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🔊 We were reading books about boats at school. We read about rowboats. We read about tugboats. We read about fishing boats.

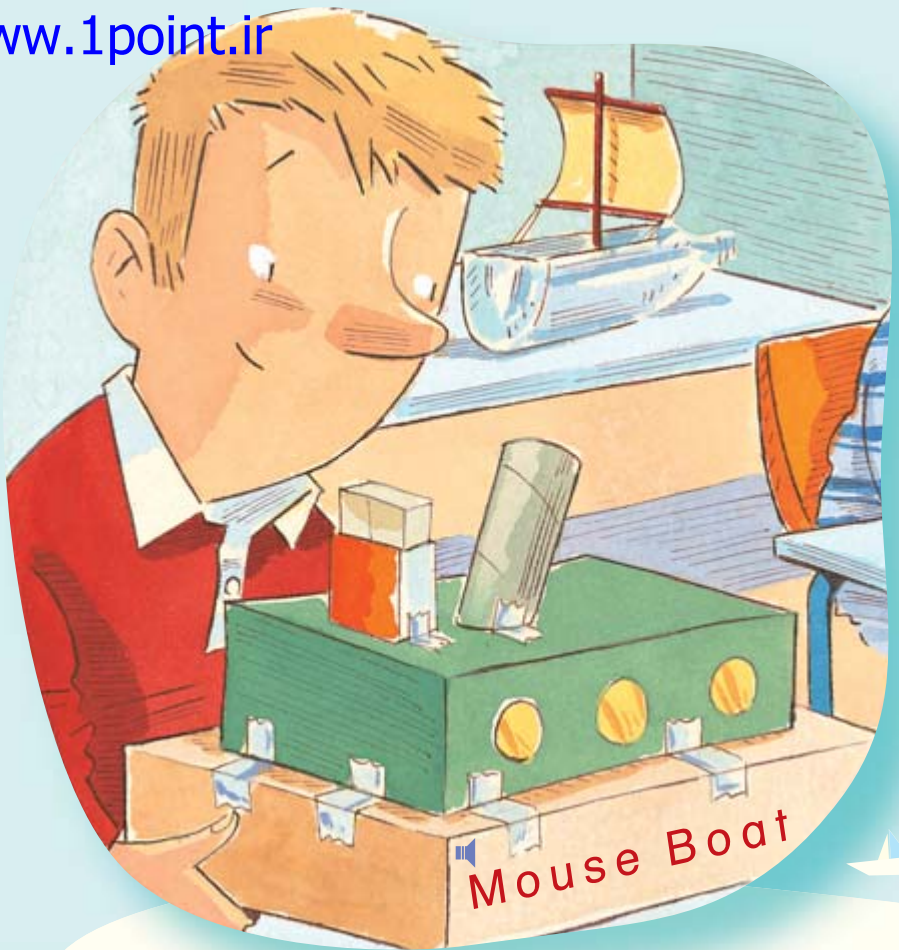


▶ We had to make boats. Will used paper to make his boat.

▶ “I have the perfect boat!” he said. “It will be a big surprise when I show it off.”



▶ Three girls from the class used a plank to make a boat. They added a mast. They stuck a cloth to the mast. They painted the boat red and yellow. It looked pretty.



▶ Mitch made a houseboat. It was small. He said that his boat was perfect for a mouse. He named it the *Mouse Boat*.



🔊 We all went to the park with our boats. We put them on the pond. The wind blew the red and yellow boat across the pond. Some boats sank.



Will didn't want his boat to soak up water and tip over. He picked up his boat and put it on his head!



▶ “Surprise!” said Will. “My boat is a hat, too!”

Think Critically

- 1. What did Will use to make his boat?
- 2. What did Will do with his boat at the end of the story?
- 3. Did you think Will's boat would sail well on the water?
- 4. Who is telling the story? How do you know?
- 5. Whose boat do you think was best? Why?



Social Studies

Write Sentences The children sailed their boats in the park. Write three sentences about other things you might do at a park.



School-Home Connection Tell a family member about the story. Then talk about different kinds of boats.