

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

PRACTICE

1. Practice some expression used to describe pictures. Put the missing expression in the correct spaces on the picture

On the left

On the right

In the top right corner

In the top left corner

In the middle/In the centre

At the top

At the bottom

In the bottom left corner

In the bottom right corner

In the background

In the foreground



2. We usually start by describing what we can actually see, a physical objective description. We use “This photo/picture shows...”, “It was taken by...”, “It’s a black-and-white/ a colored picture”. We also need to describe what people or animals are doing. Complete the text with expression from exercise 1.

This photo shows two women sitting on a bench outdoors. They are occupying most of the picture. They seem to be in a town square or park. and right sides we can see the ground, covered in grass, dirt or pebbles. we can see part of another bench and some bushes and , there are legs. I’m not sure if there are two people taking to each other or one in front of a tree. of the photo, behind the sitting women there is a big tree trunk with old rough bark. there are more benches and probably trees, maybe with more people sitting and walking. The women are looking straight at the camera and they are wearing what seems like some type of traditional clothes. They are wearing a dress or skirt and top under a coat-like piece. All the items are black but they are decorated with colorful embroidered flowers and leaves-one dress in green and the other in blue and yellow. They are also wearing a beautiful white laced tulle as a headdress. Their dark hair is curled into two Shirley temple curls on the sides of the face. They are holding a red leaflet. [...]

3. After describing what we can see, we are expected to add our thoughts and impressions about the picture and the topic or issue it represents.

Complete the text with expressions such as “It seems that”, “he/she seems to...”, “it might be” “maybe...”, “I like...”, “I don’t like...”, “I think...”, “it reminds me of...”, “it makes me think of”, “I wonder...”,

[...] Judging by the type of clothes and hairdo, that these women are from one of the countries in the South Caucasian region, Azerbaijan, Turkey or Armenia. I know they have very beautiful and colorful traditional clothes there. Because they are relaxing in a park with a brochure people sightseeing while on holiday, so if they are tourists or just locals in a celebration day. The coloring those old black-and-white photos artificially colored or on the first colored photos taken between the 19th and early 20th century, so a very old photo. If so, it was a good idea to take this photo, since some traditions-whether it’s clothes, customs, language, or music- in many countries or regions are disappearing and having a record of them helps preserve them and support cultural diversity.

SPEAKING

4. Now you can describe the next picture.

If you are using Chrome you can record your description directly after clicking on the microphone.

If you are using a different option, you can record your voice on you mobile phone, tablet, computer, etc. and upload it to Dropbox or Google drive to create a link. Then paste that link below so that you teacher can open it or download it.

