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The Bluebird Painting

Directions: Read both mini-stories carefully. One version uses **by** correctly, and the other uses **with** incorrectly. Decide which story makes sense, and explain why in one or two sentences.

Story A

The art contest was won **by** Ellie. Her picture was painted **with** watercolors she mixed herself. Everyone was amazed **by** her creativity. The bluebird in the picture seemed alive, as if it had been touched **with** magic.

Story B

The art contest was won **with** Ellie. Her picture was painted **by** watercolors she mixed herself. Everyone was amazed **with** her creativity. The bluebird in the picture seemed alive, as if it had been touched **by** magic.

Question: Which story makes more sense, A or B? Why?