



Describing pictures

Adjectives

- lovely
- cloudy
- magic
- wonderful
- northern
- quiet
- crackling
- windy
- blazing
- dark
- sunny
- warm
- shaggy

Useful expressions:

- In the picture...
- There is/are...
- In the middle of the picture...

- It is...
- They are...

- На картине...
- Есть...
- В центре картины...

- Он...
- Они...

The painting shows ... — На фотографии изображено ...

In the foreground there is a ... — На переднем плане находится ...

In the background there are ... — На заднем плане находится ...

It is situated in ... — Он расположен в ...

On the left (of ...) stands\there is... — Слева (от ...) стоит ...

On the right (of ...) sits\there are... — Справа (от...) сидит ...

In the distance we can make out (see) the outline of a... — Вдалеке мы можем разглядеть очертания ...

At the first glance, ... — На первый взгляд, ...

But if you look closely, you can see ... — Но если присмотреться, вы можете увидеть...

It looks strange ... — Он выглядит странно

She looks like — Она похожа на ...

She looks tired. — Она выглядит уставшей.

It looks as if it is getting dark. — Похоже, начинает темнеть.

I can **suppose** that ... — Я могу предположить, что ...

I **guess** ... — Я полагаю ...

I can hardly **make out** (= see) — Я едва могу различить (увидеть) ...

It **stands out** against the blue sky. — Она выделяется на фоне голубого неба.

She **looks** tired. — Она выглядит уставшей.

It **looks as if** it is getting dark. — Похоже, начинает темнеть.

They **may /might** be looking for ... — Они, возможно, ищут ...

The wind is **probably** blowing. — Вероятно, дует ветер.

It **seems to me** that ... — Мне кажется, ...

As for, ... — Что касается ...

Запомните:

in the sky — на небе

in the rain — под дождем (как бы внутри дождя)

in the sun — под солнцем (в солнечном свете)

Также, если вы говорите о том, что изображено НА картине или фотографии, надо употреблять предлог IN:

in the picture

in the photo

Look through details. What can you see?

- **The weather (The weather is nice/ chilly/ hot. The snow is melting.)**
- **Landscape (There is a sea/ a wood/ a field...)**
- **Furniture (There is a table/ a chair/ a vase...)**
(On the right there is/ On the left there are...)
- **Appearance (This man has red hair and blue eyes. The horse is shaggy.)**
- **Clothes (The girls are wearing green skirts and blue shirts.)**
- **Events (The boy is playing, the girls are standing. The furry horse is basking in the sun.)**
- **Colours (The colours are mostly dark)**

Dream and improvise:

- **I think...**
- **It/he/she/we/they might be...**
- **Maybe...**

The plan for describing pictures:

1. Introduction.
2. Main body.
3. Conclusion.

1. Introduction:

- **The author of this picture is ...**
- **This picture is on topic of ...
(landscape/entertainment /
sport / hobbies / environment /
shopping etc.)**

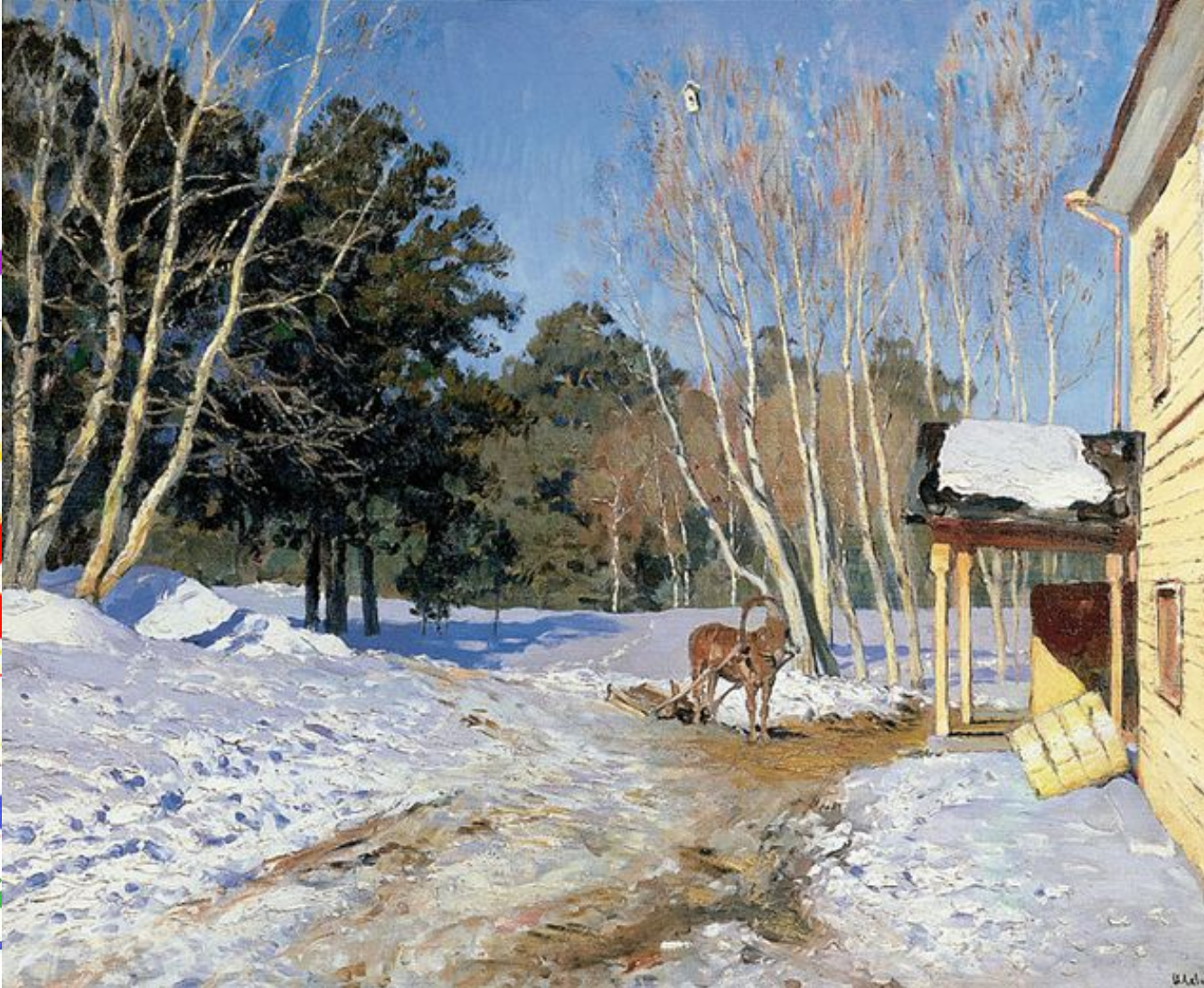
2. Main body:

