



When I say I want to photograph someone, what it really means is that I'd like to know them.

Annie Leibovitz, American photographer

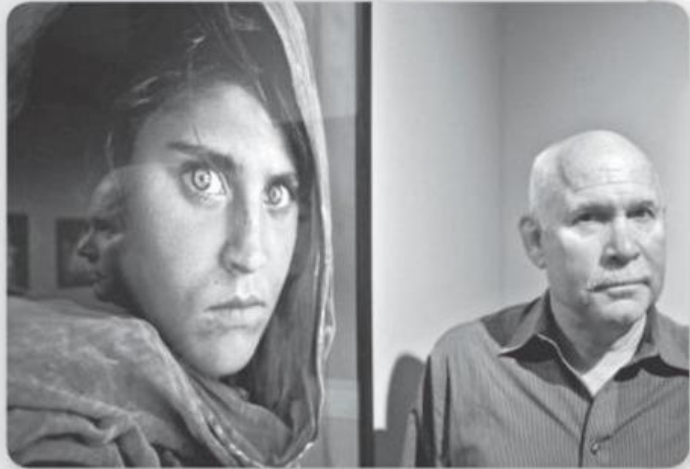
3B In the picture

1 READING

- a Read the text quickly. Which information is not revealed about the *Afghan Girl*?
- 1 what she is called
 - 2 how old she was when the photo was taken
 - 3 whether she has a family
 - 4 where she lives now

Who is the *Afghan Girl*?

In June 1985, a photograph of a young woman appeared on the front cover of the *National Geographic* magazine. The image showed a face with a pair of striking green eyes staring directly into the camera. A red scarf hung loosely over her



hair. The title of the picture was *Afghan Girl*, and today it is regarded as one of the most viewed photographs in the world. So, who took it and what is the story behind it?

The photograph was taken by American photojournalist Steve McCurry. In 1984, he was sent to Afghanistan to take a series of photos reflecting the conflict in the area. McCurry spent most of his time on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where there were a number of refugee camps. It was in one of these camps that he met the girl in the photograph. Realizing that she was very shy, he did not approach her at first. Instead he started photographing her classmates, hoping to arouse her curiosity. Eventually, she came up to him and agreed to have her photo taken.

Almost as soon as the photograph was published, the magazine received hundreds of enquiries about the girl's identity. But McCurry had not asked her name and so he could not answer. That is, until 2002, when *National Geographic* sent him to Afghanistan on an assignment to try and find her. With no name, no address, and no information about what tribe she came from, this was not an easy task. All McCurry and his team could do was to visit the refugee camps and show her photo to the remaining inhabitants. Many women claimed that they were the girl in the picture, but McCurry was not convinced. Then one day, he spoke to a man who said that he knew her brother. A message was sent to her hometown, and some time later, a much older version of the girl in the picture walked through McCurry's door.

The photographer discovered that the woman's name was Sharbat Gula. She had only been 12 years old when he had taken her photograph, but now she was 30 and had three daughters of her own. She had returned to Afghanistan from the refugee camp in 1992 and she was living in a remote region of the country with her husband, a baker. Sharbat recalled being photographed by McCurry, but she had never seen her famous portrait before.

Since their meeting, McCurry and his team are continually in contact with Sharbat. *National Geographic* has paid her for the photograph, so she has been able to send her daughters to school. However, the magazine is keeping the location of her hometown a secret to protect her privacy.

- b** Read the text again and choose a, b, or c.
- 1 The most remarkable thing about the photo is...
 - a her hair.
 - b her clothes.
 - c her eyes.
 - 2 The photographer did not take the girl's picture immediately because...
 - a he wanted to give her time to get used to him.
 - b he didn't notice her at first.
 - c she refused to be photographed.
 - 3 It was hard for the photographer to find the girl again because...
 - a he wasn't allowed to talk to the refugees.
 - b a lot of Afghan women looked like her.
 - c he didn't know anything about her.
 - 4 When the photographer found Sharbat Gula, she was living...
 - a in a different refugee camp.
 - b in an isolated part of Afghanistan.
 - c in a different country.
 - 5 What is the photographer's attitude towards Sharbat Gula today?
 - a He is concerned about her and her family's future.
 - b He is keen to take more photographs of her.
 - c He is grateful to her for making him famous.

c Match the **highlighted** words and phrases in the text to the definitions below.

- 1 remembered _____
- 2 said that something is true _____
- 3 very noticeable _____
- 4 the state of being alone and not disturbed by other people _____
- 5 make somebody want to know something _____
- 6 a job that you are given to do _____
- 7 go near to somebody _____
- 8 questions _____

2 **VOCABULARY** photography

a Complete the description of the photo.



