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

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