



## Story starter!

Toby had thought the art gallery a boring place to visit. In fact, he had said as much to his mum as he trudged up the grand, stone steps to the entrance an hour earlier. “Mummmmm” he had complained, “I hate coming here. The animals never doooooo anything.”

Toby was now thinking he had been wrong. His jaw dropped and he stared in utter disbelief at the sight in front of him, pointing as water cascaded onto the floorboards from the painting containing a herd of elephants stampeding through the Ganges River. Toby could not believe his eyes: this trip was starting to get interesting...

Read the 'story starter' and look at the picture that goes with it.

Your task is to either:

- a) Carry on with the story from the point at which the starter finishes (you don't need to copy the starter out)

Or:

- b) Write your own story that is based upon a picture at an art gallery or museum, which comes alive.

Think about the following things:

Who are you with?

What time of day is it? It could be as the gallery or museum opens, or just as it is about to close.

What is the picture you are looking at?

What happens when it comes alive?

Is it a good thing or a bad thing that happens/

Does the person/animal/creature go back to the painting or not?

When you are planning your ideas, think about how you would feel and the sort of adjectives that could describe these feelings: surprised, anxious, excited, fearful, amazed etc.

If you are using speech between any of your characters, then remember where to use speech marks. The grammar worksheet will help to remind you.

Enjoy! We look forward to reading your stories!

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