



Jane's Kite Contest



It was a very windy day. Jane stood on a green hilltop. She was making a big paper kite for a town contest. It was not a rainy or foggy day, so it was the best time to test it out. Jane wanted to win first prize.



That would make her very happy. Jane held the kite up high in her hands. A gust of wind hit it fast. But the kite did not go up into the cloudy sky. It went down. It spun badly and hit the dirt with a loud smack.



Jane picked it up. The kite was now a bit dirty. She wiped off the dirt and tried again. She ran as fast as she could. But the kite fell fast. It looked funny as it flopped in the grass.



Jane sat on a rock and sighed sadly. She felt a bit tired after all that running around the hilltop. Then, she heard a chirp. Rob the robin was resting in a nearby oak tree. He had been watching her quietly from his branch.



Rob flew down to the grass. He hopped softly to her side. "I can help you," Rob said kindly. "Your kite tips to one side in the wind. That is why it hits the ground. You need to fix the shape so it is even."



Jane looked at the kite. Rob was right! She gladly took out her bag of tools. The paper was a bit sticky on one end. Jane trimmed the sticky part to make it match the other side. Then, she took out a long ribbon.



She tied the ribbon to the end to make a tail. Jane held the kite up again. The wind sent a strong gust. This time, the kite lifted boldly into the air. It did not spin or crash. It went up slowly into the cloudy sky.



Rob began a cheerful song for his friend. It was not a warm, sunny day, but Jane had a big smile. Her kite was flying high above the trees. She was so happy she had fixed it with Rob's help!