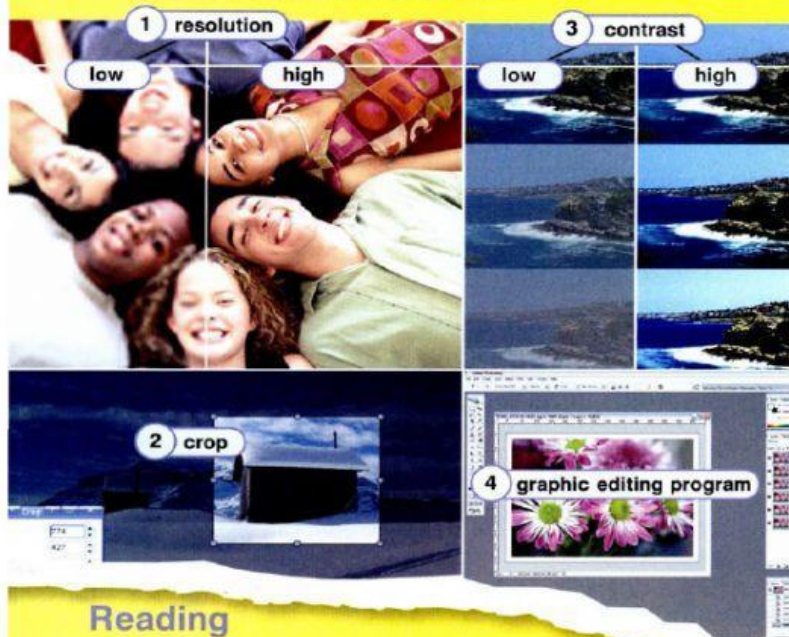


Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some reasons people edit images?
- 2 How do people edit their pictures?



Nowadays, anyone can edit **graphics**. But new users encounter many difficulties. Here are some common problems and solutions:

Problem: The image is dark or has a strange **tint**.

Cause: Poor **exposure** or bad lighting.

Solution: Adjust the **contrast** using a **graphic editing program**.

Problem: There is white space around the image.

Solution: **Crop** the picture. This removes unnecessary parts.

Problem: The photograph is blurry.

Cause: Low **resolution**.

Solution: Increase the number of **pixels** in the image. This makes it sharper. Or **resize** the picture and make it smaller. Also, save the photo as a **JPEG** file. This format creates high quality photographs.

Reading

2 Read the article from Graphic Arts Magazine. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the article mostly about?
 - A why people edit graphics
 - B how to edit graphics
 - C the causes of poor exposure
 - D how to crop a picture
- 2 According to the article, how can you remove unwanted parts of images?
 - A crop the picture
 - B resize the image
 - C save the picture as a JPEG
 - D increase the number of pixels
- 3 According to the article, what is NOT a way to fix a blurry photo?
 - A resize the photo
 - B increase the lighting
 - C save in JPEG format
 - D increase the amount of pixels

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 __ pixel | 4 __ graphics |
| 2 __ exposure | 5 __ resolution |
| 3 __ JPEG | 6 __ tint |

- A images on a computer, in a book or magazine, etc.
- B a small dot that makes up part of an image on a computer screen
- C a file used to store pictures on a computer
- D the length of time film is open to light when taking a picture
- E a small amount of a color in something
- F a computer or camera's ability to produce a clear picture



- 4 Fill in the blanks with the words and phrases from the word bank.

Word Bank

graphic editing program
contrast resize crop

- 1 It's hard to see the details of this picture. Please _____ it so that it is bigger.
- 2 I want to edit my pictures. I need a _____.
- 3 I don't like the background of this picture. Let's _____ it out.
- 4 This picture is too dark. Make the _____ a little lighter.

- 5 Listen and read the article from Graphic Arts Magazine again. What might be the reason for a blurry photograph?

Listening

- 6 Listen to a telephone conversation between a customer and an IT worker. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 — Cropping a picture fixes poor exposure.
- 2 — An editing program lets you change aspects of a picture.
- 3 — Saving photos as JPEGs will keep them from being too blurry.

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

IT Worker: Thanks for calling Picture Perfect's support center. How can I help you?

Customer: I want to put a picture on my website, but it's too dark. Is there a way to fix 1 _____?

IT Worker: Do you have a 2 _____ program?

Customer: Yes, but I never use it. I just don't know how.

IT Worker: No problem. 3 _____ the file with the program and find the contrast controls.

Customer: Is that in the 4 _____?

IT Worker: It is. Increase the 5 _____ to lighten the picture.

Customer: Great! Thanks.

Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Is there a way to fix poor exposure?
Do you have a graphic editing program?
Increase the contrast to lighten the picture.

Student A: You are a support center worker. Student B needs help editing a photograph. Talk about:

- what the editing software is
- what the problem is
- how to fix the problem

Student B: You are a customer calling Picture Perfect's support center. Answer Student A's questions.

Writing

- 9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to complete the note.



Support Center

Customer Issue: Picture too _____.

Does customer have a _____ to edit pictures? Y/N

Advice given: _____
_____ . This fixes the poor _____.