frowned. “But what about our tradition?”

6 Maya bit her lip. “I don’t want to disappoint you. Painting is fun, but photography makes me excited. I want to capture moments in real life.”

7 “Still,” Jordan said quietly, “we’ve always done this as a team.”

8 Later that evening, Maya sat at her desk scrolling through the photos on her camera. She loved the way a single picture could tell a whole story. Yet she dreaded the idea of telling Jordan she wouldn’t be painting this year.

9 Finally, she picked up the phone. “Jordan, I need to tell you something,” she

said.

10 “What’s up?” Jordan asked.

11 “I’ve decided to enter my photos instead of paintings. I know it’s not what we’ve always done, but it feels right for me.”

12 For a moment, Jordan was silent. Maya’s stomach twisted.

13 Then Jordan said, “I’ll miss painting beside you, but I understand. I’ll still enter my painting, and I’ll cheer for your photos, too.”

14 Relief washed over Maya. “Thanks, Jordan. Maybe I’ll even take a picture of your painting and call it ‘My Best Friend the Artist.’”

15 Jordan laughed. “And I’ll paint a picture of you with your camera. We’ll still be a team, just in a different way.”

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## Questions

**1. The word dreaded in paragraph 8 shows that Maya felt —**

- A. angry
  - B. worried
  - C. excited
  - D. confused
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**2. The details in paragraphs 13–15 support the idea that Jordan and Maya —**

- A. no longer want to be friends
  - B. both enjoy photography more than painting
  - C. respect each other’s choices
  - D. want to compete against each other
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**3. What is the most likely reason the author includes paragraph 6 in the story?**

- A. To explain why Maya feels excited about photography
  - B. To show how Jordan first became interested in painting
  - C. To describe the rules of the art show
  - D. To explain why Jordan dislikes photography
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**4. Read this sentence from paragraph 13.**

“I’ll miss painting beside you, but I understand.”

This supports the theme of the story by showing that —

- A. friends sometimes argue about what to do
  - B. true friends support each other's choices
  - C. traditions are more important than change
  - D. people must always do the same activities as their friends
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**5. Why does the author use the phrase “Maya’s stomach twisted” in paragraph 12?**

- A. To show she was feeling very hungry
  - B. To suggest she was feeling nervous
  - C. To show she was angry at Jordan
  - D. To suggest she was distracted by her photos
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**6. The use of third-person point of view helps the reader understand —**

- A. how Jordan feels about painting in the art show
  - B. how Maya struggles to make her decision
  - C. what the judges will think of Maya’s photos
  - D. what happens at the art show after it ends
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**7. Why did Maya and Jordan always enter paintings in the art show together in the past?**

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**8. How does Maya and Jordan’s friendship change by the end of the story?**

- A. They realize it’s better to do everything together.
- B. They decide to stop entering the art show.
- C. They discover that friendship can remain strong even with different interests.
- D. They agree that painting is more important than photography.

### Answer Key

1. **B** (worried)
2. **C** (respect each other's choices)
3. **A** (to explain why Maya feels excited about photography)
4. **B** (true friends support each other's choices)
5. **B** (to suggest she was feeling nervous)
6. **B** (how Maya struggles to make her decision)
7. *They always entered paintings together in the past because it was their tradition and they enjoyed being a team.*
8. **C** (They discover that friendship can remain strong even with different interests)