



Read the article about an artist named Alexander Calder. Think about what the article is mostly about.

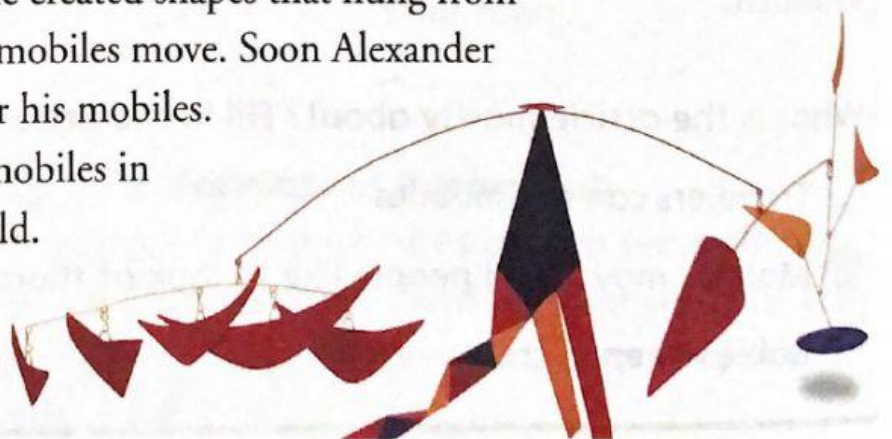
Alexander Calder:

Mobile Maker

As a boy, Alexander Calder loved being active and playing sports. He liked playing with his friends, too. Most of all, he loved making things.

When he grew up, Alexander Calder became an artist. He drew pictures of the circus. Then he made tiny circus wire performers out of wire. People came to see his circus. They watched the wire performers dance. Some walked on tightropes. Some lifted heavy things. How did these little figures move? The circus had a motor.

Later Alexander went to see a friend's paintings. He thought it would be a good idea if art didn't just stand still. He wanted everything in the paintings to move. Alexander began making mobiles. He created shapes that hung from the ceiling. Air made the mobiles move. Soon Alexander Calder became famous for his mobiles. Today you can see these mobiles in museums all over the world.



Checking Comprehension

Write the answer to each question on the lines.

1. Why do you think so many people wanted to see Alexander Calder's circus?
2. Why did Alexander make his first mobile?

Practicing Comprehension Skills

3. What is the article mostly about? Fill in the circle.

Alexander Calder liked to draw pictures of the circus.

Alexander Calder liked to play with his friends.

Alexander Calder made mobiles.

4. What are the most important ideas in the article?
Fill in the circles.

As a boy, Alexander enjoyed sports.

Alexander was an artist.

He made art that moved.

Alexander's friend made paintings.

Alexander was famous for his mobiles.

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5. Look at the important ideas in number 4. Use the ideas to tell about Alexander Calder in your own words.

Practicing Vocabulary

Write the word from the box that finishes the sentence.

~~artist~~ ~~museums~~ ~~paintings~~ ~~performers~~ ~~playing~~

6. A writer writes and an _____ paints.
7. Reading goes with books and _____ goes with games.
8. Rugs go on floors and _____ go on walls.
9. You see actors in movies and you see _____ in a circus.
10. Books are in libraries and art is in _____