

**Tips on how to
describe pictures
successfully**

Tip 1

**Scan the picture and identify the topic:
Sometimes there is a title or sentence that helps you**

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EXAMPLE:

“In this worksheet there are two pictures. They show different kinds of shops.”



Tip 2

Talk briefly about each of the pictures on the worksheet:

Locate them within the worksheet: Say which picture you are going to talk about.

Don't point at the picture!

AT THE TOP

**ON THE
LEFT**

IN THE CENTRE

**ON THE
RIGHT**

AT THE BOTTOM

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EXAMPLE:

“The picture at the top
The picture at the bottom”



Tip 2.1

Talk briefly about each of the pictures on the worksheet:

Describe, compare or contrast the pictures

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EXAMPLE:

“The picture at the top of the worksheet shows a small clothes shop.
The picture at the bottom shows a modern shopping centre.”



Tip 2.2

To describe, compare or contrast the pictures, use **DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS & LINKING WORDS.**

The picture shows ...

We can see ...

There is / are ...

It seems ...

It looks like ...

similar to

the same as

like

in the same way

whereas

instead of

on the other hand

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EXAMPLE:

“In this worksheet there are two pictures. They show different kinds of shops. The picture at the top of the worksheet shows a small clothes shop.

ON THE OTHER HAND, the picture at the bottom shows a modern shopping centre.”



Tip 3

Talk about the topic.

Tip 4

Develop your ideas.

**Use linking words to
develop and connect your
ideas**

ADDING

and

also

as well as

too

ILLUSTRATING

for example

such as

for instance

Other useful expressions

but

however

although

because

so

Tip 5

Give your opinion on the topic / picture

Useful expressions

In my opinion, ...

From my point of view, ...

I think ...

I like/don't like the picture because ...

- 1. Scan the picture and identify the topic.**
- 2. Talk briefly about each of the pictures.**
- 3. Talk about the topic.**
- 4. Develop your ideas.**
- 5. Give your opinion briefly.**

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