

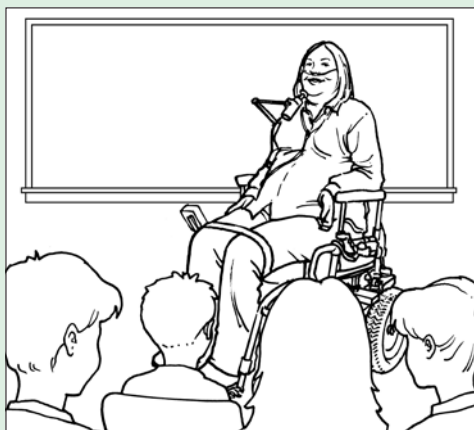


Meet Penny

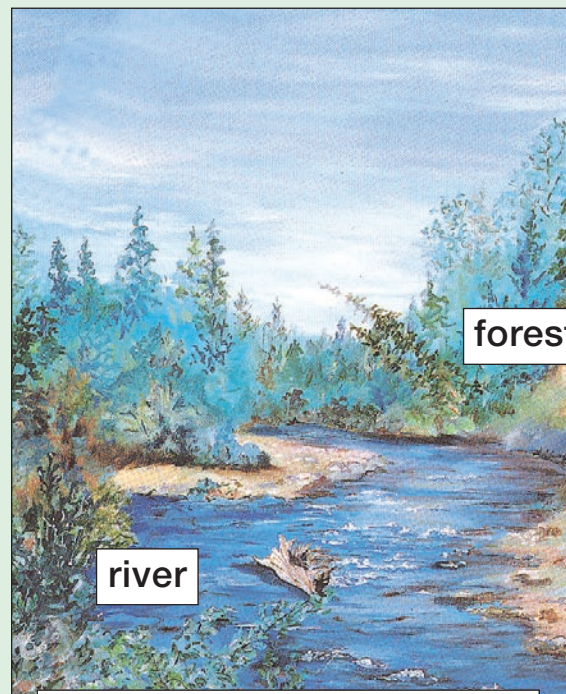
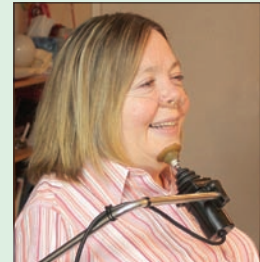
Penny is a mouth painter.
She paints pictures
of nature.
Penny sells her paintings.



Penny visits schools
and hospitals.




Penny uses a wheelchair.
She moves her chair
with her chin.



forest

river

one of Penny's paintings

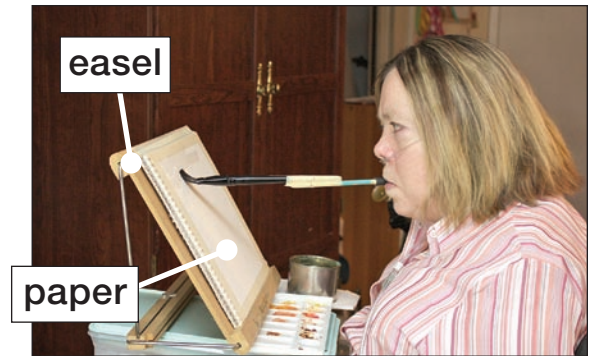
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How does Penny paint a picture?

- 1** Penny has a helper.
The helper tapes
down the paper.



- 2** Penny uses an easel.
She wets the paper
with water.



- 3** Penny mixes the paint
with water.
She paints one colour
at a time.




- 4** Usually, Penny paints
from a photo.



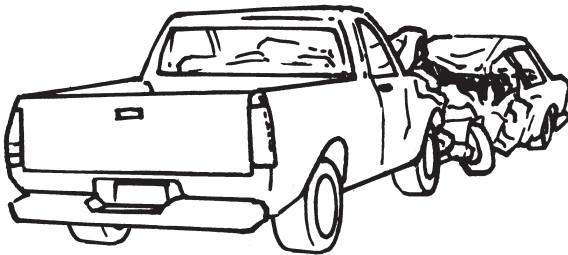
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Why does Penny paint with her mouth?

 On May 15, 1970, Penny was a passenger in a small car. She was not wearing her seatbelt.

A pickup truck hit the car. The driver of the truck was drunk.

Penny was paralyzed from the neck down. She was 14.



Paints with her mouth

Penny can't hold a brush with her hand. So she uses her mouth. She uses many different brushes.



Member of MFPA

Penny is a member of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists (MFPA). The members own and run the organization.

There are about 700 members from around the world.

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