

Grade 2 • Lesson 11: Picture Study — Bubbles

ART STUDY & NARRATIVE



Observational Inquiry

Study the children and the cat on the porch.

Answer each question in a complete statement. Remember capital letters and terminal periods.

A PICTURE INQUIRY QUESTIONS

1. How many boys are on the porch, and what are they doing?

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2. What does the kneeling boy hold in his hands?

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3. What is on the floor near them, and what is it watching?

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4. What colors can you see shining in soap bubbles in the sun?

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B WRITE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PICTURE

Write three sentences describing this happy scene on the porch:

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Charlotte Mason Picture Study Method:

Allow the child to silently contemplate the engraving for a minute before asking questions. The goal is to cultivate precise observation, descriptive vocabulary, and narrative imagination while demanding complete grammatical sentences in reply.

Section A • Model Pupil Statements:

1. Three boys are on the porch, and they are blowing soap bubbles.
2. The kneeling boy holds a small bowl of soap suds and a clay pipe.
3. A cat is resting on the floor, watching a floating bubble.
4. In the sunlight, the bubbles shine with rainbow colors like pink, blue, gold, and green.

Section B • Exemplar Descriptive Paragraph:

Model Composition:

Three young brothers are playing happily on the wide veranda. One boy blows a large bubble through a pipe while his brother in the sailor suit watches. A playful cat curls on the wooden floor to see a glistening bubble float by.

Socratic Extension for Teachers:

Ask the child: "Why do soap bubbles float in the air?" and "Do you think the cat would like to wash her face with soap?" (Humorous prompt from original text that invites expressive oral storytelling).

Competency	Mastery (Exemplary)	Developing	Needs Guidance
Observation Detail	Notices fine details: bowl, pipes, sailor collar, cat, floating bubbles.	Mentions boys and bubbles; misses cat or tools.	Gives vague or single-word replies.
Complete Sentences	Every response is a grammatically complete declarative statement.	1 fragment or run-on sentence.	Answers in isolated phrases.
Descriptive Vocabulary	Employs vivid sensory adjectives (iridescent, glistening, gentle).	Uses basic descriptors (big, good, nice).	Vocabulary is repetitive or sparse.
Mechanics & Penmanship	Flawless capitalization, periods, and letter formations.	1 punctuation or capitalization lapse.	Missing multiple end marks and capitals.