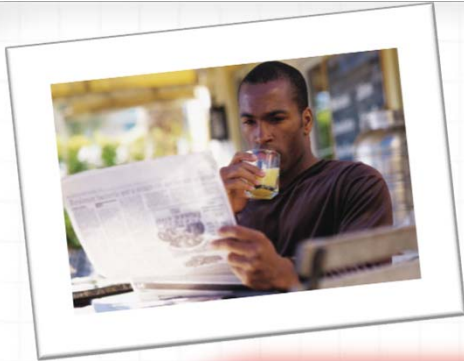


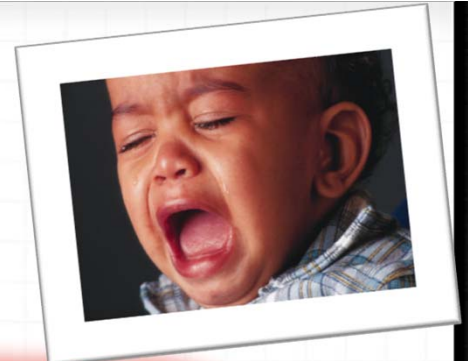
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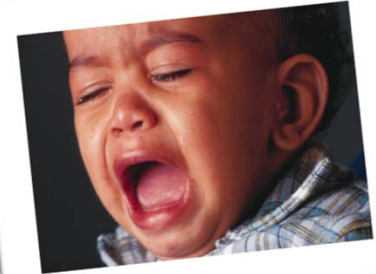
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- Introduction
- Talk about the place
- Describe the position
- Describe people's age
- Describe people's clothes
- Describe people's actions
- Describe people's roles
- Describe people's feelings
- Your opinion
- Your memories



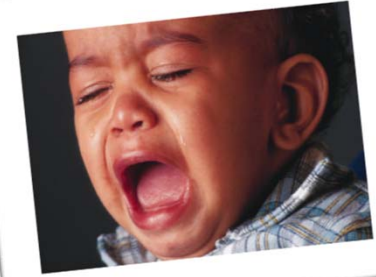
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- **Give a general introduction:** *e.g. 'This picture/photo shows ...' or 'In this picture/photo I can see...' or 'This is a picture of ...'*
- **Talk about the places:** *e.g. 'They're driving in the country/in a city/in the mountains' or 'She's sitting inside/outside a cafe' or 'I can see a street market/old building/square/ street/restaurant/beach ... or 'They are sitting in the city, in the mountains, in a hotel...'*
- **Describe the position:** On the right, on the left, in the middle of the photo, in the background, next to, behind, in front of...  
*e.g. 'In the middle of the picture there is a group of people, probably tourists because ...' or 'In the background there is a church ...' or 'There's a bookshelf next to/near/behind/in front of the door'.*



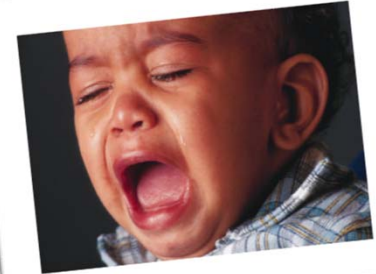
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- **Describe people's age:** *e.g. 'He's about 50 years old' or 'She's a teenager/a young child/a middle-aged woman' or 'They are in their twenties/they are about twenty...'*
- **Describe people's clothes:** colour, material...  
*e.g. 'She's wearing a pair of shorts and a red T-shirt' or 'They're wearing quite casual/smart clothes' or 'He's wearing a uniform'*
- **Describe people's actions:** *e.g. 'They are cooking, eating...' or 'He's sitting at a desk' or 'She's standing in a queue' or 'They're having a meal' or 'Some people are sunbathing and others are swimming in the sea'*



# Describing a Photo



- **Describe people's roles:** e.g. 'He's probably a teacher, a student, his dad...' or 'He's probably a shop assistant and she's a customer' or 'This person on the left seems to be a tourist guide – he's pointing to a building' or 'The man serving the drinks is a waiter'
- **Describe people's feelings:** eg. 'He seems sad/happy/excited...' or 'They are enjoying themselves because they are smiling' or 'He seems a bit frightened. Maybe this is the first time he's tried this' or 'She looks very interested in this activity – she's concentrating very hard'
- **Your opinion:** e.g. 'In my opinion the photo is very interesting/funny because...'
- **Your memories:** e.g. 'This photo reminds me of my childhood/my holidays...'

### Hesitation strategies

- Well, let's see
- I mean
- I guess
- I'm not really sure

### **DESCRIBING ACTIONS**

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

BE: am, is, are + Gerund (-ing)

### Take note!

**LOOK** - for adjectives of appearance. He looks casual/ old-fashioned / smart / sporty / trendy...

**WEAR** - with things to put on and take off. She's wearing make up/ a ring/ sunglasses/ a bracelet.

**HAVE** - with an item you don't put on or take off.

She has a tattoo / a piercing.

**CARRY** - with things we hold in our hands or arms.

He's carrying an umbrella/ a suitcase / a bag...

**PARAPHRASE** (use these phrases to describe words you don't know)

*e.g. 'It's something you fry food in' (frying pan) or 'It's a kind of container for flowers' (a vase) or 'It's a cupboard for keeping clothes in' (a wardrobe).*

**MAKE GUESSES** *e.g. 'It might be summer because some people are wearing sunglasses' or 'It's probably in the country, because ...' or 'This picture could be in Northern Europe because of the buildings...'*

Let's Practice Some  
Examples



- In this photo I can see a man and a baby. They are at home, probably in the living room.
- On the left we can see a man holding a baby. He is vacuuming the carpet with his right hand.
- The man is probably in his late thirties, I'm not sure. The baby is very young. He is probably only a few months.
- The man is wearing dark blue jeans, a brown shirt and no shoes (he is not wearing shoes). The baby is wearing a colorful t-shirt and a pair of shorts.
- The man seems worried and the baby sad.
- The living room is very tidy. The man is vacuuming a beautiful blue flowered carpet. I can see a sofa on the right and a coffee table in front of it. The room is very bright because of the big window.
- In my opinion, this photo shows the importance of sharing the housework.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN



In this photo I can see...

Talk about:

Place

Position

People's age

People's clothes

People's actions

People's roles

People's feelings

Your opinion



# Questions

- Tell me something about this photo. What can you see?
- Imagine you are in the photo. Tell me your feelings, what has happened and what is going to happen next.
- Imagine you are sitting next to the boy in the photo. Tell me what he is doing, who he is, where you are, why he is smiling.

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