

## How to describe a picture in English?

Sample / Follow the structure **I see - I think - I feel**



**I see:** There are 5 people in this picture. I can see a table outside, there is some food on it. 3 people are chatting and smiling.

**I think:** I think they are a family. It looks like a weekend as the people seem relaxed. Maybe, it's a birthday or a special day because young people are holding flowers and a present.

**I feel:** I like this picture because I love celebrating something with my family. This photo makes me happy and relaxed.

### 1) Helpful words and phrases to describe images:

The picture shows ...

The picture illustrates ...

The picture demonstrates ...

In the center / middle of the photo we can see ...

In the foreground there is ...

In the background there are ...

It is situated in ...

On the left (of something / somebody) stands ...

On the right (of something / somebody) sits...

In the distance we can make out the outline of (something / somebody)

At first glance, ...

But if you look closely, you can see ...

It looks strange ...

It looks like ....

As for the (of something /somebody), ...

### Prepositions that are necessary when describing a photo (image, picture)

**above** – The woman is holding an umbrella above her head.

**under (below)** – The people are sitting under the tree.

**near** – The children are playing near the river.

**next to** –The girl is sitting next to the boy.

**far** – In the far distance I could hardly see a woman.

**behind** – Somebody is hiding behind the house.

**in front of** – In front of the building there is a fountain.

**across** – A dog is running across the road. There is a forest across the river.

**around** –There are a lot of stones around.

**between** – The woman is standing between two men.

**on** – The boats are sailing on the lake.

This girl has **long, straight,**  
**dark hair.**

She's got a **broad** nose  
and **full lips.**

Her eyes are **brown.**



## Some examples of a complete description of photos (images, pictures)



I'd like to describe picture № 1. The picture shows us a girl. The photo was taken inside. The action is taking place in a room.

Looking at this photo, I can see a girl who's sitting in a chair near the Christmas tree. It's decorated very well. The girl is holding a teddy bear in her hands. Maybe it's a Christmas present from her parents. The girl is dressed in traditional Russian clothes. She is smiling.

I like this photo because the girl looks happy. She's going to have a great time celebrating Christmas.



I'd like to describe picture № 2. The picture shows us a girl. The photo was taken outside. Maybe the action is taking place on a boat in the sea.

Looking at the photo, I can see a girl. She looks happy. She's just caught a fish. She is probably fishing in the sea on a boat with her parents. They probably took this picture. The weather is very nice and the sun is shining.

I like this photo because the girl is having a great time fishing. I love fishing too!



I'd like to describe picture № 3. The picture shows us an elderly man. The photo was taken inside. Maybe the action is taking place in the library.

Looking at the photo, I can see an elderly man who is in the library. He is holding a book in his hands and looking at the photographer. He's dressed well. Maybe he is a teacher at school or at the university. There are a lot of books on the desk in front of him. He probably read them all, or perhaps he's going to read them in the future.

I like the photo. I think this man is very knowledgeable because he reads a lot of books.

Describe following pictures:

