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Student's Worksheet

Popis obrázku – technika

Description of a picture

Task 1: Describe the picture:



It seems to be easy. It's a picture of a happy family sitting on a lawn in front of their house. But did you really describe it fluently, in details, showing the richness of your word power and correct grammar structures?

The sentence: **"It's a picture of a happy family sitting on a lawn in front of their house."** is a good beginning. You should start with general information, but then you should go on speaking about it in more details.

Here are several questions you should answer in your description:

- 1) Who/what?
- 2) Where?
- 3) When?
- 4) What are they doing?
- 5) What do they look like?
- 6) What are they wearing?
- 7) How do they feel?
- 8) Would you like to be there?

Task 2: Use the questions for describing the picture in task 1:

And now here are some useful structures and linking words you can use in your description:

Ad 1) In the picture there is (are)...

The picture shows...

Ad 2) This photo was probably taken in/by...

On the right/on the left/in the middle there is/are (we can see)...

In the background/in the foreground there is/are (we can see)...

To the right/left of sb./st. there is/are (we can see)...

At the top/at the bottom there is/are (we can see)...

Behind/in front of/between there is/are (we can see)...

In the top left/right corner there is/are (we can see)...

In the bottom left/right corner there is/are (we can see)...

Ad 3) It's in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening,
at night...

Ad 4) Use **the present continuous tense** – you are saying what's happening just now when you are watching the picture. E.g.: They are sitting, smiling etc.

Ad 5) Describe the persons – their age, figure, faces

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Ad 6) Describe their clothes

Ad 7) E.g.: They feel happy, satisfied, relaxed, they are optimistic about the future

Ad 8) Say if you would like to be there with them or in their place and why or why not.

If you are not sure what is there in the picture you can use some of these expressions:

It seems as if ...

The lady seems to ...

She looks as if ...

Maybe ...

Perhaps...

probably

I think ...

I suppose...

I believe...

It looks like...(a restaurant)

It looks as if...

It might be..

It can't be...

To speak fluently you can use some of these expressions:

The atmosphere is peaceful/depressing ...

I (don't) like the picture because ...

It makes me think of ...

On the one hand ... and on the other hand...

In my opinion...

To my mind...

It must be...



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According to me...

As far as I am concerned...

Grammar:

As it was said above, use the present continuous tense for the description, use the present simple to talk about feelings or states, use correct verb forms, correct prepositions. Try to express your taste using e.g.: I like + noun / verb-ing..., I am fond of + noun / verb-ing ...

Vocabulary:

Show how rich your word power is. Use as many adjectives as possible. If possible use phrasal verbs. Don't repeat the same words all the time, use synonyms. Try to avoid "common" words, e.g.: good, nice and use e.g.: marvellous, wonderful etc. instead.



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Comparing two pictures

For this task you will need the language of comparison and to link contrasting ideas together. At first say how the pictures are similar then speak about the differences.

Task 2: Compare these two photos.

Advice: Don't describe the photos, contrast them. E.g.:

The man is much older than the children.

The first photo shows three children on the other hand the man in the second photo is alone.

Here are some expressions to link contrasting ideas together:

On the one hand... on the other hand

While...

But...

Whereas...

Although...

Though...

However,...

Grammar

Again as in the description of a picture, use the present continuous tense for the description, use the present simple to talk about feelings or states, use correct verb forms, correct prepositions.

Try to show how rich your vocabulary is.