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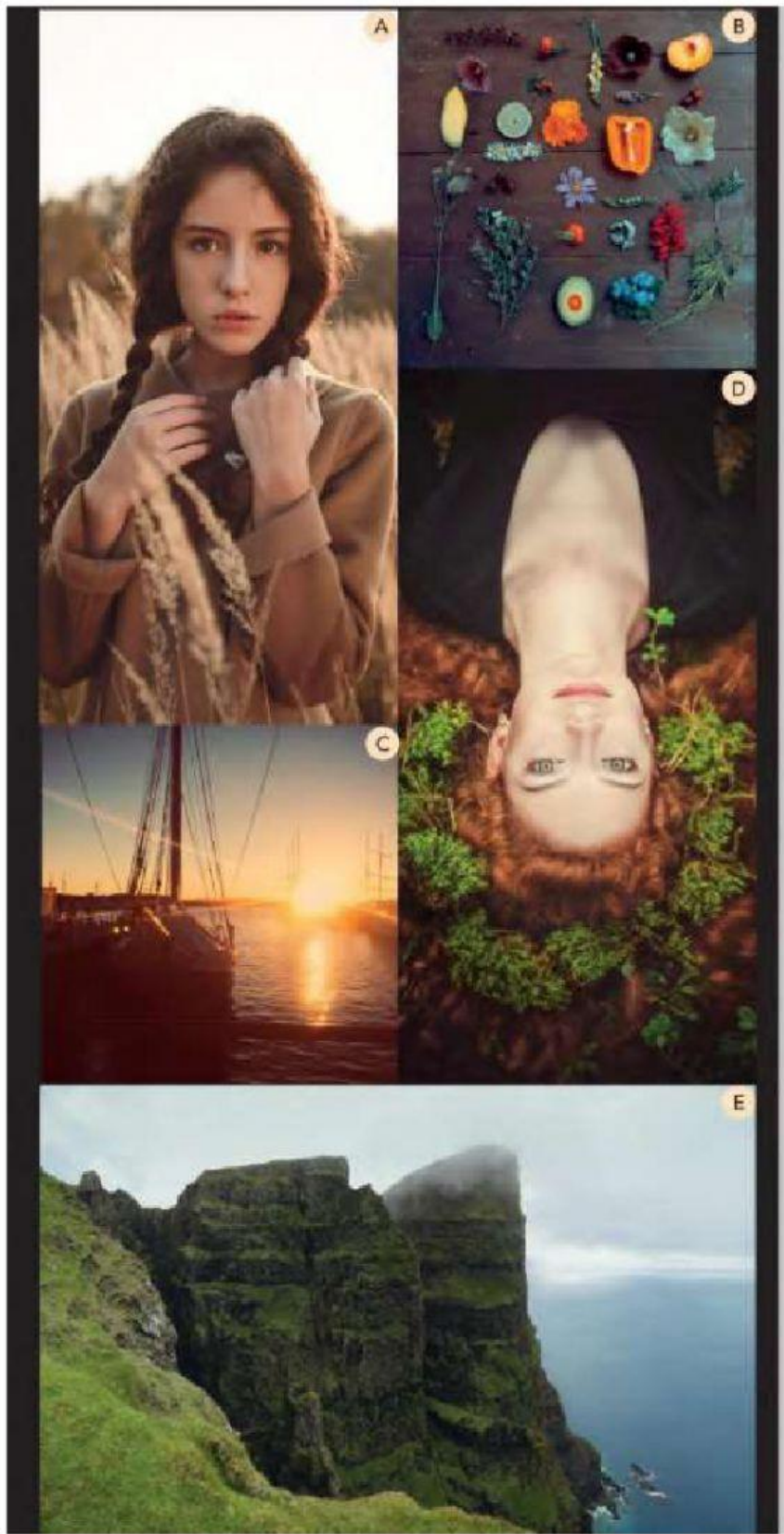
Have a look at the photo. Where do you think it was taken?

