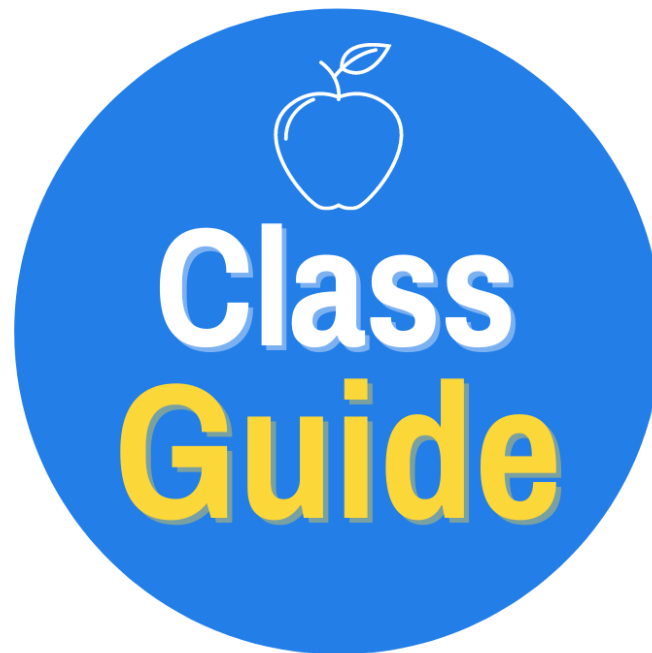


Picture Description Practice

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Purpose

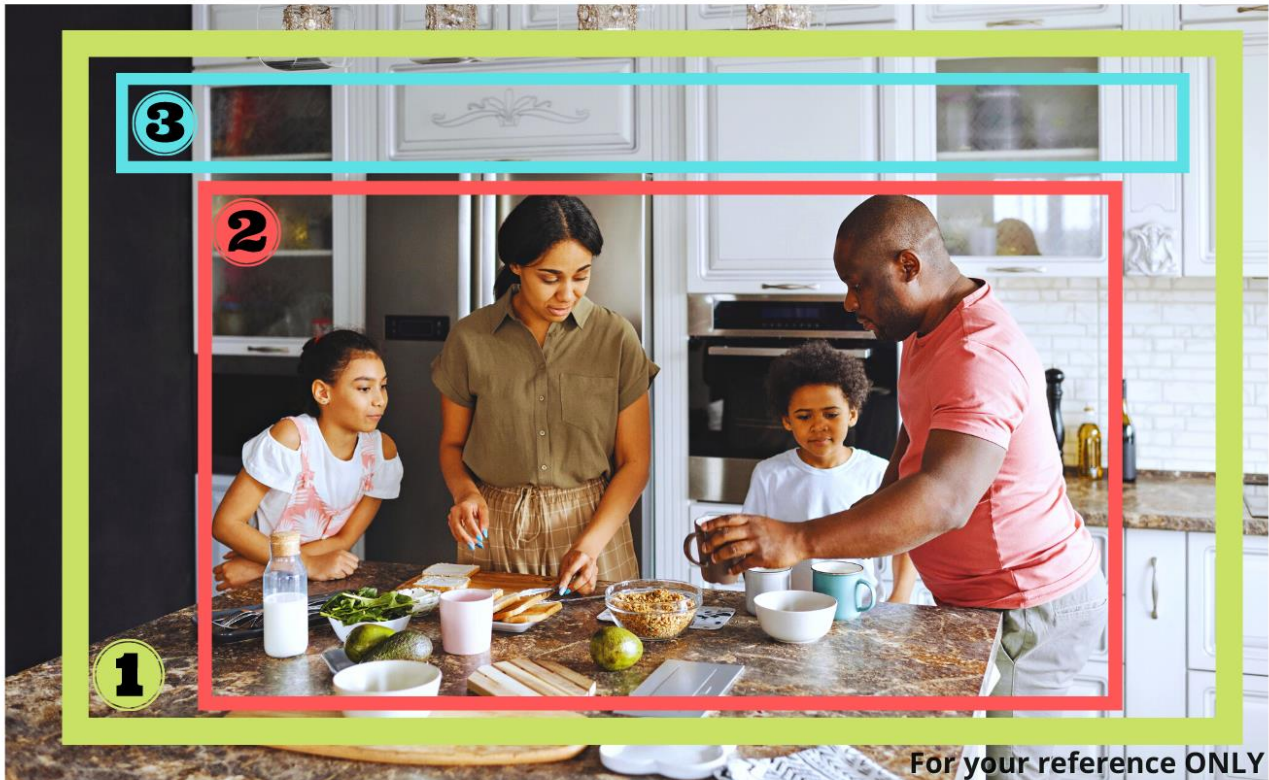
To improve **vocabulary**, **grammar**, **cohesion**, **intonation** and **stress**, and **pronunciation** skills for delivering an **accurate and organized speech**.

