

### DESCRIBING A PICTURE

- 1 Do you enjoy science? What experiments do you do at school?
- 2 Read Carl's description of the picture. What guesses does he make?



The picture shows two teenagers who are doing a science experiment together. There's a girl on the right. She's got blonde hair and her hair is tied back behind her head. She's holding a kind of bottle with some liquid in it. I don't know what the liquid is. It looks like a kind of chemical. I can see a boy next to her, on the left. He's got short, dark hair. He's pointing to the liquid. They're both wearing white coats, like the coats that scientists wear. They're also wearing something over their eyes. I don't know what they're called, but you wear them to protect your eyes. And they're wearing special gloves, so I guess the liquid might be dangerous. Both people seem very happy because they're smiling. I think maybe their experiment is going well.

### 3 Read what Carl says again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Carl say about the boy's appearance?
- 2 What doesn't he know the word for? How does he talk about it?
- 3 Why does he think the people are wearing gloves?
- 4 Why does he think their experiment is going well?

### KEY LANGUAGE FOR DESCRIBING A PICTURE

#### Saying what you can see:

*The picture shows ..., There's a ... / There are some ..., I can see ...*

#### Describing where things are:

*On the left / right ..., In the middle...*

#### Using the present continuous:

*She's holding ..., They're smiling ...*

#### Making guesses:

*Perhaps ..., Maybe ..., It's probably ..., It / They might be ..., They seem very ..., They look very ...*

#### When you aren't sure what something is:

*It looks like ..., It looks like a kind of ..., It could / might be ...*

#### When you don't know the word:

*I don't know what it's / they're called.*

- 4 Read the **Key Language** box. Which expressions does Carl use in his description in Exercise 2?
- 5 Look at this picture and complete the sentences with the correct words. There is one word you don't need.



behind can in front of left long, dark  
middle right wearing

- 1 I ..... see a girl in the ..... of the picture.
- 2 She's got ..... hair.
- 3 She's sitting at a desk and she's ..... a white T-shirt.
- 4 There's a machine on the desk ..... her.
- 5 There are some bottles on a shelf on the ..... of the picture, ..... the girl.

**6** Look at the picture in Exercise 5 again. Choose the correct words to complete the guesses about the picture.

- 1 I think the room *probably is / is probably* in a school, or in a science building.
- 2 The girl *looks / looked* very serious.
- 3 She's looking into *kind of / a kind of* machine.
- 4 I *can't say / don't know* what it's called.
- 5 It *is might be / might be* something that makes things look bigger.
- 6 *Maybe she's doing / She's doing maybe* a project at school about science.

**7** Look at the picture below. Answer the questions.



- 1 How many people are there?
- 2 Where do you think they are?
- 3 What are they wearing?
- 4 What do you think they are doing?
- 5 How do you think they are feeling?

**8** Work in pairs. Take turns to describe the picture in Exercise 7.

### Active listening

Listen while your partner is speaking. What guesses does your partner make about the picture?