

Lesson 41: Dictation Exercise — Frank's Pencil**PLL PART TWO****Classical Dictation Model**

"It is Frank's pencil. It is made partly of wood. It is brown, long, round, and sharp. Joe said, 'Frank's pencil has a very sharp point.'"

Key Mechanics: Possessive apostrophe (*Frank's*) • Series of adjectives separated by commas • Direct quote enclosed in quotation marks.

1 OBSERVATION & TEXT DISCOVERY

Carefully read the dictation model above. Answer each question based on the text.

1. Ownership: Whose pencil is described in the model? _____

2. Material: What material is the pencil partly made of? _____

3. Series of Qualities: List the four words describing its shape and look: _____

4. Direct Speech: Who spoke about the pencil's point? _____

2 PUNCTUATION & MECHANICS MASTERY

Apply the punctuation rules from the lesson to complete each task below.

A. Possessive Apostrophe: Write the possessive form showing ownership:

The book belonging to Mary → _____'s book | The slate of Joe → _____'s slate

B. Commas in a Series: Insert commas where needed to separate the descriptive words:

The ruler is yellow flat wooden and smooth.

C. Quotation Placement: Enclose the exact spoken words with quotation marks:

Joe said, _____ Frank's pencil has a very sharp point. _____

3 DICTATION & TRANSCRIPTION PRACTICE

Listen as your teacher reads the final sentence, or transcribe it in your best handwriting. Place every capital letter, apostrophe, comma, and quotation mark correctly.

Transcription: _____

Line 2: _____

4 DESK TOOL DESCRIPTION CHALLENGE

Select one tool on your desk (such as an eraser, ruler, or notebook). Write a complete sentence describing it using three descriptive words separated by commas.

My Sentence: _____

1 PEDAGOGICAL STANDARDS & DICTATION PROTOCOL

Serl's Classical Dictation Method: Train auditory focus, memory retention, and syntactic transcription. Read the passage three times: (1) Entire model read at natural pace for comprehension; (2) Phrase-by-phrase delivery for writing (allowing pauses for punctuation); (3) Final reading for student proofreading.

Standards Addressed: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.2.A (Capitalization), L.2.2.C (Apostrophe in possessives), L.2.2.B (Commas in greetings/speech/series), RF.2.4 (Fluency & Accuracy).

✓ COMPLETE ANSWER KEY

Section 1: Observation & Text Discovery

- Ownership: *Frank's* (or *Frank*).
- Material: *Wood* (or *partly of wood*).
- Series of Qualities: *brown, long, round, and sharp* (all 4 adjectives expected).
- Direct Speech: *Joe*.

Section 2: Punctuation & Mechanics Mastery

- A. Possessives: *Mary's book* | *Joe's slate*.
- B. Commas in a Series: *The ruler is yellow, flat, wooden, and smooth.* (Commas after *yellow*, *flat*, and optionally before *and*).
- C. Quotation Placement: *Joe said, "Frank's pencil has a very sharp point."* (Both sets of quotation marks placed; terminal period inside closing quotes).

Section 3: Dictation & Transcription Practice

Expected Student Reproduction: *Joe said, "Frank's pencil has a very sharp point."*

- Check capital J in *Joe* and capital F in *Frank's*.
- Check comma following *said*.
- Check apostrophe in possessive *Frank's*.
- Check closing quotation mark placed outside the period.

Section 4: Desk Tool Description Challenge (Sample Answers)

- *My eraser is pink, soft, and clean.*
 - *The wooden ruler is long, yellow, and straight.*
- Verify correct commas separating the three adjectives.

! DIAGNOSTIC GUIDE & COMMON PITFALLS

- **Apostrophe Confusion:** Students may omit the apostrophe (*Franks pencil*) or confuse it with plural nouns. Emphasize that the apostrophe shows who owns the pencil.
- **Comma Splices or Omissions:** Ensure students insert commas between adjectives in a series, taking a brief breath at each pause.
- **Quotation Mark Placement:** Confirm students place the opening mark before the first spoken letter ("*Frank's*") and the closing mark after the final period (*point.*").

★ SCORING RUBRIC (20 POINTS TOTAL)

Evaluation Metric	Exemplary (5 Pts)	Proficient (3-4 Pts)	Developing (1-2 Pts)
Dictation & Accuracy	Flawless transcription of spoken model; no omitted words or spelling errors.	Transcribes text with 1 minor spelling or word substitution; meaning intact.	Multiple omissions or misheard words affecting clarity and structure.
Possessive & Commas	Applies possessive apostrophe and series commas with 100% precision.	Applies apostrophe correctly; minor comma placement inconsistency.	Omits apostrophe or misses series commas across multiple items.
Quotation Mechanics	Opening and closing quotes, introductory comma, and period placed perfectly.	Quotation marks included; minor error with introductory comma or period.	Quotation marks missing, misplaced outside sentence, or inverted.
Penmanship & Application	Legible cursive or print on guidelines; creative application sentence complete.	Neat handwriting; application sentence has 2 descriptive words.	Handwriting uneven; incomplete sentence or missing descriptive series.