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Speaking

Photo comparison

I can describe, compare and contrast photos.

- 1 Complete the phrases with the words below. Tick the phrases that are used for describing differences.

both can contrast first obvious
photos second theme Unlike

- 1 Both ☐ show ... ☐
2 In ☐ to the first photo, the second photo ... ☐
3 In ☐ photos, there are ... ☐
4 In the first photo ... , but in the ☐ photo, ... ☐
5 One ☐ difference is (that) ... ☐
6 The common ☐ in the photos is ... ☐
7 The ☐ photo shows ... , whereas the second photo shows ... ☐
8 ☐ the first photo, the second photo shows ... ☐
9 You ☐ see ... in both photos. ☐

- 2 Look at photos A and B and complete the description with the words below.

children country enjoying fun judging jumping
must see shows throwing wearing

The first photo ☐ two little girls. They are in the ☐ walking on a path. It ☐ be raining because the path is very wet and muddy. In the second photo I can ☐ a man and a woman. They are playing in the snow.

Both photos show two people having ☐ in bad weather. In the first photo, the girls are ☐ in a puddle. In the second photo, the man is ☐ a snowball at the woman. You can see trees in both photos. In both photos, the people are ☐ warm coats. The obvious difference is that they are ☐ in the first photo, but adults in the second. ☐ by their expressions, I'd say they are ☐ themselves.



Speaking Strategy

When you do a photo comparison task, follow these steps:

- 1 Describe each photo in general (e.g. mention the people, where they are, speculate about what is happening, etc.).
- 2 Describe any obvious differences or similarities between the photos.
- 3 Speculate about how the people in the photo are feeling, or what they are thinking or saying.

- 3 Read the Speaking Strategy and the task. Then write notes for your answer.

Describe and compare the two photos, C and D.



- 1 First photo: Description _____

- 2 Second photo: Description _____

- 3 Obvious differences and similarities _____

- 4 How are the people feeling? _____

- 4 Now do the task from exercise 3 using your notes.