



DESCRIBE & ANALYSE A PICTURE

STEP 1 Identification

- **Type** of document: a painting / a drawing / a photograph / a picture / a cartoon / a comic strip → Coloured or black and white.
- **Date**: it was published/posted **on** 24th September 2019/September 14th, 2022 (= **what you write**)
on the twenty fourth **of** September twenty nineteen (= **what you say**)
it was published/posted **in** November 2019/**in** 2022.
... on + website (ex: on guardian.com)
... in + book, printed newspaper, magazine (ex: in *The Guardian*)
- **Topic**/issue: it is about.../ it deals with.../it tackles...
Do not go into any details.

STEP 2 Description

Do not get straight to the point. Describe context before you get to essential parts.

- **Who?** The characters, their appearance, ...
- **What?** What's happening, what the characters are doing, their positions
- **When?** The moment of the action (**At** night / **During** the day/ **In** the morning / afternoon / evening).
- **Where?** Locate in space > see the list of prepositions

Try not to use "we can see" or "there is/are" repeatedly as there are more authentic ways to describe.
e.g. ~~We can see a man in the middle with a gun~~ -> In the middle, a man is holding a gun.

- At this stage, you can start presenting your **hypotheses** or **interpretations**

Maybe / Perhaps + S + V

It might / may / must + V

It seems obvious that...

STEP 3 Analysis

- **Clarify context**, provide information (from your lessons or personal knowledge) that sheds light on the moment which is pictured to make it more meaningful
- **Identify the tone and purpose** of the document: decorative picture? Humour? Satire? Information? Propaganda?
- **Understand the aim** of the author: producing an aesthetic effect? Informing? Criticizing? Promoting something?

The author wants to + V....

He intends to + V....

He aims at + Ving/ He aims to + V...

- **What is the effect** of the document on you? Personal reaction, your impressions:

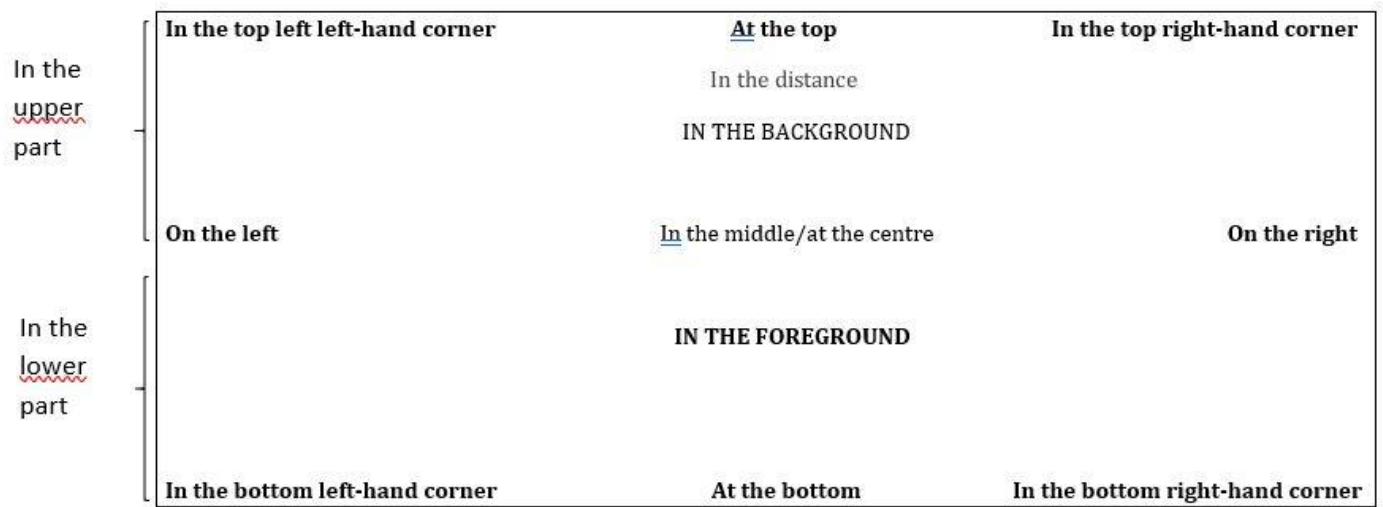
To look + adj. Ex: It is/seems/looks scary, funny... (avoir l'air, présenter une apparence...)

To look like + noun (ressembler à)

To seem to + verb (sembler + V)

I feel...I think...I believe...it is effective (efficace)/relevant (pertinent) because...

POSITION IN SPACE



- Above : au-dessus de
- Across : à travers (surface plane)
- Against : contre, à côté
- Along : côte à côte
- Among : parmi
- Around : autour
- At : à
- Behind : derrière
- Below : en dessous
- Beneath : au-dessous de
- Beside : à côté
- Between : entre
- Beyond : au-delà de
- Close to : à côté de
- Down : en bas
- Far from : loin de
- From : de (provenance)
- In front of : devant
- Inside : à l'intérieur de
- In : dans
- Into : dans (idée de mouvement)
- Near : près de
- Next to : à côté de
- Off : à distance de
- On : sur
- Onto : sur (idée de mouvement)
- Opposite : à l'opposé de/en face de
- Out of : hors de
- Outside : dehors/à l'extérieur de
- Over : au-dessus
- Past : à côté
- Round : autour de
- Through : à travers (surface pleine)
- To : vers
- Towards : dans la direction de
- Under : sous
- Underneath : en dessous de
- Up : de haut en bas