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. Mountain hiking
2. Outdoor market
3. Dining out
4. Birthday party
5. Airport
6. Jaywalking
7. Team meeting
8. Interview
9. Yoga class
10. Walking the dog
11. Indoor café
12. Groceries
13. Bakery
14. Conflicts during a meeting
15. Outdoor café
16. School program
17. Housekeeping
18. Having a meal together
19. Taking a selfie
20. Distance learning
21. Sick employee
22. Checking in at a hotel
23. Beach
24. Classroom free time
25. Laboratory

1. Mountain hiking (Sample)



Sample response:

This is a picture of the outdoors in a clear blue sky. In the middle, four people are crossing the wooden bridge. All of them are wearing blue-colored tops with shorts and are wearing backpacks. Of the four, two of them are carrying trekking poles. It looks like the group tried to match their outfits for hiking. At the bottom, the water is flowing over pebbles under the wooden bridge. In the back, a grove of trees is planted on the hill. From this picture, I can see that the group is on their way to enjoying pristine nature.

Ideas for description

Vocabulary	hiking, sleeveless shirt, shorts, peak, shallow, brook/stream/creek, rock/gravel/pebble, needleleaf tree, pristine nature, clear sky, hiking boots
Expression	cross a wooden bridge with trekking poles, go for a hike

2. Outdoor market (Sample)



Sample response:

This is a picture taken at an outdoor fruit and vegetable market. A man with a white cap, pants, and a brown short-sleeved shirt is skimming through the range of fresh produce available. The man has his hands behind his back, holding two small white plastic bags. Many kinds of fruits and vegetables are neatly displayed on the stand with the prices written in blue on white paper. On the top, there is a sign for the store and a bright light right underneath it. It looks like the man stopped by to get some fresh fruits and vegetables before heading back home.

Ideas for description

Vocabulary

street stall, vendor, boxes, price tag, owner, outdoor market, display stand, sign, display, fruits and vegetables

Expression

clasp one's hand behind back

3. Dining out (Sample)



Sample response:

This is a picture of a spacious restaurant. On the right, a server in a white collared shirt with a brown apron is wearing a mask, a clear protective face shield, and disposable gloves to serve the meal to the customer. On the left, another customer with a light-brown collared shirt is having a burger and fries. The two customers are sitting at the same table, but there is a clear acrylic divider between them. Behind them, other customers are sitting at each table eating by themselves. In the back, there are several indoor decorations, including the multiple orange-glow lights hanging from the ceiling, indoor plants, and framed photos. From this picture, I can see that this restaurant is operating under social distancing guidance.

Ideas for description

Vocabulary	social distancing, customers, collared shirt, plate, tray, lights, ceiling, picture frames, acrylic divider, disposable gloves, waitress, goggles, planterior design, apron, serving, restaurant business
Expression	serve a meal, put up one's elbows on the table

4. Birthday party



1. Describe the picture in detail

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

2. Talk about any related experience.

Ideas for description

Vocabulary	birthday, anniversary of birth, party, invited, gift, balloons, celebration, gathering, guests, festive, thrilled, delighted, smiling, surprise
Expression	hand a gift, celebrate birthday

5. Airport



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Ideas for description

Vocabulary

departure gate, airport chair, airport terminal gate, suitcase, waiting area, crowded, restroom, wheelchair accessible

Expression

stare at a phone screen, lean on a chair

6. Jaywalking



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- Conclusion (ambience, opinion)

2. Talk about any related experience.

Ideas for description	
Vocabulary	crosswalk, pedestrians, drivers, oncoming/approaching, cars, red signal light
Expression	dash across, running in a hurry, busy road, in the middle of the block, get fined/charged, penalties, right of way