

THE PICTURE COMPOSITION

Guidelines to answer


In the paper of English , pictures can be presented to you to study and later answer questions about them .

These pictures tell a story. Each picture in a frame describes an event that is taking place. When these events are put together ,they tell a story.


The examiner always instructs you to describe what is happening (you describe in present continuous tense)


Furthermore , when you are asked to describe what happened,you describe in present perfect tense.


The following are the key guidelines to use while answering a picture composition:

 Study the picture composition carefully and read the guiding words given by the examiner .


 Go through the questions as given by the examiner before you attempt to answer.

 While writing a sentence to describe what is happening, introduce the new character with indefinite "a" or "an"


 In case you write the characters for the first time and they are in plural form ,you should not use any article or you may use a determiner " some"


 When you write the character for the second time and above, you must introduce it with the definite article "the"




 If at all the character's name has been mentioned in the guiding words , you must use that name only whenever you are talking about that character .

 We don't use passive voice when describing what is happening but rather active voice.

 In case of an accident in picture composition ,we always use present perfect tense instead of present continuous tense to describe the incident .This is because ,by the time we see the accident ,it will have already happened.

 Remember in present perfect tense: this is when we indicate actions which have already taken place.

 We use helping verbs like HAS and HAVE with a verb in past participle while writing statements in present perfect tense.

Note : We can use the number of people or things when talking about the pictures for the first time , " Some" can be substituted with the " Number" for instance :

Two boys are going to school Or

Some boys are going to school.....