

VOCABULARY

IMAGES

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- The image of the exhausted soldiers was frighteningly *iconic*/*striking*.
- He found the portraits of the boys on the beach *provocative*/*evocative* of his childhood holidays.
- We went to an exhibition of *revealing*/*iconic* portraits by unknown photographers.
- The close-up *revealing*/*captures the beauty* of the model, doesn't it?
- I find her work shocking. It's too *provocative*/*iconic*.
- Dorothea Lange took some of the most *captures the beauty*/*iconic* pictures of 1930s USA.

FUNCTION

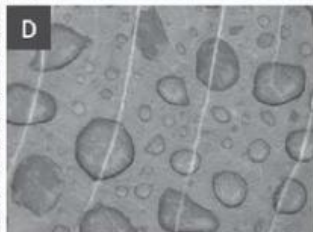
SPECULATING

2 Match the beginnings of conversations 1–6 with the responses a)–f).

- Do you think there's any chance that we'll win the cup?
- What's that on the horizon? Can you see?
- Have you got the time on you?
- What do you think about that hotel over there?
- It's Mahbek. He wants to know when we'll get there.
- Have you seen the queue?

- Yes, it gives me the impression that we might have to wait for some time.
- I'd say that it's definitely expensive. Look at those chandeliers!
- No, I haven't. But I'd hazard a guess that it's about lunchtime.
- If I had to make a guess, I'd say we'll be with him in an hour.
- I reckon there's a fair chance of it, yeah. We've played well all season.
- I wonder if it could be a fishing boat.

3 Look at the pictures. Make two sentences about each one using the prompts.



1 guess / could / be

2 hazard / guess / that

3 wonder / if

4 reckon / it

5 seems / to / me

6 gives / impression / that

7 pretty sure / it

8 had / make / guess / say

LEARN TO

USE VAGUE LANGUAGE

4 A 1.2 Listen to the conversation. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- Anna is on her way to visit Francesca.
- They are planning to go out to eat somewhere.
- Anna can't stand spicy food.

B Listen again. What exactly do they say? Complete the extracts.

- I'll see you here at about _____ then.
- I need to pick up a _____ of things ...
- I've got plenty of _____ to be getting on with here.
- I've just got to finish some work and sort the kitchen out and stuff _____.
- Do you want me to bring anything, you _____, ...
- ... any kind of food or _____ like that?
- Oh, there's one _____ I was going to ask.
- Are you OK with spicy food? You know, chilli and _____?

C Find examples of vague language in the sentences above and write them under the headings below.

vague nouns: (e.g. *thing, stuff, bit, something*)

quantifiers: (e.g. *one or two, a few, a couple of, a lot*)

vague numbers: (e.g. *around, about fifty, more or less*)

generalisers: (e.g. *sort of, kind of, you know*)

list completers: (e.g. *and stuff, and so on, or something*)