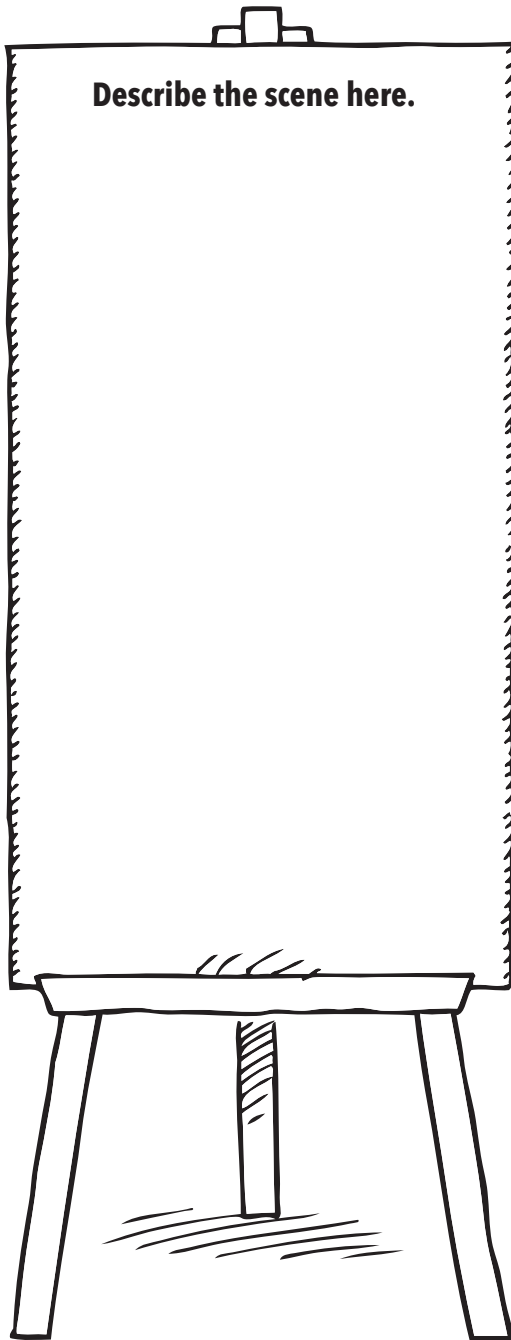# PAINTING A PICTURE

Authors describe people, places, and events in their novels. When they do this, they want their readers to form a picture in their minds of what is being described. Authors want to paint that picture as clearly and vividly as possible. Authors do this by using **imagery**. *Imagery* is descriptive writing that helps readers imagine themselves in the place being described, listening to the people talking, and watching the events unfold.

From the novel you are reading, choose a scene that you feel is filled with vivid imagery. Your chosen scene should be one that you feel you can picture very well in your mind. Then complete the activity below.

Describe the scene here.

List some words or phrases the author uses to create imagery.

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How do these words and phrases paint a picture of the scene for the reader?

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So They Say

Dialogue is an important ingredient in most novels. *Dialogue* is what we call it when two or more characters talk to each other. We can learn a lot about characters by what they say to each other.

For this activity, choose a scene in which two characters talk to each other. Your chosen scene should be one that you think tells us a lot about those characters.

◆ Write the name of each character and tell how these characters know each other.

◆ Tell what you think this dialogue says about each character.

Character #1

Character's name:

Relationship to other character:

What words does this character say?

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Character #2

Character's name:

Relationship to other character: