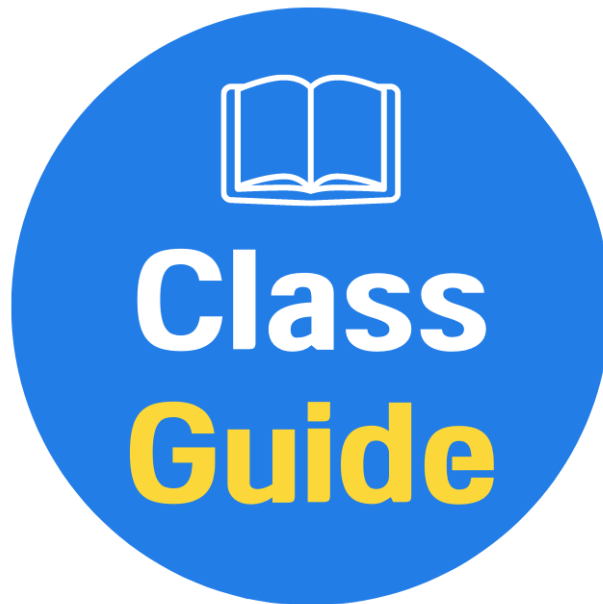


Picture Description Practice (Animals) I



Purpose

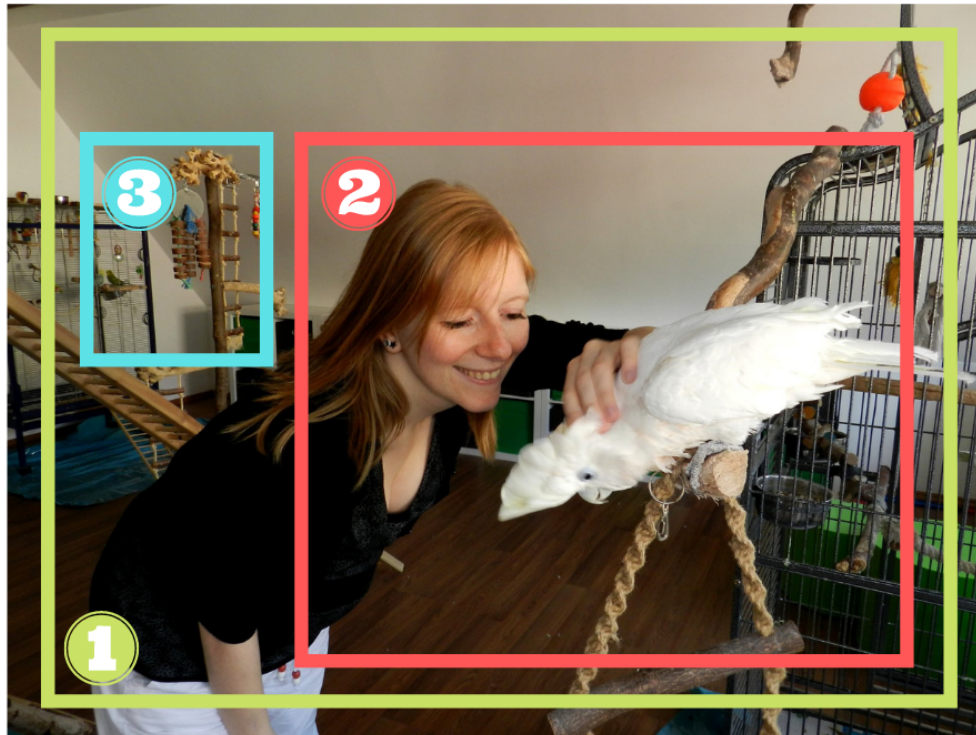
To improve **vocabulary**, **grammar**, **cohesion**, **intonation** and **stress**, and **pronunciation** skills for delivering an accurate and organized speech.

Directions

Students will be given a picture to **describe as many details as possible** in the time recommended.

Students will have approximately *30 seconds* to prepare their responses and speak at least *60 seconds* about the picture.

