VOCABULARY

IMAGES

1 **Underline the correct alternative.**

1 The image of the exhausted soldiers was frighteningly *iconic/striking*.
2 He found the portraits of the boys on the beach *provocative/evocative* of his childhood holidays.
3 We went to an exhibition of *revealing/iconic* portraits by unknown photographers.
4 The close-up *revealing/captures the beauty* of the model, doesn't it?
5 I find her work shocking. It's too *provocative/iconic*.
6 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).**

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

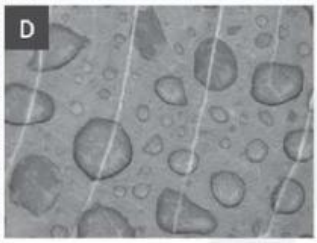
a) Yes, it gives me the impression that we might have to wait for some time.
b) I'd say that it's definitely expensive. Look at those chandeliers!
c) No, I haven't. But I'd hazard a guess that it's about lunchtime.
d) If I had to make a guess, I'd say we'll be with him in an hour.
e) I reckon there's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

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

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

1 I'll see you here at about _____ then.
2 I need to pick up a _____ of things …
3 I've got plenty of _____ to be getting on with here.
4 I've just got to finish some work and sort the kitchen out and stuff _____.
5 Do you want me to bring anything, you _____, …
6 … any kind of food or _____ like that?
7 Oh, there's one _____ I was going to ask.
8 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*)

_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS