

# Describing pictures in English

- **1. Introduction**

- The photo/picture shows ...
- It was taken by/in ...
- It's a black-and-white/coloured photo.

- **2. What is where?**

- In the foreground/background you can see ...
- In the foreground/background there is ...
- In the middle/centre there are ...
- At the top/At the bottom there is ...
- On the left/right there are ...
- Behind/In front of ... you can see ...
- Between ... there is ...

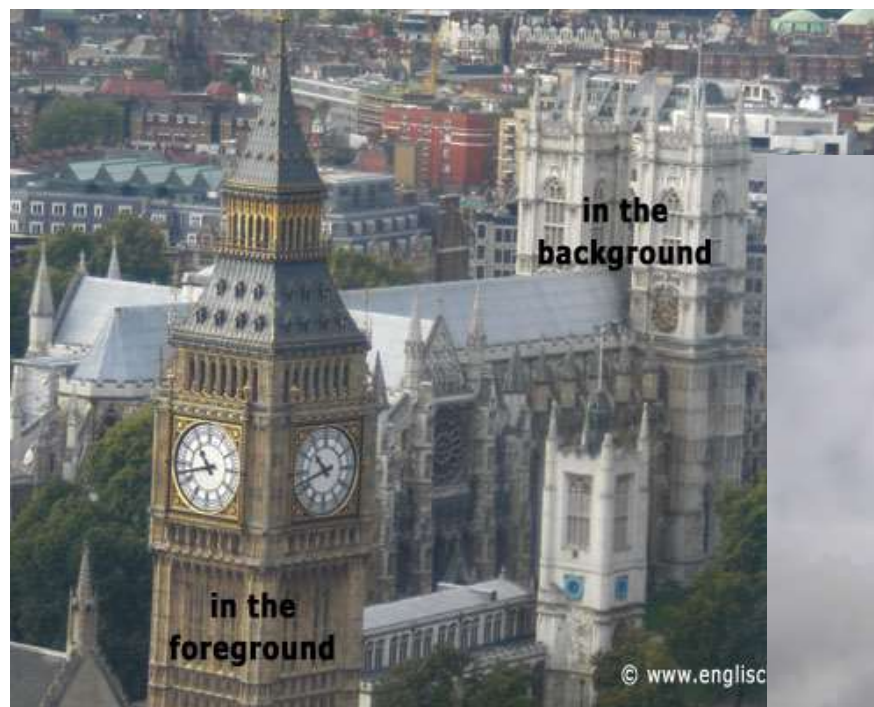
- **3. Who is doing what?**

- Here you describe the persons in the picture or you say what is happening just now. Use the [Present Progressive](#).

- **4. What I think about the picture**

- It seems as if ...
- The lady seems to ...
- Maybe ...
- I think ...
- ... might be a symbol of ...
- The atmosphere is peaceful/depressing ...
- I (don't) like the picture because ...
- It makes me think of ...

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## Affirmative sentences in the *Present Progressive*

Long forms	Contracted forms
I <b>am playing</b> football.	I' <b>m playing</b> football.
You <b>are playing</b> football.	You' <b>re playing</b> football.
He <b>is playing</b> football.	He' <b>s playing</b> football.