How to Describe a Picture



1 GENERAL

This is a picture of...
This picture was taken...
In this picture, there is/are...

2 MAIN

In the middle...
On the left/right...
At the top/bottom...
At the bottom left/right...
Near the...
By the...

3 ELEMENTS

In the foreground/background...
On either side...
In the far back...

4 CONCLUSION

From this picture, I can see...
I think this picture
gives a sense of...
It looks like...
This picture reminds me of...



Topics

1. Alligator
2. Ant
3. Bat
4. Bear
5. Bird
6. Camel
7. Cat
8. Cheetah
9. Chicken
10. Chipmunk
11. Cow
12. Crab
13. Deer
14. Dog
15. Dolphin
16. Duck
17. Eagle
18. Elephant
19. Fox
20. Giraffe
21. Gorilla
22. Hamster
23. Hippopotamus
24. Horse
25. Kangaroo

01. Alligator (Sample)



1. Describe the picture in detail. (Sample response)

This is a picture of two men in red outfits performing an alligator show. The man on the left is putting his hand inside the alligator's mouth while the man on the right is holding on to the alligator's tail. In the background, there are foreign languages written on a panel which is located at the top of the wall. Behind this wall, there are audiences looking at the show. Some are covering their eyes in fear. I think this picture gives a sense of a quiet and tense atmosphere.

2. Tell me anything you know about the animal. (Sample response)

Alligators have hard, sturdy leather and sharp teeth. They can live in and outside of water. Alligators are carnivorous animals. Their hunting technique involves biting down on the prey and spinning on it to chunk off the prey's flesh. I saw alligators at the zoo when I was little. I remember being frightened and wanting to run away.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	circus, performance, crocodile, foreign language, panel, audience, scared, frightened, worried, nervous, sleeveless, shorts, zoo, pull, dare, risk, shallow, sturdy, leather, carnivorous
Expression	hold on to, cover one's eyes, put one's hand inside

02. Ant (Sample)



1. Describe the picture in detail. (Sample response)

This picture was taken in a forest. Ants are carrying a twig on top of some rocks. One ant is standing on top of the twig, while others are carrying the twig to another rock on the opposite side. In the top left corner, the sun shines downward. I can see some trees and grass in the background of this picture. This picture looks like ants are placing a wooden bridge.

2. Tell me anything you know about the animal.

Ants are tiny. They have antennas and six legs. Even though they are small, they can carry something that is fourty times heavier than their weight. Ants can be seen everywhere, especially during spring and summer. Although they may be small, I get scared of ants and run away whenever I see them.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	sunshine, tree branch, carry, move, tiny, antennas, climb, stretch, insect, bug, twig, bridge, jaw, hard shell, downward, opposite
Expression	form colonies, live in groups

03. Bat



1. Describe the picture in detail

- Introduction (where the picture is taken)
- Main (main character)
- Elements (surroundings)
- Conclusion (ambience, opinion)

2. Tell me anything you know about the animal.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	tree branch, nocturnal, fur, cave, fly, upside-down, hang, cling, wrap, leathery
Expression	hanging upside down from a tree, cover itself with its wings

04. Bear



1. Describe the picture in detail

- Introduction (where the picture is taken)
- Main (main character)
- Elements (surroundings)
- Conclusion (ambience, opinion)

2. Tell me anything you know about the animal.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	brown, paw, blonde, ponytail, brunette, vest, tea, teapot, pie, basket, banana, wire fence, table, bear, desserts, bowl, plates
Expression	have tea time, hold with both hands, get someone's nails done

05. Bird



1. Describe the picture in detail

- Introduction (where the picture is taken)
- Main (main character)
- Elements (surroundings)
- Conclusion (ambience, opinion)

2. Tell me anything you know about the animal.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	kid, boy, kiss, a short-sleeved shirt, wavy hair, grasp, hunched, pointy, beak, feather, vase, flower, wooden chair, faucet, a square pillar
Expression	wear a wristwatch