

DESCRIBING PAINTINGS AND PICTURES/PHOTOS

Do:

- Look at your picture carefully and take a few moments to think before you start talking.
- Talk for all the time you are given. If you have one minute to do the task, use every second.
- Practise the useful language below so you can explain which part of the picture you are talking about.

Don't:

- Panic if you don't know the words for all the things in the picture. You don't need to know all the words for everything in the picture if you know what to say when you don't know an exact word.
- Get distracted and start talking about something else. Focus on the photo or picture.
- Panic if your mind goes blank. Take a deep breath, look at the picture and start again.

1. Introduction

This photo/picture portrays...

This photo/picture depicts...

The photo/picture shows ...

This photo picture represents a scene of/ a scene in which...

This picture was painted by...in...

The photo was taken by/in ...

2. Description

In this picture/photo we can see... / In this picture/photo there is/are...

In the foreground/background there is ...

In the middle/centre there is ...

At the top/At the bottom there is ...

On the left/right there is ...

Behind.../In front of../ next to.../near.../under... there is/are...

3. Who is doing what?

Here you describe the people in the picture or the scene in the painting. Use the

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE.

4. What I think about the painting/picture

Maybe ...

I think ...

It looks like...

It could represent...

It makes me think of ...

Probably, ...