

Tall Mary and Short Harry

Tall Mary

Tall Mary was a tall lady who lived in a big house near the sea. She liked to go fishing and, she worked as a house painter for a living. Mary did not need a ladder because she was so tall. Sometimes she could not fit through the doorways of stores and houses because she was so tall! When Mary came home from work each day, she would sit in her backyard, and watch dolphins swim by.

Short Harry

Unlike Mary, Short Harry was a short man who owned a paint store. His friend, Tall Mary would come by every day to buy paint for her job. Sometimes they would laugh because Mary had to bend down to get through the front door of the store. Harry did not like to paint, but like Mary, he enjoyed going fishing. The two people were very good friends!

Comparing and Contrasting

Answer the following questions based on the story.

1. In these stories, how were Mary and Harry alike?
2. How are Mary and Harry different?
3. Where did Mary live?
4. What does Mary do when she goes home from work?
5. How often did Mary visit Harry's paint store?