

# Prepare for {IELTS}

## Describe a picture or photograph in your home

You should say:

- What it is
- Who took/created the picture
- Where it is in your house
- And explain how you feel about it

It was quite tricky to choose which photo to talk about because I'm into photography and have quite a few photos displayed around my house, but I've decided to talk about a photo that was taken a few years back of my family when we were visiting some friends in Italy.

The majority of photos I have on display have been taken by me and this is the only photo I'm in. I'm quite camera-shy and prefer to be behind the lens rather than in front of it. I'm not a fan of posed photos and prefer natural shots where people are doing something and the camera captures the moment. The photo that I am thinking about has all my family in it, but it is unposed and natural because we were eating at the time and my friend snapped the photo without us realizing. We all look so chilled and relaxed and that's why I love it so much.

As for where it is in my house, I got it enlarged and framed and it is on the wall in the kitchen. If I remember rightly, it's around A3 size or it might be A2, anyway it's relatively large. My friend took the photo on her digital SLR which takes photos at 40 megapixels so it's a high-quality image. Usually, I can't bear to look at photos of myself because I'm not that photogenic but, for once, I don't look hideous\* in this picture.

This photo holds a lot of memories for me because it was a much-needed holiday because we'd had an extremely stressful year and we desperately needed the holiday to recharge our batteries. We all look happy and carefree in the image and when I'm feeling down or anxious, looking at this photo takes me back to that time and it makes me smile.

\*hideous = extremely ugly or extremely unpleasant e.g. There are some hideous things happening in the world at the moment...

## PART 3

**What are the disadvantages of taking photos on mobile phones?**

**There are a few drawbacks that spring to mind.**

**Firstly, in the past, photos used to be printed on paper and could be passed down from generation to generation.**

**Now, they tend to be stored on phones and if the phone gets lost, the photos are lost too, unless they are stored in the cloud or something like that.**

**Another negative factor is that the quality isn't always as good as a digital SLR, for example. Some cameras are capable of high-quality images but many are low quality and pixelated.**