

3.8

SPEAKING

Describing a photo

I can give an extended description of people, places and experiences.

1 SPEAKING Look at the photos and discuss the questions.

- 1 Who are the people?
- 2 Where are they?
- 3 What are they doing?



2 Complete sentences 1–3 in as many ways as possible with the adjectives in the box. Some adjectives can be used more than once.

bored crowded empty excited famous shy
friendly frightened happy irritated miserable
nervous noisy proud quiet tired young

- 1 (describing people) He or she is ...
- 2 (describing feelings) He or she is feeling ...
- 3 (describing places) It is ...

3 1.57 Listen to a description and decide which photo it describes. Explain your decision.

4 1.57 Complete the description with words and phrases in the SPEAKING FOCUS. Then listen again and check.

¹In this photo I can see a street artist drawing a portrait on the pavement. ² there are some people watching him. They're wearing shorts and T-shirts, so ³ it's summer. The street is quite crowded, so perhaps this is a tourist area. The street artist has got dark hair and he's wearing jeans and a bright green T-shirt. ⁴ quite young. ⁵ him is a picture and he's copying it. ⁶ he's a very good artist. ⁷ he's going to collect money from the people who are watching him. ⁸, I'd give him some money because I think he's done a good job.

SPEAKING FOCUS

Beginning a description

In this photo, I can see .../there is .../there are ...
This photo shows ...

Saying where (place)

There are ... so I think they're in a street/in an art gallery/at a concert, etc.

Saying where (in the photo)

in the background/in the middle/in the foreground/
on the left/on the right/in front of/behind/next to

Speculating

He/She looks shy/bored/tired, etc. She's probably ...
Perhaps/Maybe/I imagine/I'm sure he's very proud.

Giving your opinion

I think ... I don't think ... Personally, ... In my opinion, ...

5 SPEAKING Discuss the questions about Photo C.

- 1 Who do you think the man sitting on the right is?
- 2 Describe a time when you saw a street artist.
- 3 Do you give money to street artists or other street performers? Why?/Why not?

6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Student A: describe Photo A. Student B: describe Photo B. Use the SPEAKING FOCUS to help you.

7 1.58 Listen to model descriptions of Photos A and B. Then do Exercise 6 again.

8 SPEAKING Follow the instructions below.

Student A: Ask Student B the following questions:

- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to and who is your favourite band or singer?
- Describe a time when you saw live music.

Student B: Ask Student A the following questions:

- What kind of art do you like and why?
- Describe a time when you visited a gallery or museum.