Describing photos of your weekend and life
talking about your week and weekend/ extended speaking/ life events
Natural English Intermediate Unit 11
Imagine the three spaces below are photos that were taken where you were last weekend (either real photos or imaginary photos of things that you really did or saw). Describe the photos to your partner. You can draw in the boxes to help you if you like. Your teacher will tell you if and how you can use the phrases on the next page to help.

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Useful language for describing photos

- In/ Near + the top/ bottom + right hand/ left hand + corner,…
- At/ Near + the top/ the bottom,...
- On the (far) right/ left,…
- In the centre/ middle,…
- In the background/ In the distance,… – In the foreground,…
- It was taken in a park/ in a studio/ in a photo booth/ in…
- It was taken at a birthday party/ at a wedding/ at…
- It was taken by a passerby / by a professional photographer/ by…
- It was taken with a digital camera/ with a film camera/ with an instamatic camera/ with a phone/ with a tripod/ with a flash/ with a telephoto lens/ with zoom/ with…
- It shows…
- This (thing/ person) is…
- As you can see,…
- It's difficult to see but…/ If you look (really) closely,…
- You can't tell from the photo, but…
- It looks (like), but (in reality)…
- Blurred
- (Deliberately) out of focus/ Soft focus
- Red eye
- Black and white – Colour
- A head and shoulders shot/ A portrait/ An action shot/ A passport photo/ A close up/ A school photo/ A wedding photo/ A graduation photo/ A group photo/ A (formal) family photo/ A…
- It's been trimmed/ been photoshopped/ been blown up/ been…
- A pose
- It was printed…/ was developed…/ was…
- The negative
- Slides
- It's on Instagram/ on…
- I keep it in my wallet/ in my purse/ in an album/ in…
- I had it framed (and display it…)
- It's my profile picture (on…)

Ask about any language above you aren't sure about.

Change partner and do the same for three (real or imaginary) photos from important times in your life.

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