

Jane's Restless Model



Jane wanted to paint a beautiful picture of her dog, Gus. She wanted her art room to be a quiet and restful place. She got her paints and made sure her desk was spotless. Jane was hopeful that Gus would sit still for her.



"Sit, Gus," Jane said. But Gus was a very restless pup. He wanted to run and jump instead. Gus was a fearless and playful dog. He did not want to sit. He wagged his tail so fast that he bumped the table.



A cup of water fell to the floor with a plop. Jane sighed. Her spotless room was now wet. It was a harmless spill, but it made a big mess. Jane felt a bit helpless. Her job was starting to feel hopeless.



Jane got a rag to clean the water. The old rag got wet, but it did not clean the mess. "I must be more careful," Jane said to herself. She did not want to make a careless mistake with her paints next. She did look at Gus.



Gus gave her a wishful look, wanting to play with the wet rag. He did not mean to be bad. Jane thought of a plan. She needed to make Gus tired so he would stay still. She took him outside into the yard.



They ran around the endless green grass. Gus chased a ball. He was so joyful as he ran. Jane was cheerful, too, as she watched him play. Running was a painless way to use his doggy zip. After a long run, they went back inside.



Gus was no longer restless. He trotted to his rug and let out a big sigh. He looked very sleepy now. Jane sat back down at her desk. She was thankful that her pup was finally ready to rest. Jane picked up her brush.



She did a wonderful job painting Gus as he slept. Her painting showed a quiet, happy dog in a restful room. When she finished, she smiled. "You are a very sleepy pet," Jane said softly. Gus opened one eye and wagged his tail, happy to be her best friend.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Derivational suffixes -ful (full of) and -less (without)

Endings -ful and -less words

beautiful, restful, spotless, hopeful, restless, fearless, playful, harmless, helpless, hopeless, careful, careless, wishful, endless, joyful, cheerful, painless, thankful, wonderful

Talk About It

1. Who did Jane want to paint a picture of?
2. What fell to the floor when Gus bumped the table?
3. What did Gus do after Jane finished her painting?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Endings -ful and -less list. How many can you find?