

HOW TO DESCRIBE A VISUAL DOCUMENT

IDENTIFICATION 1

TYPE

What sort of document is it?



The document is ...

- A painting (tableau, peinture)
- A drawing (dessin)
- A photograph
- A poster (affiche)
- An ad (publicité)
- A book cover
- A cartoon (bande dessinée)



ORIGIN

What's the source?



It comes from...
It is an extract from...
It was drawn by...
It was painted by...
It was made by...

What/who can you see?



We can see an old man.
There are 3 children.
The document shows a young girl.

Can you describe it/them?



The children are wearing blue uniforms.
The place is dark.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

What's going on?



BE + -ing

The young girl **is sleeping**.
The children **are playing**.

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ANALYSIS

COMPOSITION

In the top left-hand corner

At the top

In the top right-hand corner

In the middle

On the left

In the background

On the right

In the foreground

In the bottom left-hand corner

At the bottom

In the bottom right-hand corner



PLACE

Where does the scene take place?



The scene **take**s place in a haunted house.

TIME

When does the scene take place?



The scene **take**s place at night.

SCENE 2

POINT OF VIEW 4

INTERPRETATION

What are your impressions?



LOOK / SEEM TO

The 3 children **look** happy.
The old man **seems to be** nice.

OPINION

What do you think?



In my opinion, the picture symbolizes freedom.
I think the picture is depressing.
I find it funny.