

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Useful phrases

What is in the picture?

In the picture I can see ...
There's / There are ...
There isn't a ... / There aren't any ...

Say what is happening

(use present continuous tense)

The man is V_{ing}
The people are V_{ing}
(e.g. It's raining.)

What do people/things look like?

Appearance, clothes, age, relationship/
feelings/ emotions
(e.g. They are in their twenties. She
is wearing a pair of sunglasses. They are
excited.)
Look like + noun - be similar
(e.g. *It doesn't look like a tough
competition*)
Look + adjectives - seem
(e.g. *People look really interested*)

Give your opinion

In my opinion...
As I see it..
*If you ask me.... As far as I'm
concerned..*
I would say that....
Personally...
From my point of view...

Where in the picture?

At the top/bottom of the picture ...
In the middle of the picture ...
On the left/right of the picture ...
In the background
In the foreground
In the (right/left) corner
next to/ near
in front of
behind
on top of
under

If something isn't clear

It looks like a ...
It might be a ...
He could be ...ing
Maybe it's a ..
Perhaps...
I think/guess/suppose it is....
I am not sure but the could.....
Look as though/ as if + Verb phrase
*(e.g. *It looks as though it is going to
rain*)*
I can't quite make it out but, perhaps...

Do

- Look at the picture carefully
- Speak naturally
- Use synonyms
- Use more adjectives
- Talk for all the time you are given

Don't

- worry
- keep silence
- be shy
- get distracted