

COMPARING PICTURES
in the
SPEAKING TEST

DESCRIBING THE PICTURES

To begin with ...

First of all, ...

Firstly,

In this photo, I can see ...

There are several ...

In the first/second photo I can see ...

On the right/left of the picture ...

In the centre of the picture ...

In the background there are ...

I can't quite make out ... , but I think ...

COMPARING THE PICTURES

In this picture ... whereas in that one ...

A key difference is that ...

There are more ... in this one than ...

On the one hand, ... on the other hand, ...

Another difference might be ...

While in this picture ... , in that picture ...

This picture shows an interesting possibility where ...

It is clear in this picture that ...

In both pictures ... , but in this one ...

TALKING ABOUT EMOTION IN PICTURES

In this picture, from the expressions on the people's faces, I can tell they are feeling (happy/sad/excited/frightened) ...

If it were me in that particular situation, I would be feeling ...

We can't see the people's faces, but I am sure they must be feeling ...

In the picture the (boy/girl) is (smiling/grinning/laughing), so (he/she) must be feeling (happy).

In this picture the (man/woman) is looking (serious/sad/upset), so I think (he/she) is feeling (apprehensive/tense/nervous).

GIVING YOUR OPINION

I think ...

I prefer ... because ...

The ... is better/worse because ...

Most people would agree that ...

Although I can see the benefits of ... , I still consider ... to be more ...

Life would probably be (more difficult/easier) with/if ...

I can't imagine what it must be/have been like to live without ...

There are so many advantages, like/for example ...

I would go for ...

I'm not 100% sure but ...

I would definitely rather ...

If you ask me, ...

It seems to me that ...

In my opinion ...

I think that ...

I would also like to say ...

I'd like to make a further point ...

I think the possible problems with this idea are ...

The advantages of this type of solution are ... , but there are also disadvantages, like ...

All things considered, perhaps the best/worst ...