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The Sticky Situation at the Science Station

In the bustling town of Starkville, there was an exciting place called the Science Station. It was a special laboratory where kids could come and experiment with different scientific projects. Every Saturday, Stella and her best friend Steve visited the Science Station to work on new and exciting experiments.

One bright Saturday morning, Stella and Steve arrived at the Science Station eager to start their latest project. They had planned to create a sticky slime that could stretch without breaking. Miss Stenson, the station's supervisor, greeted them with a smile and handed them the ingredients: glue, borax, water, and some colorful glitter.

Stella and Steve got to work, mixing the glue and water first. They stirred the mixture until it was smooth and then added the glitter, making the slime sparkle. As Steve added the borax, the mixture began to thicken and become stretchy.

"This is going to be the best slime ever!" Stella exclaimed, stretching a piece of the gooey substance between her hands.

Just as they were admiring their creation, a loud crash came from the other side of the room. Steve and Stella turned to see a bottle of sticky syrup had fallen off a shelf, spilling all over the floor. The syrup spread quickly, and soon the entire area was a sticky mess.

"Oh no! What a sticky situation!" Steve said, looking worried.

Miss Stenson rushed over to help. "Don't worry, kids. We can clean this up. Let's start by soaking up the syrup with these sponges."

Stella, Steve, and Miss Stenson worked together, using the sponges to soak up the syrup and then mopping the floor. It was a lot of work, but they managed to clean up the mess. After everything was tidy again, Miss Stenson had an idea.

"Why don't we turn this sticky situation into a learning opportunity?" she suggested. "Let's create an experiment to see how different substances can clean up sticky spills."

Stella and Steve loved the idea. They gathered different materials like baking soda, vinegar, and soap to test which worked best on sticky syrup. They poured small amounts of syrup on different surfaces and tried cleaning them with the various substances.

After several tests, they found that soap and warm water worked the best. They wrote down their findings and presented them to Miss Stenson, who praised them for their hard work and clever thinking.

"Great job, Stella and Steve! You turned a sticky situation into a successful science experiment," she said.

From that day on, Stella and Steve became known as the "Sticky Situation Solvers" at the Science Station. They continued to explore new experiments, always ready to tackle any challenge with creativity and teamwork.

