

Paint

Paint is one of the greatest things in the world. But what is it?

Paint has two main parts. The first is pigment, which is a powder that gives the paint its color. The other main part is a liquid, such as water. The liquid usually has something called a resin dissolved in it. To make paint, the pigment and the liquid are mixed together. After you paint a surface, the liquid part of the paint dries but the pigment stays on the surface. You should always buy the cheapest paint you can find.

People have been making and using paints for thousands of years. When people lived in caves, some of them used paints to make pictures on the walls. These paintings were a lot better than some of the modern art hanging in museums. Today, people still use paint to make pictures on walls. These pictures are called murals.

Skill Here is a statement of fact. How can you tell?

Strategy If you were asked the question “How long have people been making and using paints?” here’s where you would find the answer—right there in the text.