Last week we talked about visualizing while we read. Quote a short sample of visual text from your reading. Explain why you were able to picture this well.

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Title: Totally Joe

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“There was a huge bowl of fizzy punch with different colors of sherbet floating around in it and a fountain in the middle of it! And the wedding cake, which must have been taller than I was, had, like, a zillion sugar flowers all over it, with little gold leaves!”

This scene is describing Joe’s uncle’s wedding. I can clearly picture the reception hall in this scene. I’m sure there were many wedding guests clustered around the fizzy punched fountain, helping themselves to the beverage. I picture a very 1980’s style wedding akin to the movie *The Wedding Singer* for some reason.

Joe was very young at the time of this wedding, around 5 years old. I can clearly picture a young Joe, standing quietly with his parents at a grand wedding reception. I picture his eyes widening in awe as he takes in the room. He would have been very impressed with the slightly tacky fountain and the larger than life cake. Joe goes on to say that this was the beginning of his “wedding obsession”. I can see why a somewhat dramatic, and romantic boy like Joe would have been impressed with this grandiose affair.