The dangerous art of the selfie

Jane Wakefield

A lot of people have died this year while ¹ **making / taking** selfies. In Moscow, a university graduate died after trying to take a selfie while he was hanging from a bridge. In Australia, a very fragile and unstable rock that looks like a wedding cake was closed to the public because too many people were climbing it to take wedding photos of themselves. And in Colorado, USA, officials had to close a park after several people were caught getting a little too close to the wildlife. 'We've seen people using selfie sticks to ² **do / take** a photo of themselves with the bears ³ **in the foreground / in the background**. Sometimes they get as close as three metres,' said recreation manager Brandon Ransom. So why are some people willing to risk their life to take the ultimate selfie? Lee Thompson's selfie ⁴ **on top of / in front of** the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro went viral. 'People see how pictures like mine spread across the world, and they see a way to make themselves famous for 15 minutes,' he said.

Have a look at the following photos and choose one you like best. Explain your choice.



Listen to Darja giving some tips to taking photos.

- ☐ Don't think twice.
- ☐ Don't stick to one style.
- ☐ Don't use zoom.
- ☐ Light is important.
- ☐ Learn about your phone camera.
- ☐ Be ready.
- ☐ Make your pictures come alive.
- ☐ Select and edit.
- ☐ Use the grid.
- ☐ Choose unique angles.

d Listen again. Complete some details from each tip.

- 1 Keep your phone in _____ mode, so it's ready when you unlock it.
- 2 You can always _____ a picture if you don't like it.
- 3 Know the _____ and _____ of your phone camera.
- 4 If you want to take a _____, move nearer.
- 5 You can improve a boring photo if you use _____ well.
- 6 It's also important to be able to take photos _____ using the grid.
- 7 Try taking a photo from a _____ view.
- 8 Learn to develop your unique _____.
- 9 Use _____ to help you to edit your photos.
- 10 Print your photos, don't just look at your photos on a _____.

e Are there any of Darja's tips that you might use next time you take a photo?

prepositions

prepositions of place

She sat **in** the square and watched the tourists.
There's a box **under** your bed.
You'll find some cash **inside** my purse.
The cups are **on** that shelf there.
There's a man standing **in front of** the gate.

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change.

prepositions of movement



The plane flew **over** the city.

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He ran **across** the road.



He walked **through** the door.



Go **along** the street, **past** the chemist's.




Don't run **down** the steps. You'll fall.

dependent prepositions after verbs and adjectives

- 1 We **waited for** the film to start.
Everybody **laughed at** me.
- 2 I'm **worried about** my camera – the flash isn't working.
Lily's **interested in** astrology.
- 3 Tony's **good at spending** other people's money.
She **believes in taking** lots of pictures and then **choosing** the best.

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 The verbs *ask*, *discuss*, *enter*, *marry*, and *tell* have no preposition, e.g.

I **asked** Jack a question. **NOT** *asked to*

We **discussed** the situation. **NOT** *discussed about*

The police officers **entered** the building. **NOT** *entered in*

She **married** her personal trainer. **NOT** *married with*

The photographer **told everyone** to smile. **NOT** *told to everyone*

a Complete the story with the correct preposition.

across onto under into (x2) down off towards
next to round on between in

The mouse ran *down* the stairs, ¹ _____ the corridor, and ² _____ the kitchen. It jumped ³ _____ the table, and ran ⁴ _____ the salt and pepper and ⁵ _____ the coffee pot. There was some cheese ⁶ _____ a plate. The mouse took a piece, jumped ⁷ _____ the table, and disappeared ⁸ _____ the door. Then it ran ⁹ _____ the garden and stopped ¹⁰ _____ the gate. But unfortunately, two cats were hiding ¹¹ _____ the grass, and they started to creep ¹² _____ the mouse...



b Complete the sentences with the correct preposition. Write – if no preposition is needed.

She paid *for* my flight home.

1 I'm tired _____ all this work – I'm ready _____ a holiday!

2 I'm not looking forward _____ apologizing _____ what happened.

3 He's very proud _____ his new phone.

4 We need to discuss _____ the problems with our IT department.

5 Mum! Josh won't share his sweets _____ me!

6 You can't always rely _____ the buses here – they're often late.

7 I don't know what you're talking _____.

8 The pilot told us not to worry _____ the turbulence.

9 Who's responsible _____ updating the website?

10 Let's not argue _____ it now – let's wait _____ the boss to get here.

11 Sarah married _____ Anthony in July this year.

12 I'm interested _____ photography, but I'm not very good _____ taking photographs!