

Lesson 3: What makes a good photograph?

Year 2 – Digital media – Digital photography

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To describe what makes a good photograph

- I can identify what is wrong with a photograph
- I can discuss how to take a good photograph
- I can improve a photograph by retaking it

Last lesson we:

Learned about the differences between portrait and
landscape photography

Key Vocabulary

- Framing,
- focal point,
- subject matter,
- field of view,
- format,
- compose

How could you improve this photograph?



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Taking a good photograph



Positioning: Is it clear what the most important part is?



Framing: Have you included everything you wanted to?



Have you focused on the **detail** in your photograph?

Which photo do you prefer and why?



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Now it's your turn to take some photographs

In pairs, take photographs of:

- A classroom display
- A view out of the classroom window
- A group of coloured pencils

Paper framing

Use the paper frame template to help you plan your photograph and to decide whether your photo will look better in portrait or landscape.

- Partner A uses the paper frame to plan the composition
- Partner B takes the photograph

Swap roles for each photo you take.



Reviewing



Positioning: Is it clear what the most important part is?



Framing: Have you included everything you wanted to?



Have you focused on the **detail** in your photograph?

Retaking

- Rate the photographs you have taken.
- Choose a photograph to retake. How will you make it better?
- Now take the photograph again. Can you make it better?

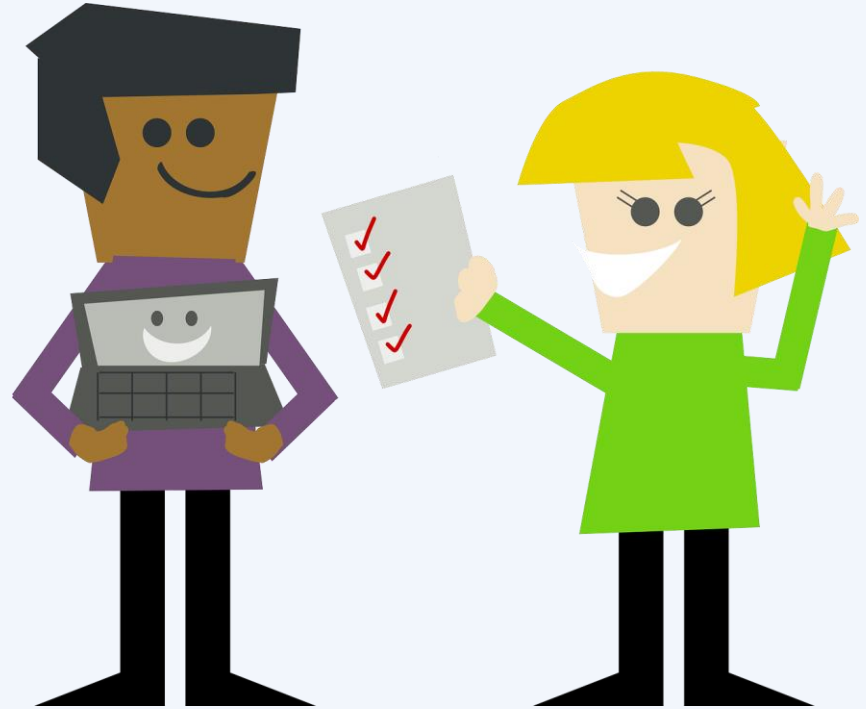


Before and after

Share your before and after photo with a friend.

Why is this one better than the original?

Does your partner agree?



How confident are you? (1-3)

- I can identify what is wrong with a photograph
- I can discuss how to take a good photograph
- I can improve a photograph by retaking it

3 - Very confident



2 - Unsure



1 - Not confident



Next lesson

In this lesson, you...

Learnt how to compose good-quality photos

Next lesson, you will...

Learn about how light and focus can be adjusted to capture clearer photographs