

DESCRIBING A PHOTOGRAPH

INTRODUCTION

Where was the picture taken? What is the main topic?

This photo was taken in/at...

The picture shows...

It's a coloured/black and white photograph.

GIVING DETAILS

Try to give as many details as possible.

In this picture there is/there are...

On the left/on the right there is/the are...

In the foreground/background you can see/there is/there are...

In the middle/centre there is/there are...

At the top/At the bottom there is/there are...

Behind/In front of ... you can see...

Between the... there is/there are...

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

Describe the people in the photo. Talk about their physical appearance and their clothes.

The man is tall/short/overweight/slim...

He's got blue eyes and dark hair.

He's wearing jeans, a white shirt and brown shoes.

Use a tactful and polite language!

overweight NOT fat

not very good looking NOT ugly

Say what they are doing. Use the present continuous.

He's running/swimming/eating/writing...

The man is standing next to the table.

Be careful with NON-PROGRESSIVE VERBS! (be, like, love, hate, know, own, belong, believe, etc.)

The car belongs to the family. NOT The car is belonging to the family.

The girls know each other well. NOT The girls are knowing each other well.

SPECULATING AND DEDUCTING

If you are not sure about something, you can speculate using these expressions:

He seems very happy.

It looks like an animal, but I'm not sure.

It could be a cheetah or a leopard, but I can't tell.

If you can't name something in the photograph, don't worry! Try to describe it.

I don't remember the name of this object in English now, but it's something you use to cut/eat/write with... and it's usually made of wood/glass/steel/plastic