

Describing pictures

Place

- Where is this? Outside or inside?
- What can you see? Buildings, the nature, a room, objects, animals?
- Describe the details.
- What colours are there?
- Use some adjectives to describe the place

Time

- Is it present, past or future?
- What season is it?
- What part of the day is it?
- What's the time?
- How can you tell?

Weather

- What's the weather like?
- What season is it?
- What's the temperature? Is it hot or cold?

Senses

- What can the people hear, smell, taste, feel?

People

- Number: How many people are there?
- Characters: Who are they?
- Age: How old are they?
- Company: Who is with them?
- Appearance: What do they look like?
- Feelings: What are they feeling?

Actions

- What are the people doing?
- What else is happening? (Use the Present Continuous)
- What was the cause?
- What is the effect?
- Why was this picture taken?

You can use time phrases to give your story a sense of chronology:

first	finally
firstly	in the end
first of all	at that moment
at first	while...
second(ly)	one evening / morning
soon	meanwhile
after that	the next day
suddenly	when
then	before...
next	later
during...	as soon as



You can use different words to make your story more interesting:

- Adjectives: young, old, big, dark, afraid, early, small, fantastic, bad, interesting, lovely, usual, boring, relaxed, clean, busy, fast, funny, dangerous...
- Adverbs: quickly, slowly, happily, fast, hard, well, mostly, luckily, badly, absolutely, very, really, much, only, (not) so, every, a bit, more, less, surprisingly...
- Verbs: come, go, wait, talk, think, decide, look, smile, surprise, touch, see, feel, hear, order, plan, try, enjoy, shout, watch, beg, say, push, clean, open...

My feelings, experience

- What do you think of the situation?
- How do you feel about it? Comment on it.
- Have you ever been in a similar situation?
- What was it like?
- What did you do?
- How did you feel?

When you don't know what to say, buy yourself time and use these hesitation strategies:

Well,	Just a moment/Hang on a second.	Maybe
Um,	I'm not really sure.	What else?
Er,	Well, let me think.	(All) right,
Let's see,	You see what I mean?	Basically,
I mean,	Is that understandable?	I don't know.
I guess,	Was I clear to you?	Ok.
You know,	Now, where was I ?	
So,	I have to think about this.	

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