

# Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)

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Please take a Silent Look  
at the Following Image



# Objectives

- Participants will be introduced to Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)
- Participants will understand the benefits of using VTS in the classroom
- Participants will learn techniques to encourage students to observe independently and to back up their comments with evidence.

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new socks: \$2

9mm Pistol: \$80

gold chain: \$400


Bullet: \$60

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1. How Did that Feel?
2. How Do you Think your students will feel?
3. What did you notice?



# The Visual Thinking Strategy curriculum consists of three questions

Once you have a group of students gathered around an image you open the discussion by asking:

**What's going on in this image?**

If the student needs to elaborate to make their statement clearer, ask:

**What do you see that makes you say that?**

If the conversation comes to a halt you may ask:

**What more can we find?**

As the discussion is taking place the facilitator must...

Paraphrase each student's observation.

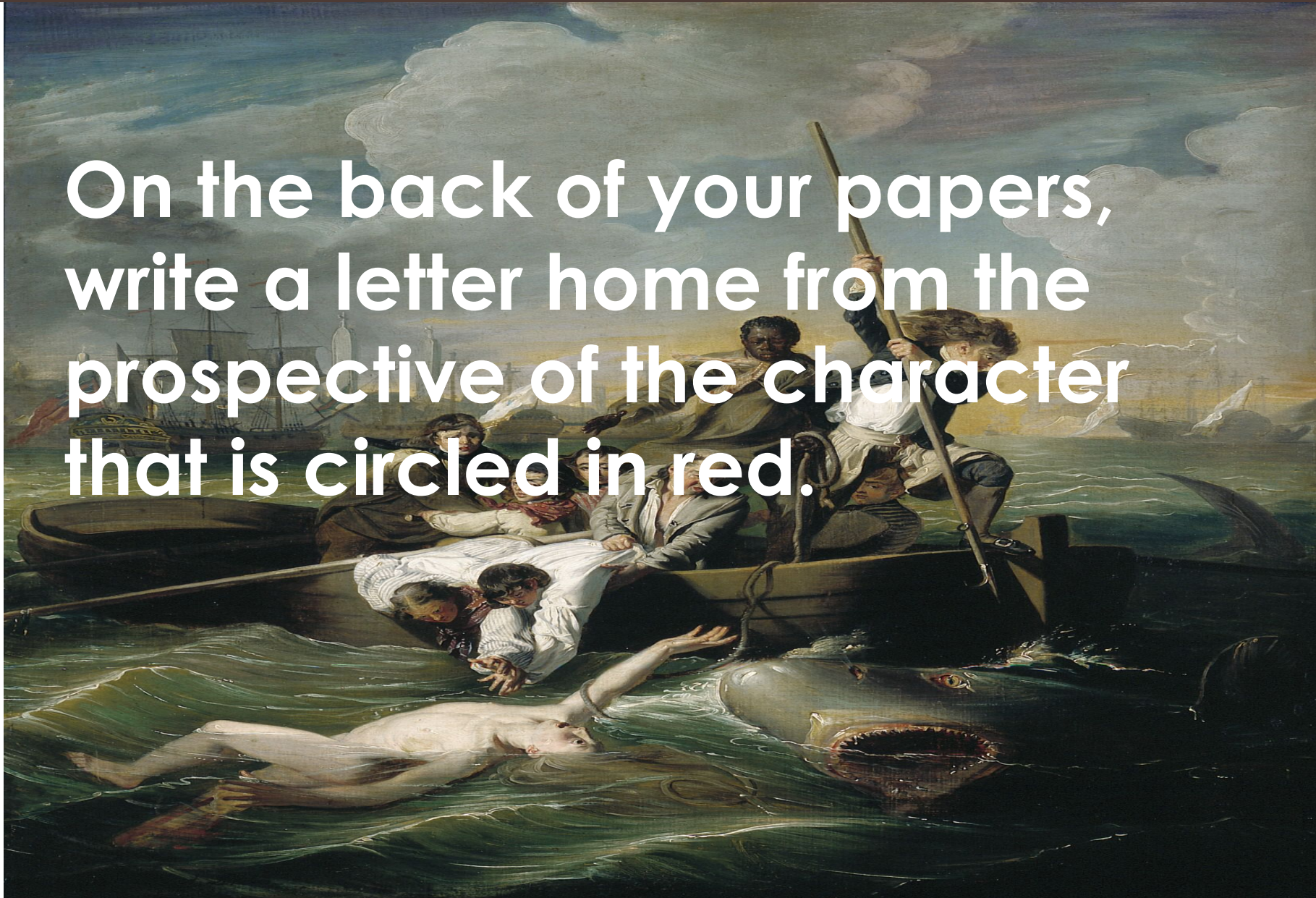
Point at what they are observing.

