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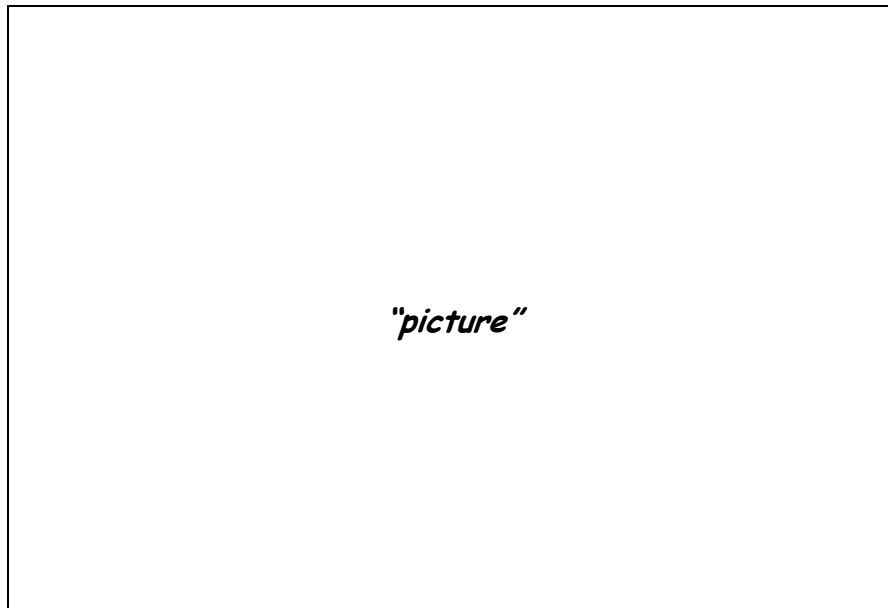
Describing Pictures (1)

Why do you think is it necessary to be able to describe a picture?

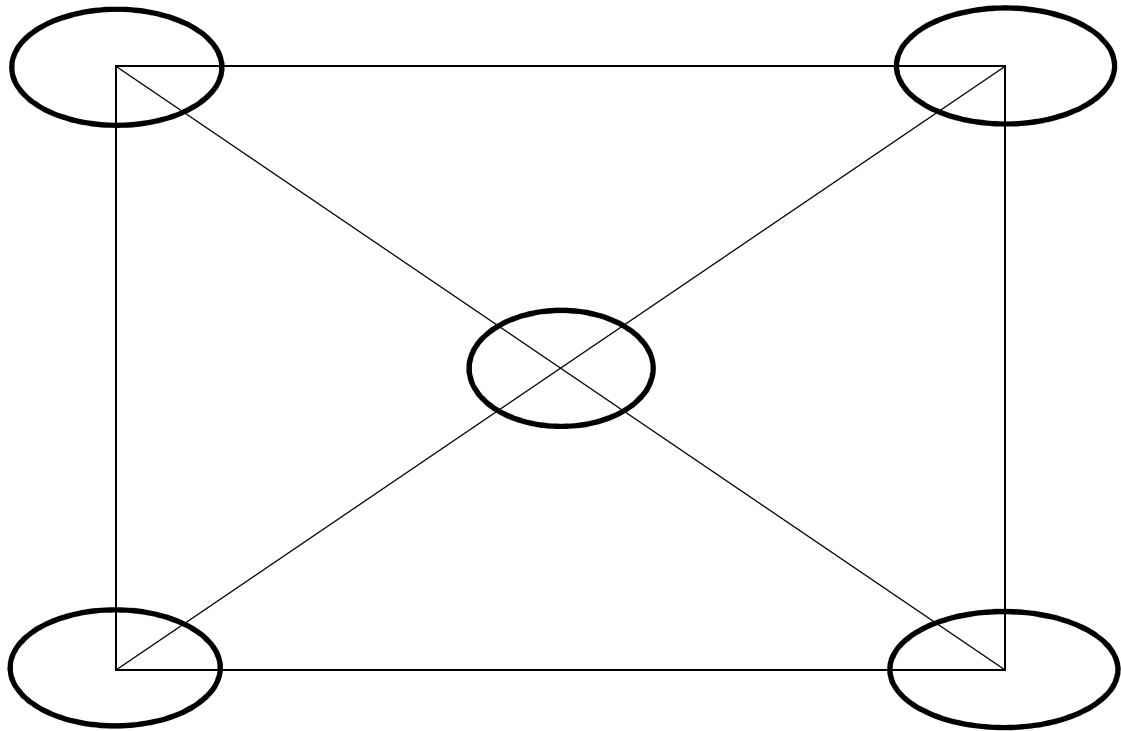
1. At first you say very generally and in one sentence what the picture is about.
e.g.: *I think/ believe the picture/ cartoon/ painting/ photo/ drawing/ poster shows/ is about ...*

