What is a caption?
Captions are everywhere. These short lines of text appear under images to explain what we are seeing, or to tell what cartoon characters are thinking or saying. Captions can be informative or imaginary, serious or silly.

What did you do this summer?
Our summer of social-distancing has meant connecting with friends, family, and the outside world through social media while keeping busy closer to home. Did you do anything special, or was it full of ordinary activities? Do the following MAG’s artworks remind you of something you did? Write your own captions in the red speech bubbles!

Milton W. Hopkins
Pierrepont Edward Lacey (1832–after 1860) and His Dog, Gun, 1852. Oil on canvas.
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Dunn in memory of Ruth Hanford Munn and James Buell Munn, 1978.189
I learned to play a musical instrument!

I took a road trip with my family!

I played fun games at home!
We went for a walk in our neighborhood!

We went to the beach!

Haraniah Harari
*City Signs*, 20th century. Color serigraph.
Gift of Boris Bittker, 2002.30
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Harvey Ellis, *Sea Breeze—Lake Ontario*, 1880. Oil on canvas.
Virginia Jeffrey Smith Fund, in honor of Grant Holcomb and Marie Via, 2016.29
School at home means more snacking!


We tried a new recipe!

Lilly Martin Spencer
*Peeling Onions*, 1852. Oil on canvas. Gift of the Women’s Council in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Memorial Art Gallery, 1988.6
I went on a book binge!

I drew lots of pictures!

We missed seeing our friends!

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Fairfield Porter

William Sidney Mount
*Antoinette Pierson*, 1830. Oil on canvas. Bequest of Antoinette Pierson Granger, 1930.56

Jacob Lawrence, *Summer Street Scene in Harlem*, 1948. Tempera on gesso panel. Marion Stratton Gould Fund, 1991.5 © Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Foundation