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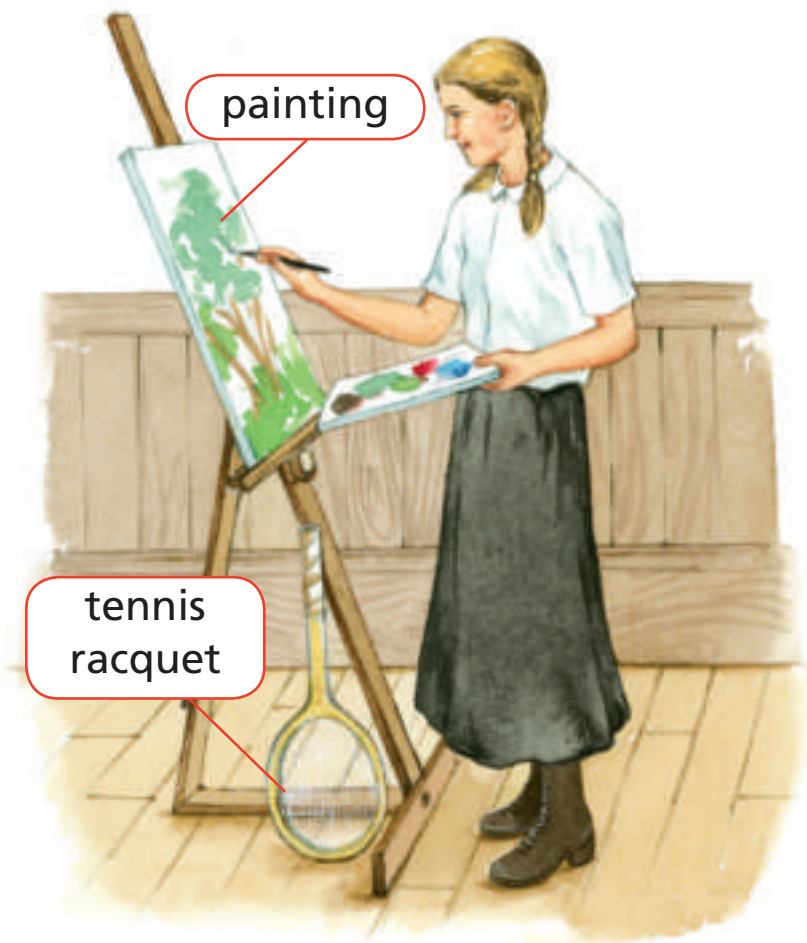
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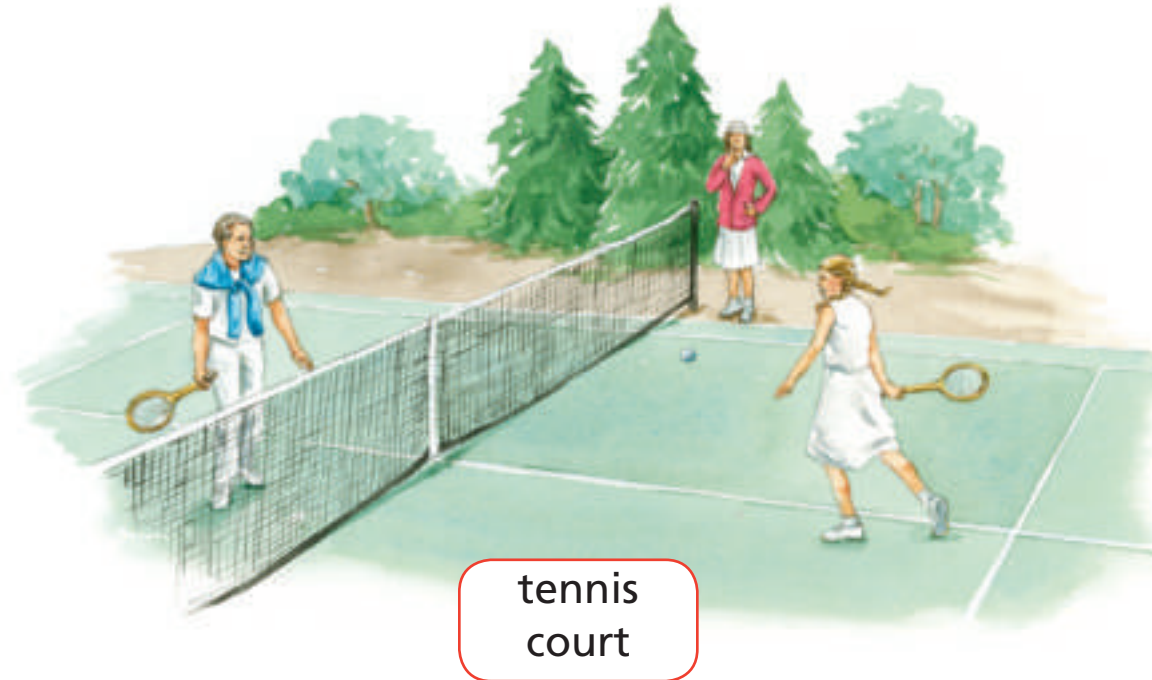


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 Helen Wills loved to paint and play tennis.

 Helen Wills was born in California in 1905. As a girl, Helen loved two activities: painting and tennis. She did both almost all her life. Helen Wills grew up to be a good painter. She sold her paintings in New York City. But painting isn't what made Helen famous. She grew up to become the most successful women's tennis champion of her time.



 Helen played tennis almost every day with her father.

 Helen's father was a doctor. His favorite thing to do was to play tennis with Helen, at a tennis club in Berkeley, California.

One day when Helen was 14, a famous tennis player named Hazel Wightman visited the club. She noticed a skinny 14-year-old girl in pigtails who was playing with her father. That girl was Helen Wills. Wightman later said she was surprised by Helen's concentration. Wightman thought that Helen had the makings of a champion.

