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# Substitute Meany

By Kelly Hashway



Jacob walked into school with a smile on his face.

He loved Fridays.

"Hey," Michael said, walking up alongside him. "I heard you have a substitute today."

"Who is it?" Jacob asked, hoping for Mr. Smith, the nicest substitute at school. The students all referred to him as Mr. Smiley.

"Mr. Meany," Michael said.

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Jacob imagined it to be a booming voice that shook the classroom walls. Jacob shivered.

"You ready for Mr. Meany?" Cassie asked, meeting Jacob at the classroom door.

Jacob gulped and stopped in the doorway. The bell rang, and Jacob heard footsteps coming toward him. Loud, scary footsteps.

"Are you in this class, young man?"

Jacob kept his head lowered and said, "Um...yes."

"Please find your seat then."

Jacob finally looked up when he heard the word "please." Someone mean wouldn't be so polite, would they?

“Is something wrong?” Mr. Meany asked.

Jacob just stared. Mr. Meany didn't have a booming voice or bushy, slanted eyebrows.

“Are you Mr. Meany?”

The man nodded and smiled. “I see the name fooled you.”

“I thought...” Jacob wasn't sure he should tell Mr. Meany how the students gave the

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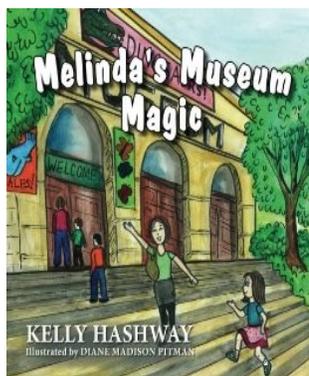
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Mr. Meany was a lot of fun. Jacob didn't even mind taking his math test because Mr. Meany did a cheer at the front of the room before the test and made everyone laugh.

When it was lunchtime, Jacob stood and walked up to Mr. Meany. “See you after lunch, Mr. Not-a-Meany,” Jacob said with a smile.

Mr. Meany smiled back.

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Melinda's Museum Magic*, is now available!

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3. Name one thing Mr. Meany did that made Jacob change his mind about him.

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4. What did Jacob say to let the reader know he felt different about Mr. Meany at the end of the story than he did at the beginning.

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ referred

a. to have looked at someone with disapproval

2. \_\_\_\_\_ slanted

b. a person that takes the place of someone or something

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



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\_\_\_\_\_ or title

6. \_\_\_\_\_ pace

f. a name that is different from your real name but people may call you by it

7. \_\_\_\_\_ nicknames

g. not level or straight

❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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