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# Giving your opinion

## **IN MY OPINION/VIEW...**

In my view the first picture is the one that shows a better means of communication.

## **IF YOU ASK ME...**

If you ask me about this topic, I will tell you that I am completely against animal cruelty.

## **AS FAR AS I CAN SEE/I'M CONCERNED...**

As far as I am concerned, the activity that we can see in this photo is quite interesting.

## **IT SEEMS TO ME THAT...**

It seems to me that people in the photo are very happy.

## **I HAVE THE/A FEELING THAT...**

I have a feeling that this person is a plumber and he loves his job.

## **IF YOU WANT MY OPINION...**

If you want my opinion on this issue, I'd say that it's quite important to know a lot about your country.

# Prepositions to describe the picture

## **NEXT TO/NEAR**

The women are sitting next to each other. We can see a reflection of other people in the window near them.

## **IN THE FOREGROUND**

In the foreground there is a table and two happy women drinking tea.

## **IN THE BACKGROUND**

The plant which we see in the background is in a large blue flower pot.

## **IN THE UPPER PART/ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE**

In the upper part on the left hand side there is a door.

## **AT THE BOTTOM/IN THE MIDDLE**

At the bottom in the middle there are some shopping bags.

## **IN FRONT OF**

There are two cups of coffee in front of them.

# Introduction

## **THE PHOTO/PICTURE SHOWS...**

This photo shows us two women who are sitting in the coffee shop and having the time of their lives

## **IT WAS TAKEN BY/IN...**

The photo was taken in a café by their friend or a passer-by.

## **IT'S A BLACK-AND-WHITE/COLOURED PHOTO.**

It must have been taken a long time ago because it's a black and white photo.

## **What I think about the picture**

### **IT SEEMS AS IF...**

It seems as if they are enjoying themselves because they are smiling.

### **THE LADY SEEMS TO...**

The lady seems to be middle-aged.

### **MAYBE...**

Maybe they are feeling tired and that's why they decided to stop for coffee.

### **I THINK...**

I think that they are good friends because they look comfortable in each other's company.

### **THE ATMOSPHERE IS PEACEFUL/DEPRESSING ...**

The atmosphere in the picture is quite joyful and that is exactly the reason why I like it so very much.

### **I (DON'T) LIKE THE PICTURE BECAUSE ...**

I don't like the picture because I find it to be too dark and depressive.

# Speculation phrases

## **...SEEM(S)...**

It seems that the people in the photo are wondering about where to go next because they are looking at a map.

## **...LOOK(S) (LIKE)...**

It looks like they are discussing where exactly they need to go and which road to take.

## **I GUESS...**

I guess they will have to decide where to go and take the best road to get there.

## **LIKE I IMAGINE**

Like I imagine, they are tourists since they don't seem to be familiar with the place.

## **...OBVIOUSLY...**

It is obviously harder for them to get by in a foreign country than in their own, but it is not impossible.

## **...MIGHT/MAY/MAYBE/PERHAPS...**

Perhaps they're feeling lost, judging by the looks on their faces. It may be their first time in a situation such as this one.

# Talking about similarities

## **BOTH**

Both pictures show us people looking for information using different sources.

## **...AS WELL AS...**

In the first picture, as well as in the second one people look concentrated on what they're doing.

## **...ALSO.**

The first photo was taken in a public place, and the second one also.

## **SIMILARLY, ....**

The people in the first photo seem to have lost their way. Similarly, the people in the second one are not sure where to go, either.

## **...TOO.**

The people in the first photo seem to be on vacation and in the second photo, too.

## **THE PICTURES ARE SIMILAR BECAUSE...**

The pictures are similar because they both show us people looking for information.

# Talking about differences

## **HOWEVER, ...**

However, in the second picture we can observe two people getting the information on where they should go in a very different manner.

## **WHEREAS...**

The people in the first photo are looking for information themselves, whereas in the second photo they are asking for help.

## **ON THE OTHER HAND, ...**

In the first photo, the people seem to be adventurous travelers because they are not asking for help. On the other, they prefer to ask for advice from a professional who can help them without getting lost.

## **ALTHOUGH...**

Although the women in the first photo are dressed in summer clothes, judging by the people's clothes in the second photo it seems to be winter time.

## **HOWEVER, ...**

The women look like they want to find their way back to the hotel, however, the elderly couple seems to be looking for a sightseeing place to visit.