

TeachingEnglish lesson

Out of time (lower level)

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Look at the image.

Can you write a caption or a title for this photo?

Write your ideas in the chat.



Image by <https://pixabay.com/photos/pug-dog-pet-animal-puppy-cute-801826/>

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Discuss these questions in your groups:

1. Do you take a lot of photos?
2. What do you usually take photos of?
3. What was the last photo your took? Why did you take it?
4. Do you like being in photos? (why/not)?
5. Do you have a camera, or do you use your mobile phone to take pictures? Why?

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You are going to listen to somebody describing a photo that they have taken.
As you listen try to imagine what the photo looks like.

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1. Were your ideas correct?
2. Where did the man take the photo?
3. Why is the man dressed like that?

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Now listen again, and try to complete the sentences:

1. As you can probably guess, this photo _____ in Rome.
2. I took it _____ three years _____, I think, _____ the Coliseum.
3. Typically, they pose, you know, the Roman legionnaire _____ the tourist with a Roman sword.
4. Personally, I don't like photographs of _____, you know?
5. So I decided to take a quick photo of this Roman legionnaire when he _____.
6. He _____ a break, I think and he was _____ an ice-cream.
7. When I take photographs, I usually like them to include some kind of _____.
8. So the suitcases that you can see in the bottom _____ - _____ corner, well, they make me think about whose suitcases they are.

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Answers:

1. As you can probably guess, this photo *_was taken_* in Rome.
2. I took it *_about_* three years *_ago_*, I think, *_outside_* the Coliseum.
3. Typically, they pose, you know, the Roman legionnaire *_attacks_* the tourist with a Roman sword.
4. Personally, I don't like photographs of *__myself_*, you know?
5. So I decided to take a quick photo of this Roman legionnaire when he *_wasn't looking_*.
6. He *_was having_* a break, I think and he was *_buying_* an ice-cream.
7. When I take photographs, I usually like them to include some kind of *_contrast_*.
8. So the suitcases that you can see in the bottom *_left - hand_* corner, well, they make me think about whose suitcases they are.

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Tapescript:

Ian:

OK. As you can probably guess, this *photograph was taken in* Rome. *I took it about* three years *ago*, I think, *outside* the Coliseum, which is probably one of Rome's most famous and familiar – um - Roman ruins.

And if you've been to Rome, you probably remember the, the, ummm, human statues or, um, street actors that are outside the Coliseum, um, where all the tourists are. Normally these actors are dressed up as Roman legionnaires .

Interviewer:

Legionnaires?

Ian:

Yes, you know, typical Roman soldiers – Roman soldiers or gladiators – you know what gladiators were, right?

Interviewer:

Yeah, yeah.

Ian:

Ok. And the tourists pay, um, pay money to have their photographs taken with them, with the gladiators and Roman soldiers. Typically they pose, you know... the Roman legionnaire attacks the tourist with a Roman sword, or, um, the tourist fights with the gladiator or something like that.

Anyway, *personally I don't like* photographs of myself, you know? I just don't like being in photos, whether I'm on holiday or not, but I like taking photos, *I prefer to be* the photographer. And, um, so I decided to take a quick photograph of this Roman legionnaire when he wasn't looking. *He was having* a break, I think, and *he was buying* an ice cream from an ice cream van – *there are* a lot of these vans selling drinks and ice creams and things near the Coliseum. And, um, *when I take photographs, I usually like them to* include some kind of contrast, like, for example, oh, I don't know, a colour contrast or a contrast between in architecture. And obviously the contrast **here** was about time, past and present, Ancient Rome and modern Rome or Roman Italy and modern Italy – you know, Romans and ice cream, because ice cream didn't exist in Roman times... did it?

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Interviewer

Ice cream? Ooh, I don't know, um... no, I don't know.

Ian

Well, anyway. *I like photographs with* a story too. So the suitcases that you can see in the bottom left-hand corner, well, *they make me think about* whose suitcases they are and what's in them, you know, are they the Roman legionnaire's or not... I never knew the answer to that question. I don't know if they belonged to the man buying the ice cream or not. Anyway, *that's more or less the story behind my photograph.*

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This photo was taken ...

I took it ago, at....

I decided to take it because.....

He / she / it / was/ were ...

There are / is in the bottom / top / left-hand / right-hand corner

When I take photographs, I

It makes me think about ...

Out of time - homework



You are going to choose your own photo and prepare a short presentation about it for the next class.

Use the sentences we looked at to help.

Be ready to share your photo with the class next lesson!

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Thanks for attending the lesson