

A Summer Project

Pre-reading



Questions:

- Think of some kinds of summer projects. What are they?

Definitions:

- Project – a large task or job
- Peel – to come off in pieces
- Bare – no covering
- Advise – to give information about what someone should do
- Prime – to prepare a surface with a special kind of paint known as primer
- Scraper – a device to take off paint
- Supplies – what one needs to do a job

Reading

Keith looks at his house. The paint is peeling. He even sees some bare spots.

15 It needs paint. This will be his summer project.

24 Keith goes to the hardware store. He talks with a store clerk who works in the
40 paint section. The clerk advises him to prime his house before painting it. Then the
55 paint will stick and wear better. Keith buys a scraper, primer, paint, and brushes. He
70 has the supplies he needs.

75 First, Keith scrapes the old paint off his house. He does one side at a time. It
92 is hard work. Next, Keith primes the house. He uses a ladder to reach the high
108 spots.

109 Last, he paints the house. After three months of hard work, it is done. Keith
124 is pleased. His house looks great!

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Understanding

1. What is Keith's summer project? _____

2. What supplies does Keith buy? (List four things.) _____

3. Where does he buy them? _____

4. What is the first thing Keith does to his house? _____

5. What is the last thing Keith does to his house? _____

6. How long does it take Keith to finish his project? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What projects have you done? How long did they take?
