

Describing a photo

To describe a photo we can use the acronym PALME:

PEOPLE

<u>un hombre</u>	a man
<u>una mujer</u>	a woman
<u>un niño</u>	a boy
<u>una niña</u>	a girl
<u>unos niños</u>	some children
<u>él es viejo</u>	he is old
<u>ella es vieja</u>	she is old
<u>grande</u>	tall
<u>bajo</u>	short
<u>hermoso</u>	pretty/handsome

LOCATIONS

<u>él/ella está</u>	he/she is
<u>están</u>	they are
<u>fuera</u>	outside
<u>dentro (de)</u>	inside
<u>a casa</u>	at home
<u>en el aire libre</u>	in the open air
<u>unos árboles</u>	some trees
<u>unos monumentos</u>	some buildings
<u>en el cole/gia</u>	at school
<u>al trabajo</u>	at work

EXTERIOR

<u>hace buen tiempo</u>	it's nice
<u>hace sol</u>	it's sunny
<u>lleuve</u>	it's raining
<u>nieve</u>	it's snowing
<u>hace viento</u>	it's windy
<u>hay...</u>	there is/are...
<u>nubes</u>	clouds
<u>tormentas</u>	storms
<u>un arcoiris</u>	a rainbow
<u>hace frío/calor</u>	it's cold/hot

ACTIONS

<u>está.../están...</u>	(s)he is/they are...
<u>...hablando</u>	...talking
<u>...riendo</u>	...laughing
<u>dispuandose</u>	arguing
<u>caminando</u>	walking
<u>celebrando</u>	celebrating
<u>trabajando</u>	working
<u>jugando</u>	playing
<u>comiendo</u>	eating

MOOD

<u>parece...</u>	he/she seems...
<u>parecen...</u>	they seem...
<u>contento/a/s</u>	happy
<u>triste/s</u>	sad
<u>cansado/a/s</u>	tired
<u>molesto/a/s</u>	angry
<u>sorprendido/a/s</u>	surprised
<u>apurado/a/s</u>	in a hurry
<u>aburrido/a/s</u>	bored
<u>entancado/a/s</u>	delighted

EXTRA VOCAB

<u>en primer plano</u>	in the foreground
<u>en segundo plano</u>	in the background
<u>a la izquierda</u>	on the left
<u>a la derecha</u>	on the right
<u>cerca de</u>	next to
<u>al frente de</u>	in front of
<u>en el centro</u>	in the middle
<u>detrás de</u>	behind
<u>puedo ver</u>	I can see
<u>la foto muestra</u>	the photo shows

Example

Question 1 on the photo card is always the same:

¿Qué hay en la foto?

It's always a good idea to begin with "En la foto hay..." (In the photo there is...)

Then, take each part of PALME in that order.
For extra marks, add an opinion:



En la foto hay...

P [people]	<u>unos hombres y unas mujeres. Hay una docena de personas en total.</u>
A [action]	<u>Las personas están comprando frutas y verduras.</u>
L [location]	<u>Están fuera, en un mercado a Madrid. Puedo ver unas tiendas también.</u>
M [mood]	<u>Parecen muy apurados porque tienen que hacer compras para una fiesta.</u>
E [exterior]	<u>Pienso que hace muy frío porque están llevando abrigos.</u>
[Opinion]	<u>Me gusta esta foto porque me recuerda a mis vacaciones en España.</u>

TRANSLATION:

In the photo there are...

P [people]	<u>some men and some women. There are around twelve people in total.</u>
A [action]	<u>They are in the middle of buying fruit and vegetables.</u>
L [location]	<u>They are outside, in a market in Madrid. I can see some shops too.</u>
M [mood]	<u>They look very busy, doing their shopping.</u>
E [exterior]	<u>I think it's quite cold because they are wearing coats.</u>
[Opinion]	<u>I like this photo because it reminds me of my holidays in Spain.</u>

Task:

Describe the photos on the other side of this page using PALME – or ask a friend or relative to search for images online for you to describe!