



You Are The ESOL Assessor | Entry 2 Writing | Describing A Picture

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Question 5

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Look at the picture of people in a town.

Write about the picture to describe what you see.

You **must** use:

- a heading
- at least **three** sentences
- **one** joining word ('and', 'but', 'or') to make **one** compound sentence
- at least **two** adjectives
- capital letters and lower case letters correctly.

The picture is of a ^{busy} street in a town.
There are lots of people shopping.
A man is playing a guitar and his friend is playing another thing.
Two nice women are talking together.
One man has a bike but he is walking with it.

(Total for Question 5 = 8 marks)

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5	1	1.1	The text has an appropriate format to describe the scene in the picture, including an appropriate heading. Note: Accept any relevant heading in the context of eating	1
5	1	1.2	All three sentences use an appropriate word order, a correct verb form/adverbial time reference/ noun phrases/prepositional phrases, where required, to convey the desired information. Allow two grammatical errors.	1
5	1	1.2	Candidate includes at least one compound sentence. Do not penalise if candidate uses a higher level conjunction such as 'although', 'however', etc.	1
5	1	1.3	Candidate uses two appropriate adjectives. Award one mark per adjective used correctly. Award a maximum of two marks.	2
5	1	1.4	Candidate uses punctuation and capitalisation correctly as boundary markers for the three sentences.	1

5	1	1.5	Candidate uses upper and lower case letters correctly in the three sentences.	1
5	1	1.6	Candidate spells words correctly in the three sentences. Allow two spelling errors.	1

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Marking The Script

This question asks the learner to write about a picture using a minimum of three sentences. If a learner does write more than three sentences, these are still assessed. Looking at this piece:

The learner has not used the correct format for this task as they have not included a heading.

The learner has not used two adjectives in their writing, so they would lose a mark here.

There are three spelling mistakes, one more than the number allowed, and one sentence does not have a boundary marker.

The learner gain all the other available marks.

The learner would achieve four out of eight marks.

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