

HOW TO DESCRIBE A PICTURE

(SCENERY)

INTRODUCTION

- First, we say what type of scenery is in the picture. For example:
 - *“This is a picture of...”*
 - *“In the picture we can see ...”*
 - *The picture shows...*



...a beautiful beach”

...a big mountain”

...the savannah”

...the jungle”

And if you can't define the place, you can always say something like:

“In the picture we can see... A BEAUTIFUL SCENERY!”

- *Then, describe the type of picture: “It is a coloured /black and white picture”*

THE WEATHER

- You can also talk about the weather and other facts related to it. For example:
 - *“It is very sunny” “It is rainy and cloudy” “It is snowy”*



- *It is a good idea to mention the colour of the sky:*
 - “The sky is bright blue / dark...”*
- *Finally, you can try to guess the part of the day...*
 - “The picture was taken in the morning”*
 - “It looks like dawn is breaking”*
 - “It is clear that it is very late at night”*

LOCATING THINGS

- No matter if it is a urban place or a natural scenery, you must locate things in the picture. To do so, you can use the following expressions:



There is...
There are..
You can see...

- A mountain.
- Many trees.
- A house.
- Some grass.

DESCRIBING OBJECTS

- Next, describe the objects in the picture. Remember to follow this order when adding adjectives:

OPINION – SIZE – AGE – SHAPE – COLOUR – ORIGIN - MATERIAL

For example:

“It is a beautiful, big, old, squared, white, American, wooden house”.

(You don't need to add EVERY type of adjective)



However, if you are not able to build such long sentences, you can say many short sentences, but remember to mention as many characteristics as possible:

“The house is beautiful and big. It is white. It is wooden. It looks quite old”.

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

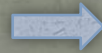
- After that, describe the people in the picture:

- PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

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- PERSONALITY / MOOD.

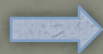
He /she is...
He / she looks...



sad / happy / bored / embarrassed /
intelligent / interesting / nervous /
funny / active / selfish...

- ACTIONS.

“He / she is ...



running / jumping / talking / smiling / sitting /
standing / eating / staring at... / laughing

PERSONAL OPINION

- Finally, express your own opinion about the picture:
 - “I like / don’t like this picture because...”
 - “What I like the most is...”
 - “What I don’t like is...”
 - “I would/wouldn’t like to visit a place like this”.
- Or talk about (or even invent) one of your personal experiences in a similar place:

“I went to the seaside last year with my family and I had lots of fun because...”

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