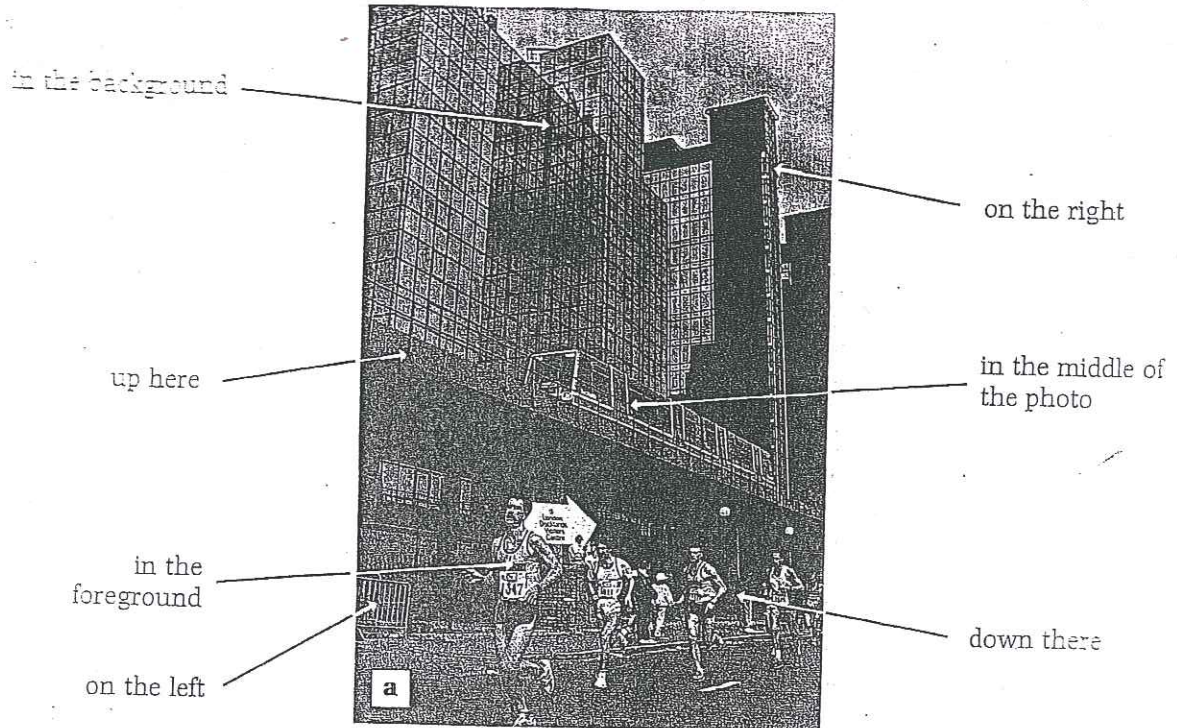


## Speaking *Describing a photo*



This is a photo of ... and that's a photo of ...

**2** Say what is happening in each photo. Use the words in these columns to make sentences:

There is/are	a a couple of a few some several a lot of	people woman street vendor stalls man palm trees	with blonde hair with a child with things for sale with shoulder bags in traditional costume with tall smooth trunks	sitting standing walking planted waiting set up	across the road under an umbrella at the side of the road in a pedestrian zone on a stool along the pavement
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Make some more sentences like these about the photos.

**3** Compare the two photos:

The city in this photo ...  
 ... looks cleaner than that one.  
 ... doesn't have many skyscrapers, but that one ...  
 ... must be nice to live in if you like a calm way of life, whereas that one ...

**4** Guess where each photo was taken:

I think this photo was taken in ... because (of) ...  
 This must have been

# 1 SAYING WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE PHOTO

- Describe what the people in photo **a** are doing, and say where they are. Use either:
  - the sentence structure 'There is/are ...' practised in *Describing a photo* on page 46

or:  
 - the present progressive together with the appropriate phrase from round the photo.

**EXAMPLES:**  
 In the background there are some tall modern buildings towering over the scene.  
 In the middle of the photo a train is moving along the track.

- Say how the people and things in photo **a** look.

He/She	look(s)	adjective
It/This	seem(s) (to be)	
They	look(s) like	noun
	seem(s) to be	

**EXAMPLES:**  
 He seems determined.  
 They look like professional runners.  
 It doesn't look very busy.

- PARAPHRASING**  
 When you can't remember, or don't know, a word, try to explain what you mean.

It's a	kind sort type	of ...	
	something you use used		for -ing
It's	what you do how you feel what happens		when you ...

# 2 MAKING GUESSES ABOUT THE PHOTO

- Say what the people in photos **b** and **c** might be doing.

She	could		
He	may		
It	might	be	
	seem(s) to		
They	look(s) as	if	pronoun + 'be'
		though	
			-ing

**EXAMPLES:**  
 He might be waiting for someone.  
 They seem to be inspecting the food.  
 She looks as if she's trying to touch the dog.

- Make some deductions about photos **b** and **c**. Use 'can't' or 'must'.

**EXAMPLES:**  
 This can't be the USA because ...  
 They must be on an expedition because ...

- If you can't see very well, or don't know, use one of these expressions:

It's hard to see. Perhaps ...  
 I can't make out what he's doing. Maybe he's ...  
 I've never seen anything like this before - is it perhaps ... ?

# 4 DEVELOPING A CONVERSATION FROM THE PHOTO

Here are some ways of introducing your own ideas to the conversation:

You	can	see things like this in my	town.
can't			country.
'This	reminds me	of ...	
makes me think			
I don't know much about this, but I do know			about ...
			that ...

Practise developing a conversation that interests you about one of the photos.