

## DESCRIBING A PICTURE

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
<b>a-Nature of the document</b>	The document is : <i>An ad</i> – a poster – a film still – a painting – a cartoon strip (BD)- a graph- a chart– a magazine cover – a drawing –
<b>b-Origin.</b>	<i>It is from/ it comes from...</i>
<b>c-Main topic/ subject</b>	<i>It deals with.../ It is about...</i>
<b>d)The situation: place, period, characters</b>	<i>There are two characters from Texas</i> <i>The scene is set in... Colorado in 2013</i>
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>a-The different parts of the document</b>	The document can be divided into .... parts: At the top,... In the background, In the middle, In the foreground, ... On the left, ..... on the right At the bottom, X can be seen/ X is watching a flyer. It stands out against (se détacher, ressortir)
<b>b-Say who/ what is the focal point.</b>	<i>The author emphasizes/ stresses on/ highlights...the flyer.</i> <i>Maybe he wants to make us aware of the fact that...</i>
<b>c-Give details on the focal point</b>	– <b>Characters</b> <i>temperament, feelings.</i> <i>Tom is shocked because he didn't expect to see such an event.</i> - <b>colours</b> <i>The painter uses white in his picture to express the notion of innocence.</i> - <b>Symbols</b> <i>The flag may symbolize/ stand for/ represents...</i> <i>It conveys the impression that...</i>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	
<b>a-Your opinion.</b>	<i>I like, dislike,</i> - <i>Agree, disagree with the author. Approve of/ disapprove of... Justify</i> - <i>Side with/ sympathise with the author. Justify</i> - <i>support his/ her viewpoint on... Justify</i> - <i>It is difficult/ hard to believe that...</i> - <i>It may be noticed that...</i> - <i>We must admit that...</i> - <i>To some degree, the author is right, but we can say that...</i>
<b>b-The aim of the author</b>	<i>He wants to depict/ make people aware of/ explain..../ illustrate..../ prove..../criticize/ highlight/ raise an issue...</i>

### Useful words

caption (légende)- light and shade- layout (plan, mise en page)- catchphrase (slogan)-slogan