

DESCRIBING PHOTOGRAPHS

1 In pairs, discuss the questions.

- 1 What kinds of activities do you enjoy doing with your friends?
- 2 What activities do you do where you have to work together as a team?

2 Look at the two photos of friends doing different activities together. Decide if the sentences refer to Photo 1 (1), Photo 2 (2) or both photos (B).

- 1 They are doing a fun activity together.
- 2 They are trying to win something.
- 3 They are concentrating on what they are doing.
- 4 They are trying to learn something.
- 5 They are obviously very happy.
- 6 They have to work together to achieve something.
- 7 They are playing a game.
- 8 They are going to be in a show.



3 Read what Jack says about the photos. Which ideas from Exercise 2 does he mention?

Let me see, ... both photos show people doing fun activities together, but they are different kinds of activities. In the first photo, there are three male friends who are in the same football team. They look as though they're celebrating. Maybe they've just scored a goal, or perhaps they've won the game. They're obviously very happy because they have their arms in the air and they're hugging each other. In the second photo, there is a mixture of boys and girls. I can't be sure but I think they're on a stage. It seems as if they're learning some dance moves. The boys in the first photo are all smiling, whereas the people in the second photo look quite serious. I guess they're concentrating. They aren't wearing costumes so it could be that they're practising for a dance show. Another possibility is that it's part of a drama class. It's difficult to say, really. But I think the important thing in both activities is that the people have to work together as a team to achieve something.

KEY LANGUAGE FOR DESCRIBING PHOTOGRAPHS

Gaining time to think

Let me see/think ... It's difficult to say, really. That's an interesting question.

Speculating

I can't be sure ... It's hard to say ... It could be that ... It seems as if ... My guess is that ... I guess ... Another possibility is that ... Perhaps ... Maybe ... They might be ... They look ... They look as though ...

Talking about similarities

Both photos show ... The photos are similar because ...

Talking about differences

... but they are different (kinds of activities). One/Another difference is that ... whereas ...

4 Read the Key Language for describing photographs. Which expressions does Jack use in Exercise 3?

Jack:

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5 Complete the sentences which speculate about the photos in Exercise 2 with the correct words.

as if can't guess look look as though maybe
might possibility

- 1 My is that these activities are taking place outside school.
- 2 I be sure, but I think they are probably all friends.
- 3 They they're getting ready for a dance show or something like that.
- 4 They all really excited.
- 5 It seems one of the boys has just scored a goal.
- 6 Another is that they have won a competition and that's why they are so happy.
- 7 it's the summer holidays.
- 8 They be part of a dance or drama group.

6 Match the sentence halves to talk about similarities and differences between photos.

- 1 The people in the first photo are wearing a team kit,
 - 2 In both these activities,
 - 3 The photos are similar
 - 4 One difference is that
- A because they show people doing fun activities together outside school.
 - B a football game is competitive, but a dance show isn't.
 - C whereas the people in the second photo are wearing their own clothes.
 - D the people have to support and help each other so the whole team can do well.

7 Work in pairs. Look at Photos 3 and 4. What are the people doing? Think of two ways in which the photos are similar, and two ways in which they are different.

8 Work in pairs. Take turns to describe the photos. Say what you think the people are doing and how they are feeling, and say what is similar and different about the photos.



Active listening

Listen while your partner is speaking. What phrases does your partner use for speculating about the photos? Does your partner say what is similar and different about the photos?