

The Bluebird Painting Answer Key

Correct Story: **A**

Explanation: Story A uses **by** to show the person who did the action (Ellie) and **with** to show what tool was used (watercolors). Story B confuses these, making the sentences sound incorrect.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Students distinguish when to use **by** (who or what caused the action) and **with** (what tool or means was used).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling learners, highlight one sentence at a time and discuss the meaning of **by** and **with** aloud.
 - For advanced learners, have them create their own two-sentence mini-story pairs using both prepositions.
- **Engagement Idea:** Let students act out "actions done by someone" using simple props (like a pencil, brush, or ball) to visualize **by** vs. **with**.
- **Extension:** Encourage students to find examples of **by** and **with** in books, posters, or signs around the classroom and explain their functions.