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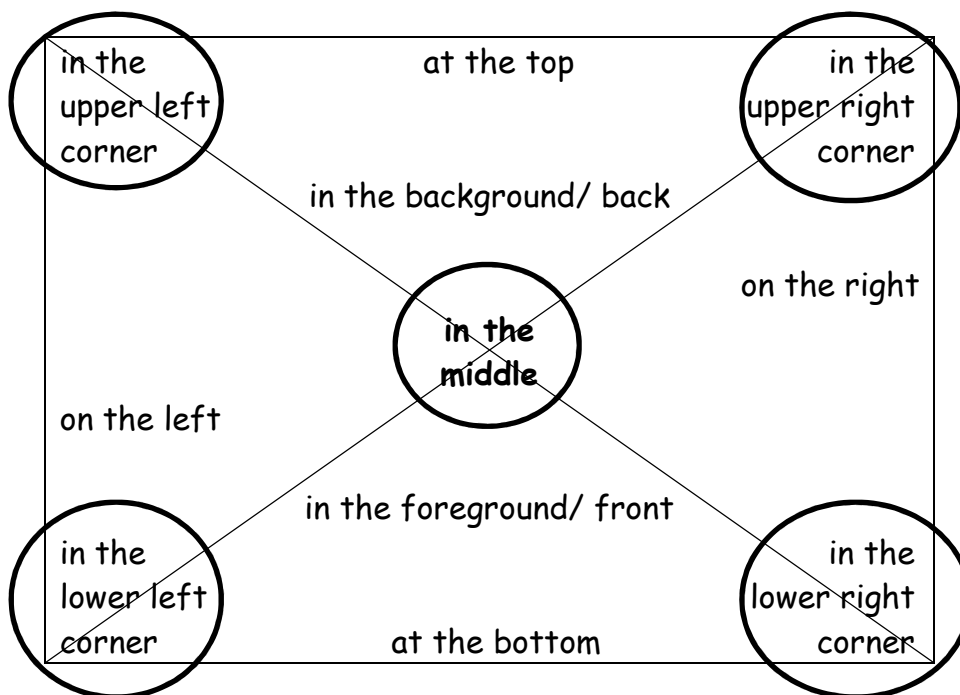
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2. Before you start describing the picture in detail, make a cross from the lower left to the upper right and the lower right to the upper left corner. Now encircle the centre and the four corners. This way you get a good overview.



3. Now you describe the picture in detail. Use the following phrases and remember to follow a certain order when describing the picture, for example, from the left to the right, from the front the back, or the bottom to the top.



Use these prepositions to be more precise:

behind • between • in front of • next to • under • over

e.g.: In the middle of the picture I can see a girl with brown hair. At the top there is the sky and in the upper right corner I can see the sun. Behind the girl there is a lake and next to the lake, on the right, I can see a house. ...

Give information about colours, time of the day, season of the year, and/ or weather etc. and give reasons.

e.g.: At the top on the left I can see white clouds and a blue sky. In the upper right corner I can see the sun. The girl in the middle of the picture is wearing a bikini so I think it is summer.

Say who is doing what and what is going on. Therefore, use the present progressive (→ *-ing*).

e.g.: The girl is smiling to a friend on her left. In the background I can see many kids swimming in the lake. In the front there are children playing ball and parents preparing a barbecue.

Remember to use the Present Progressive in order to say what is happening or who is doing something:

(to) be + present participle

You can also use it with the phrases "I can see".

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e.g.: The girl is wearing a bikini.
The children are playing ball.

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e.g.: I can see many kids swimming in the lake.

NOW YOU: Draw the picture that is described in the example.

Please describe the following picture: