

Grade 2 • Lesson 10: Dictation Exercise

AUDITORY TRAINING & PUNCTUATION



Charlotte Mason Discipline

Listen attentively as your teacher reads each sentence once.

Transcribe with care: capitalize proper names, place commas of direct address, and select the correct terminal mark (. or ?).

A AUDITORY DICTATION TRANSCRIPTION

Write each sentence as dictated by the teacher:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B PUPIL'S PROOFREADING CHECKLIST

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| ☐ Initial capital on all 6 sentences | ☐ Comma setting off each name addressed |
| ☐ Capitalized: Edna, John, Florence, Charles, Sarah | ☐ Period on 1–5; question mark on sentence 6 |

Teacher Dictation Protocol (Charlotte Mason Method):

Read each sentence clearly, distinctly, and *only once*. Do not repeat words. This trains the child's faculty of focused, unbroken attention. Pause naturally where the comma occurs and inflect with rising tone on sentence 6.

Master Dictation Sentences & Punctuation Rubric:

1. Good morning, Edna. — Greeting formula; comma precedes proper name *Edna*; terminal period.
2. Pretty bird, come here. — Personified vocative phrase *Pretty bird* set off by comma; terminal period.
3. John, please walk slowly. — Proper name at start set off by comma; courteous adverb *please*; terminal period.
4. See this pretty rose, Florence. — Imperative verb *See*; name at end set off by comma; terminal period.
5. Wait, Charles, for your sister. — Name in the middle set off by two commas: , *Charles*,; terminal period.
6. Did you have a pleasant walk, Sarah? — Interrogative inversion; comma before *Sarah*; terminal interrogation point (?).

Teacher Diagnostic Notes:

Sentence 5 (Wait, Charles, for your sister.) is the primary test of parenthetical commas. Ensure pupils place both commas. Sentence 6 tests the ear's ability to distinguish an inquiry from an order.

Competency	Mastery (Exemplary)	Developing	Needs Guidance
Auditory Attention	Transcribes all 6 sentences accurately upon a single reading.	Transcribes 4–5 sentences; asks for 1 repeat.	Needs constant repetition to complete lines.
Direct Address Commas	All 6 sentences have exact comma placement (including double commas on #5).	1 comma omitted or placed in wrong position.	Commas omitted on 3 or more sentences.
Proper Name Orthography	All proper names correctly capitalized and spelled.	1 capitalization or minor spelling lapse.	Multiple proper names uncapitalized.
Terminal Cadence	Correctly applies period to #1–5 and question mark to #6.	Puts period instead of question mark on #6.	Omits terminal punctuation marks.