

DESCRIBING A PAINTING

The introduction



This document is a painting and it is entitled (*title of the work of art*). It was made by (*painter*) in (*date*). He / She mainly used (*material: oil on canvas, watercolor, pastel...*). It measures ... cm by ... cm.

Today, it is displayed in (*name of the museum / the place*) in (*place*).

Describe the painting

1. Locating elements

The scene takes place in... (a flat, a house, a diner...)

- At the top **1** At the bottom **5**
In the middle **2** In the bottom right-hand corner **6**
On the right **3** In the bottom left-hand corner **7**
On the left **4** In the top right-hand corner **8**
In the top left-hand corner **9**

There is (+ singular) / There are (+plural)



2. Characters

How many? Gender? Physical description? Mood? (sad, happy,...)
What are they wearing? Attitude?

3. Other elements

The items around the characters
What about the colors? the light?
Are there any contrasts? (light / darkness)

Analyse, formulate hypotheses and give your opinion

1. Formulate hypotheses

The author suggests that...
Maybe... Perhaps, ...
People may... might... must...

2. Give your opinion

What I appreciate about the document is...
It makes me feel+ adj. (sad, happy, ...)
I find the document funny, boring, strange...