

PICTURE DESCRIPTION – AFRICA VS EUROPE

In some speaking tasks you have to talk about photos or pictures. The tips below will help you to do really well in these types of speaking tasks.

✓ **Do this:**

- Look at your picture carefully and take a few moments to think before you start talking.
- Talk for all the time you are given. If you have one minute to do the task, use every second.
- Practise the useful language below so you can explain which part of the picture you are talking about.

X **Don't do that:**

- Panic if you don't know the words for all the things in the picture. You don't need to know all of them...
- Get distracted and start talking about something else. Focus on the photo or picture.
- Panic if your mind goes blank. Take a deep breath, look at the picture and start again.

Here is some language you can use:

- ☒ In the picture I can see ...
- ☒ There's / There are ...
- ☒ There isn't a ... / There aren't any ...

Say what is happening with the **present continuous**

- The woman is ...ing
- The children are ...ing

Where in the picture? Use **prepositions**:

- At the top/bottom of the picture ...
- In the middle of the picture ...
- On the left/right of the picture ...
- next to
- in front of
- behind
- near
- on top of
- under

If something isn't clear or you'd like to make deductions, use **modal verbs**:

- ✂ It looks like a ...
- ✂ It might be a ...
- ✂ He could be ...ing
- ✂ She can't be ...ing

✦ They might have- ...

Keep in mind that when it is a B2 exam you must use your picture as an inspiration to a topic.

1. Work in pairs. Write sentences about each picture:



Source: "Mindannyian Testvérek"



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2. Compare and contrast the two pictures. Take turns with your partner.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST, home



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Compare and contrast, going to school



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