

Describing and Image or Scene

You should always **look closely at the image or scene** and ask yourself:

Who is in the scene?

What objects are visible?

Where does the scene take place?

What are the professions of the people?

What actions are being performed?

What are **the positions** of the people and the objects?

Are the people **interacting**?

Then, proceed to describe what you see. Avoid three-word answers! You do not have to make very long sentences but they must contain a subject, verb and object. Sentences should contain a minimum of five words. **If you can link your ideas together with conjunctions you will gain points.** It goes without saying that the more correct your sentences are, the higher your score will be.

You should be able to use the following essential grammar:

⇒ **Verbs:** Use the **present progressive or the passive** tenses.

Ex: *The plane **is taking off**. The doors of the train **are open**, The passengers **are on the platform waiting** to board the plane/train.*

⇒ **Quantifiers and determiners** are often used in the descriptions instead of precise numbers.

Some examples: **some, much, a lot of, lots of, any, none, a few, many, all, empty, full,** etc.

Ex: *The terrace is **full** of people. **Some** women are talking in front of the bakery.*

⇒ **Prepositions of place and movement:** describe the location of people and objects.

Some prepositions to review: **on, into, at, over, under, in front of, behind, next to, near, above, among, along, through, around,** etc.

Ex: *The people are sitting **around** the table eating and talking. There is a sign **on** the door. There is a picture hanging **on** the wall. There are books **on** the table. The students are sitting **next to** one another.*