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Photography

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What you will learn:

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Warm up questions

Essential vocabulary for photography

What kind of photos do you like to take?

Video activity

IELTS Speaking Part 3 Tips

Useful Links

If you want to **hone your photography skills**

<https://expertphotography.com/a-beginners-guide-to-photography/>

Tips to **take better photos**

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/good-pictures-phone-tips>

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Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson on the topic of PHOTOGRAPHY, you will learn how to talk about different kinds of photos, how to take better photos and how the industry has changed.

[Watch the complete video about this topic of PHOTOGRAPHY here.](#)

Essential vocabulary for photography

Try to fill in the gaps in these sentences, using words related to photos.

1. I snap shots all the time, I am an amateur **_photographer_____**
2. I have a knack for taking good **_photographs_____**
3. I am following a **_photography_____** course online at the moment.
4. I look terrible in photos, I am not at all **_photogenic_____**
5. How do you remember all that information? You must have a **_photographic_____** memory.

Answers:

phoTOgrapher
PHOtographs
phoTOgraphy
photoGENic (adj.)
photoGRAphic (adj.)

An important part of vocabulary building is word families

Common Collocations

Take a photo **of** someone

To **shoot** a photo

To take some **shots (n.)**

To **snap** a picture / photo (casual)

To take a **snap (n.)**

To **pose for** a photo

I hate posing for photos, 'cos I am just so not photogenic

A **digital** photo

Colour photos / black and white photos

A high resolution photo

A **photo opportunity**

Having all the family together for my birthday was a great photo opportunity

To **capture** the moment (**to catch**)

Photo editing (n.)

To **crop** a photo

a photo frame / album

A photo session

to be **in focus**

to be **out of focus**

Photos you like to take

I tend to take_____

Landscape photos

Portrait photos

Cityscape photos

Seascape photos

Panoramic views

Picturesque views

Selfies

Group photos

Daily life photos

I like taking pictures of_____

I like to capture / shoot _____

I like to photograph (v.)_____

Cities / nature / people / animals / spontaneous (=not planned) moments / everyday situations / food / different scenery / different scenic views

I love to take photos and **post them on social media.**

Everything and anything, it is all **just one click away.**

I am camera shy (= I don't like to be in photos)

Photos that **give me** good memories / **bring back** good memories

I adore **looking back** at my **wedding pics**

Screen shots of brand new jewellery

Video activity

Watch Stan the Man's **Photography MasterClass**

Fill in the words below!

1. Change _____(use a different angle)
2. Shoot _____ above or _____ below
3. Give your photos a **sense of** _____(proportion or balance)
4. Use _____ out of nature or man-made ones
5. Put your photos _____ of focus (the blurry effect)
6. Use Depth of _____

Answers at end of worksheet

This **Masterclass** was based on **tips** from

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/good-pictures-phone-tips>

IELTS Speaking Part 3 Tips

Develop your answers.

Choose **one focus** and develop that.

Don't plan too much - talk as naturally as possible.

Common Question Types

How has the way we take photos changed in recent years?

You can break your answers into three simple parts.

1. The past
2. The change
3. Now
4. Reason
5. Example

1. Well, in the past, _____

2. But recently **there has been** a huge change

3. Now, we **can see** _____

4. This change is due to _____

5. For instance _____

Students' Questions about Photos

Keith, what kind of photos do you prefer taking?

Well, I am a bit of **an amateur photographer** and I really do like taking different kinds of photos, but if I had to pick one kind, I think it would be **different scenic views**. Right?

Landscapes, **I particularly like landscapes** because I live near the countryside.

I am **surrounded by nature**.

So, I love to **get out into the countryside** and to **snap some mountains** or rivers, something natural.

That's the kind of photo I prefer taking.

Keith, how often do you take photos?

To be honest, I think I take photos **most days**.

It's so easy nowadays just to take out, **to whip-out** your phone and to **snap anything** you see around you,

whether it's food in a restaurant or **a spontaneous moment** when you walking down the street, and, I love **to capture those moments**.

I always have my phone with me so, to be honest, yes, I am taking photos most days.

Answers to video task

1. Change perspective (use a different angle)
2. Shoot from above or from below
3. Give your photos a **sense of** symmetry (proportion or balance)
4. Use lines out of nature or man-made ones
5. Put your photos out of focus (the blurry effect)
6. Use Depth of Field