This photo was taken in a garden. ¹In the foreground, there's a woman and the trunk of a tree that has been cut down. The trunk is ²i_____ th_____ b_____ r_____ -h_____ c_____ of the photo and the woman is standing ³b_____ it. She's leaning on the tree trunk with her left hand ⁴o_____ t_____ o_____ it. She's holding out her other hand. ⁵I_____ th_____ c_____ of the photo is an older man. He looks much smaller than the woman because he's ⁶i_____ th_____ d_____. It looks as if he is standing on the woman's hand. There's a bush ⁷i_____ fr_____ o_____ the man, and ⁸o_____ the woman there's a wall with a lot of flowers planted in it. ⁹I_____ th_____ b_____, there are a lot of trees and ¹⁰i_____ th_____ t_____ l_____ -h_____ c_____, there's a large white house.

b Complete the sentences with the words in the list.

blurred enlarge flash lenses out of focus
portrait setting zoom in

- 1 I moved when I was taking the photo, so the image is blurred.
- 2 I use different _____, depending on the shot I want.
- 3 I wanted to take a close-up of my boyfriend, so I used the _____.
- 4 I'm going to _____ this photo and frame it for my parents as a present.
- 5 The people are too far away because I didn't _____ on them.
- 6 The photo is very dark because I didn't use the _____.
- 7 I didn't use the right setting, so the building is _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

- a Underline the stressed syllable in the words. Then write them in the correct column in the table.

auto|mat|ic back|ground be|hind fore|ground
 pho|to|col|py pho|to|ge|nic pho|to|gra|pher
 pho|to|gra|phic pho|to|gra|ph pho|to|gra|phy

| Stress on first syllable | Stress on second syllable | Stress on third syllable |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | <u>automatic</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

4 GRAMMAR prepositions

- a Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs and the correct prepositions.



climb cycle dance fall run sit stand
swim walk across along down in front of
next to over past round up

- 1 The cat climbed up the tree.
- 2 We _____ the bridge.
- 3 The dog _____ the river.
- 4 Mark _____ Sophie in the café.
- 5 They _____ the pavement.
- 6 The band _____ us.
- 7 He _____ a parked car.
- 8 They _____ the fire.
- 9 She _____ the stairs.

- b** Complete the sentences with a word from the list, and a preposition if necessary.

arrived asked belong entered married
paid proud spend told worried

- 1 Who does this camera belong to?
- 2 Everybody stopped talking when we entered the room.
- 3 They're very _____ their son because he has been very successful.
- 4 We _____ our meal by credit card.

- 5 The police officer _____ everyone to go home.
- 6 That actress is _____ a famous singer.
- 7 I'm very _____ my final exams.
- 8 When the taxi driver stopped we _____ a receipt.
- 9 How much money do you _____ food each month?
- 10 I _____ the hotel too late to call my parents.

c Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word(s) in brackets.

- 1 Holly wants to do a photography course. (interested)
Holly is interested in doing a photography course.
- 2 I can't wait to go on holiday. (looking forward)
I'm _____ on holiday.
- 3 My boyfriend can't draw very well. (good)
My boyfriend isn't _____.

4 My friend said that I had broken her camera. (blamed)

My friend _____
her camera.

5 I think it's important to have a healthy diet. (believe)

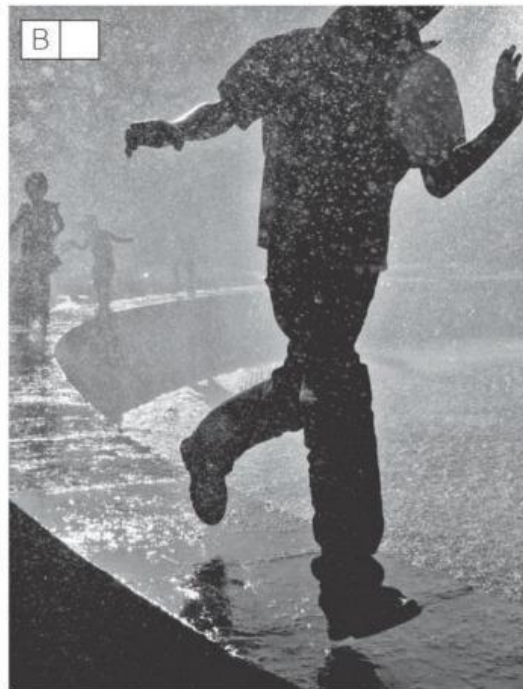
I _____ a healthy diet.

6 He said sorry because he had forgotten my name. (apologized)

He _____ my name.

5 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to a two people talking about a photo exhibition.
Number the photos 1–3 in the order they are mentioned.



b Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Next year's Photo Exhibition in the village hall will be in _____.
- 2 The tall building in Photo 1 is _____ building in the world.
- 3 Jack thinks Photo 1 will not look good if you _____.
- 4 Photo 2 _____ at sunset.
- 5 The hills in _____ make Photo 2 wild and mysterious.
- 6 Jane thinks the fountain in Photo 3 is not _____ enough for the theme of the exhibition.
- 7 Jack is worried that the _____ will be too big when they enlarge the photo.
- 8 They finally choose the photo with the _____.