

## Picture description and speculation

### 1. Say where people and things are in the picture

In the top/bottom right/left-hand corner...On the left-hand side...On the right/left.

At the top/bottom...At the rear...

In the distance...In the middle...

In the foreground/background...In the front/ back

Between/ beside/next to/near/ close to/far from/over/above/underneath/below...

By the door

Between/among

Opposite/ in front of

### 2. Describe people and things

The scene/picture shows/depicts/ portrays...

I can see...There is/are...In this picture I can clearly see.

This is a picture of...This picture is a representation of...

They look (excited) /look like (mechanics)/ look as if they are about to take off /look as though they (are refueling)

### 3. Speculate. Make deductions about the people/things/place.

Perhaps it's... Perhaps he feels...

Maybe it's... It makes me think (that) maybe he/she ...It makes me think (that) maybe she knows the truth.

It's difficult to say, but...

I think I can see.

It must be winter. It must be spring.

They must be...They can't be...she may be...

On the other hand she might be... She might simply be looking at something outside.

The room/landscape might make me feel.

It might suggest (that) ...It might suggest (that) he is ... .

It might/could be...

He/she could be/ must be/ might be ...She could be lost but I'm not sure.

These people could be...

This one could be...

They seem to be...

It seems like he/she ... / It seems to me that ... / It looks to me as if he/she...

It seems like she has no alternative. It seems to me that you have no alternative.

It looks to me as if he has no alternative.

She appears to be...I imagine it's very satisfying to...

I suppose/guess/reckon he's/she's about ...I suppose she's about to start ...

I'd hazard a guess (that) ...I'd hazard a guess (that)the aircraft is ...  
If I had to make a guess, I'd say (that) ...If I had to make a guess, I'd say (that) they will be  
at home very soon.  
As far as I am concerned...I tend to think that... My personal view is that...  
I'm fairly sure...I'm pretty sure he/ she ...I'm pretty sure he will arrive late.  
I'd say he/ she looks/ doesn't look ...I'd say it doesn't look (seriously damaged).  
I'd say they are probably...  
If I were him, I'd probably feel...  
One possibility is that...It's also possible that he...  
Apparently,...  
Judging by the fact that...  
To judge from his posture,...  
Similarly,...  
As far as I can gather, ....  
From what I can gather, there's been some kind of problem.  
I wonder what he/ she ...I wonder what he'll do now.  
There's something ... about him / her. He/ she gives the impression of being ...  
He gives the impression of being ....  
Speculating about the past:  
They might / may / could / must have (crashed / veered off the runway / lost control of  
the aircraft )