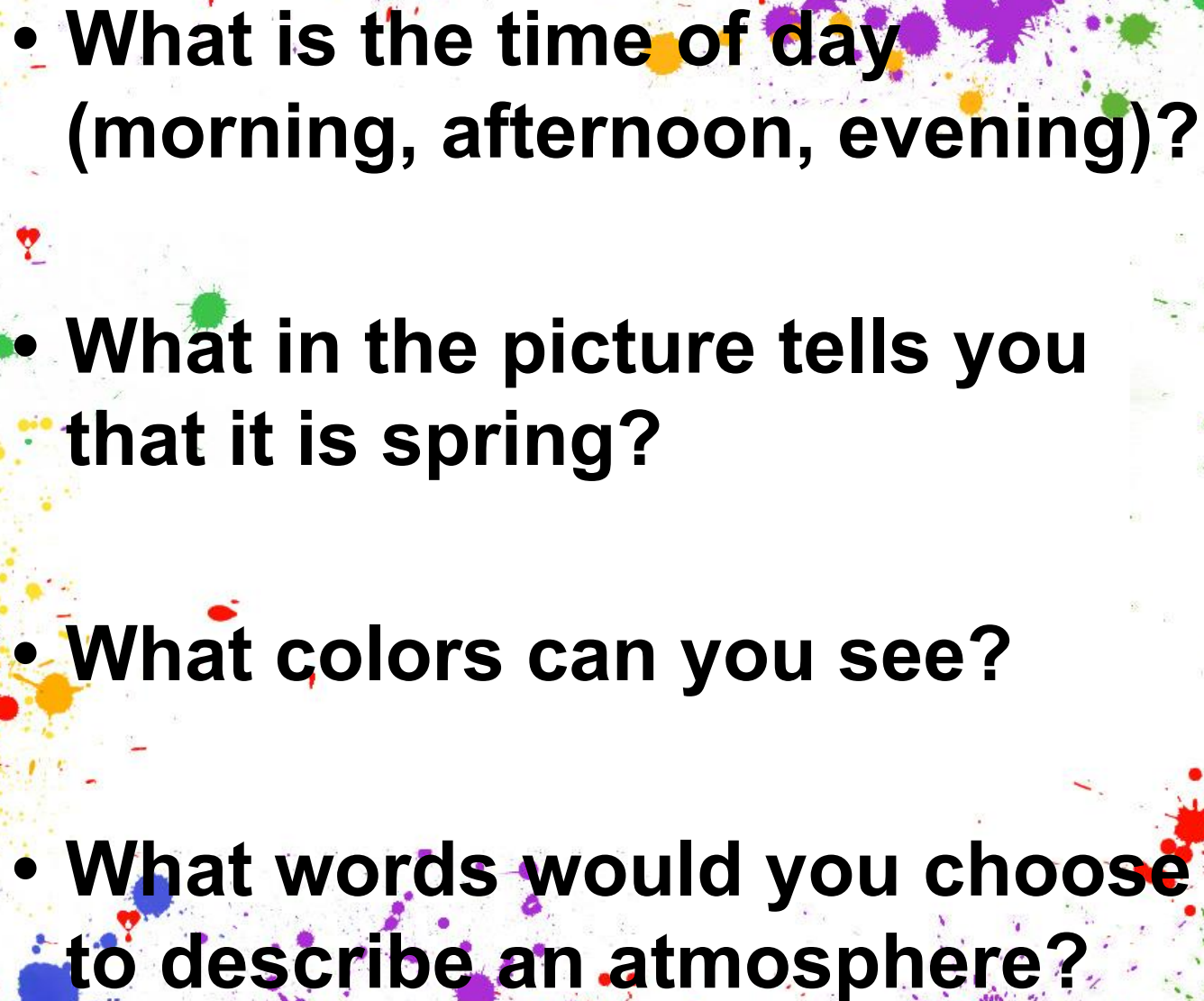
- In this picture the action is taking place in ... (the garden/ the village/the house / the living room / the gym / the park etc.).
- On the first plan of the picture we can see ... (a woman / a man / a dog / a horse/ a boat / a tree/ a house/ etc.)
- The boy is happy, because he ...
- The house is very old, because it is shabby and lopsided.

3. Conclusion:

- **The picture made me think about ...**

The picture by I. Levitan "March"



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- **What is the time of day (morning, afternoon, evening)?**
 - **What in the picture tells you that it is spring?**
 - **What colors can you see?**
 - **What words would you choose to describe an atmosphere?**

Homework

**Choose a picture and
describe it using the
plan.**