

PICTURE DESCRIPTION GUIDELINES

1) Introduction

- The photo/picture shows ...
- It was taken by/in ...(source and date)
- This (image) was published in(year) and extracted from(source)
- It's a black-and-white/coloured photo.
(Kinds of pictures: picture, image painting photograph / photo portrait landscape painting poster cartoon drawing cover / front page comic strip)

2) What is where? Describe where things are in the picture

- The picture was taken in/at/near.. (place). / the scene takes place in.....
- The photo was taken in/at/during....(time)
- The picture depicts/ shows / ... (scene).
- The picture is composed of(number) parts. (position: on the left/right/...) there is / are
- In the foreground/background you can see ...
- In the foreground/background there is ...
- In the middle/centre there are ...
- At the top/At the bottom there is ...
- On the left/right there are ...
- Behind/In front of ... you can see ...
- Between ... there is ...

3) Who is doing what? Describing the scene

Here you describe the persons in the picture or you say what is happening just now. Use the Present Progressive.

In this picture, the character is (Vb)-ing/ the characters are (Vb)-ing ..

- **Impression**
- The characters look as if ...
- The viewer has the impression that ...
- The painting is vivid / happy / expressive.
- The picture makes the viewer feel
- ... (sad/happy)
- The picture inspires the viewer to think about

4) What I think about the picture/ intention

- The artist / photographer / painter/ cartoonist uses... to express
- What the artist / photographer / painter wants to point out / focus on is
- I think / believe / am sure that
- It seems / appears to me that
- The problem illustrated here is
- It seems as if ...
- It makes me think of ...
- I (don't) like the picture because ...