

What is happening?

ASSIGNMENT

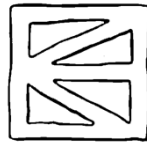
for children who are 7 to 10 years old

Chandigarh, India

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Look carefully at this picture.*

Tell what you think is happening in the picture.



* For the most interesting results, the teacher should choose a somewhat confusing or foreign-looking picture. Afterwards, the class can discuss and see how different people interpret the same picture in very different ways, depending on their point of view and past experience.

What children wrote, without seeing the title of the painting
[Murder of Innocents by Pieter Brueghel the Elder].



While going to Beraill Jail there comes a bridge which you can clearly recognise in the picture. The Beraill police superintendent of Kashmir gave the news that there is gold worth Rs 27 crores under the cemented road. The workers are greedy for the gold and are digging continuously for it.

- Mohit

In this picture the bridge has been damaged and an accident has taken place. The workers are trying to repair the bridge. The road is blocked due to this accident.

- Shivani

Reports come from FBI that an alien invasion is about to occur. This is a typical Indian scene. The government of India is now preparing in a very thoughtful manner. There is a red alert everywhere. Some people are digging the ground to make holes to put mines in it so when the extraterrestrial beings step on it, a blast occurs and they die. Even the road is blocked so that earth's people don't kill themselves.

- Manpreet

The government employees are trying to drill toilets on the bridge. The people who were travelling from one city to another couldn't do that anywhere and the farmers didn't have proper toilets.

- Amneet Singh

In a town nearby there were thieves. An old man was going to die. Before he did he told the secret to those thieves about the treasure buried under the bridge. They couldn't find any treasure, as it was a hoax.

- Suhail

A long time ago there was a ghost of a witch. So every car that went through this bridge got all the wheels punctured, the petrol tank emptied, and the lights fused. There is a river under the bridge and every night at 12 o'clock the water level rises and the bridge starts to sink. The government starts repairing it. When the bridge is reconstructed they start to break it.

- Sikjo

These people are taking the autograph of the present Chief Minister of Kashmir Dr Frooq Abdulla.

- Pradeep

From the planet of Too-too they are trying to snatch up the photographs of the comet 'Hail'es Boli' and trying to rescue from the To-Tu.

- Hitesh

I feel that the Muslim League is having some festival and Muslim people and even some poor people are taking food from the people in charge.

- Jaideep

They are illiterate people. They are given something from which they can become wise, and they are fighting for it.

- Gagan

The great PM Jawahar Lal Nehru had died and the people are rushing towards him to see him for the last time.

- Simaranjit

A director and a producer have come from Hollywood and are searching for an actor and an actress. Everybody wants to be the star, so they are after them.

- Anmok

A scientist has arrived. He announced that if somebody gives him Rs 5000 then he will make them visit a planet called Mathu-Lal. They all agreed and are giving the Rs.

- Shimona

These people are celebrating some festival where they are hitting themselves with a chaliok and cutting a bakra.

- Jaskaran