

Analysing a picture

Questions to ask yourself:

What can be seen in the picture?

What kind of mood is created?

Who painted the picture and when?

What might the artist's attitude towards the things shown in the picture be?

Does the artist try to influence the observer in any way? How?

Useful expressions:

The people in the picture look	... as if they.... ... excited / bored / peaceful / aggressive / ...
The people in the picture seem to be	... angry / cheering / fighting /...
Something in the picture	... symbolises / stands for/ shows / is supposed to show that... ... can be interpreted as...
The people / situation is presented	... in a positive / negative way
Something in the picture	... catches the observer's attention because... ... creates the impression that... ... makes the observer think... ... looks as if...

in the top left-hand corner

in the top right-hand corner

top left

top right

far left

in the background
in the centre of

far right

on the left

in the foreground

on the right

front left

front right

in the bottom left-hand corner

in the bottom right-hand corner