

## Picture composition

A good picture composition is the starting point for creating visually compelling images. Aim to arrange different subjects and visual elements into a well balanced and attractive form within the picture frame. ... Think creatively in picture composition.

Three steps to start a picture composition

1. **Step 1 – When did the story take place? a) Look at Picture and think of a realistic day and time that the scene could happen.**  
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2. **Step 2 – Where did the story take place? a) Look at Picture and describe the place. ...**
3. **Step 3 – What was the main character doing at the start of the story?**

**What is in the picture?**

*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 man is ...ing  
The people are ...ing  
It's raining.*

**Where in the picture?**

*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**

*It looks like a ...*  
*It might be a ...*  
*He could be ...ing*  
*Maybe it's a ...*

**Before starting to write a composition observe the picture and find out the following**

- 1. All The characters in the picture**
- 2. Who seems to be the main character**
- 3. What is the background/ surrounding / setting like?**
- 4. What is the main character doing/ what are the other characters doing?**
- 5. How does the main character look? (Happy, sad, excited, surprised, and so on)**

**Now it will be easier to write the composition starting with the setting and the main character and what happens in the picture.**

**Here is a sample of picture composition:**



## At the Park

It is Saturday. I am going to the park. My father and mother bring me and my brother and sister to the park during the weekend. We play at the swing and the slides. We run and play with the ball with other kids. We buy ice cream and candy at the park. We are very happy.

1. Describe the picture in your own words within 75 words:

