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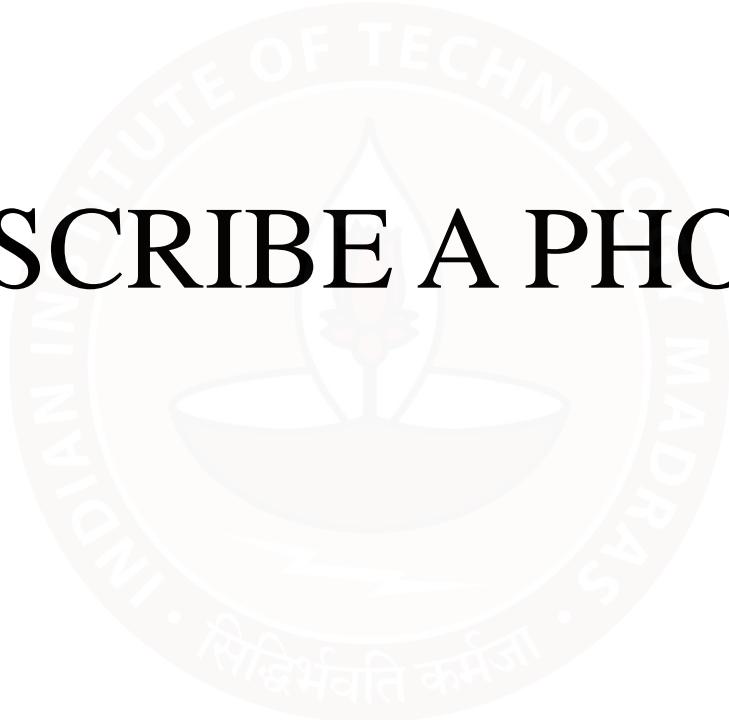
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# DESCRIBE A PHOTO



# QUESTION

Description of Ladies' Compartment:

Look at the following photograph carefully, and then in no more than 150 words, describe all that you see.



# ACTIVITY

Read and compare the first draft and the final draft based on the following parameters:

	First Draft	Final Draft
No. of words		
No. of sentences		
Content		

# FIRST DRAFT

The photograph presents a view of a second class ladies' compartment in a railway train in India. Most probably it is a local train commuting between the suburbs and the city, bringing the ladies to work and taking them back to their homes.

The compartment appears to be a fairly large one, and crowded, it seems lots of ladies and children are packed in it like fish in cans. There also appear to be quite a few children, though it is not very clear what they are doing there.

The compartment has also provided hand grips hanging from a tube attached to the roof of the compartment so that standing passengers can hold it and travel without falling. No lady passenger in this compartment is holding the grip just now. May be they do not mind falling!

All the ladies there in the compartment are wearing very beautiful and colourful saris. They are red, pink, black, green, purple with matching blouses. They generally seem to be very happy and peaceful. Children are also very quiet. Though not all of them are seated. On the whole it is a very typically Indian situation.

# FINAL DRAFT

This is a photograph of a ladies compartment in a railway train. All seats here are occupied. Some passengers are also standing. Hand grips hanging from the tube attached to the ceiling show that the compartment takes both, sitting passengers and some standing passengers. There seem to be above 50 passengers in the compartment.

Most passengers are adults, and seem to be going to or coming from their day's work. The compartment also has a few girls. It is not clear why they are there.

The compartment is well-ventilated, has fans, though they seem old and may be noisy. Most passengers are seated. Perhaps, they commute for work daily. Besides a few in white, many ladies are in red, orange, maroon, blue, black and yellow saris, giving the photograph a vibrant look. Nearly all are in half-sleeved blouses. Outside the compartment has bright day light.

# ANSWERS

	First Draft	Final Draft
No. Of words	192	146
No. of sentences	13	14

FIRST DRAFT	FINAL DRAFT
Presents a view	X
Bringing the ladies to work and taking them back to their homes.	X
It seems lots of ladies and children are packed in it like fish in cans.	X
No lady passenger in this compartment.	No passenger...
May be they do not mind falling!	X

All the ladies there in the compartment are wearing very beautiful and colourful saris.

All ladies/passengers are wearing colourful saris.

They generally seem to be very happy and peaceful. Children are also very quiet. Though not all of them are seated. On the whole it is a very typically Indian situation.

They seem to be peaceful. Children are also quiet.

INACCURATE	ACCURATE
a second class ladies' compartment	a ladies' second class compartment
The compartment has also provided hand grips....	The compartment has been provided with hand grips/ The compartment has hand grips...
Children are also very quiet. Though not all of them are seated.	Though not all of them are seated, children are also very quiet.

# ACTIVITY

Look at the following photograph, and in 150 words describe what you see in it. You can look at people, activities, decorations, lights, costumes, jewellery, and mood of people there. You can also look at furniture and other props, colours, kinds of people, etc.



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