Make connections between the student's observations.





On the back of your papers,  
write a letter home from the  
perspective of the character  
that is circled in red.

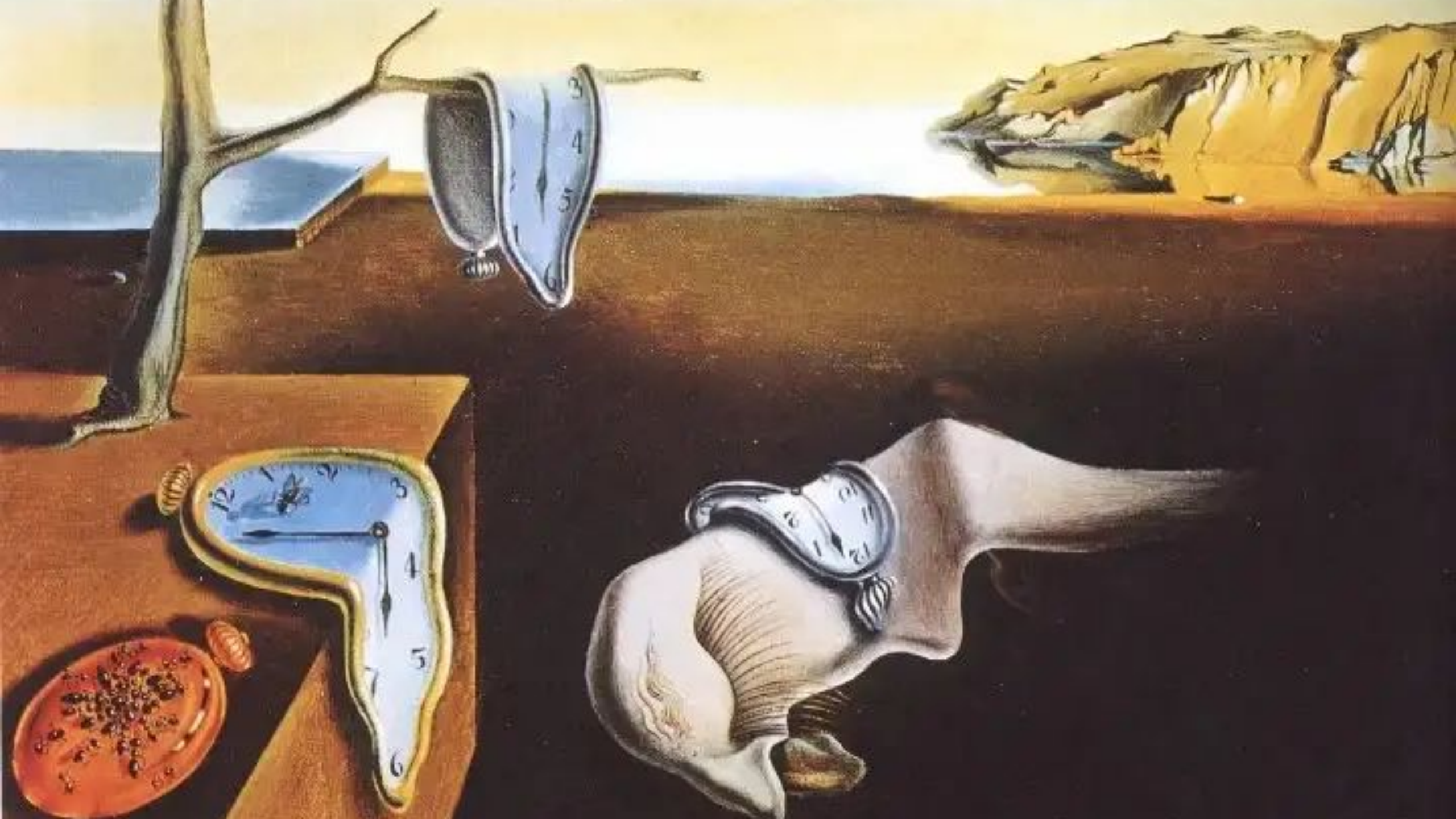


What other ways can  
you use this in the  
classroom?









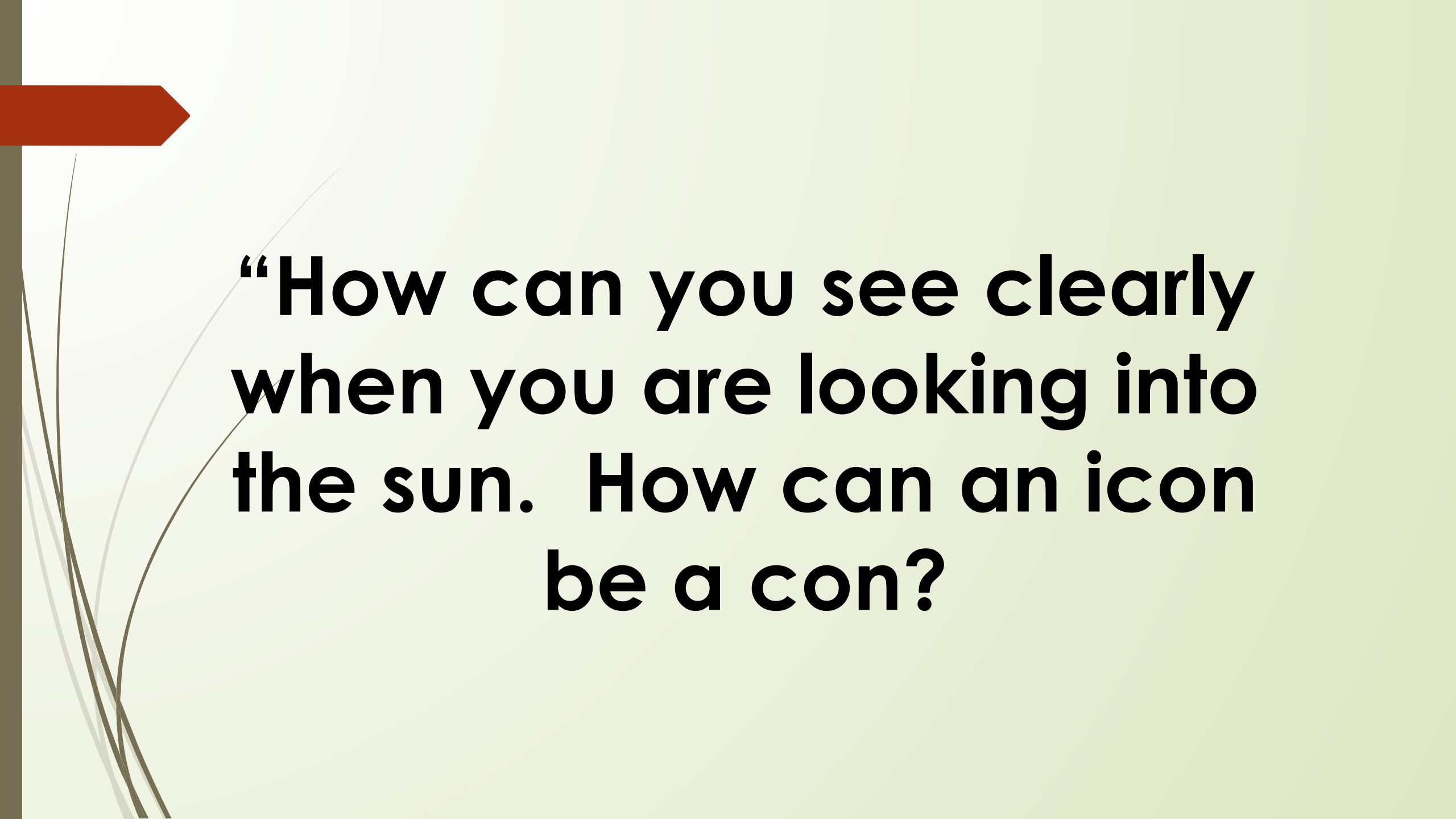












**“How can you see clearly  
when you are looking into  
the sun. How can an icon  
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