

# In the picture

## 1 READING

- a Read the text quickly. Which information is not revealed about the *Afghan Girl*?
- 1 what she is called
  - 2 how old she was when the photo was taken
  - 3 whether she has a family
  - 4 where she lives now
- b Read the text again and choose a, b, or c.
- 1 The most remarkable thing about the photo is ...
    - a her hair.
    - b her clothes.
    - c her eyes.
  - 2 The photographer did not take the girl's picture immediately because ...
    - a he wanted to give her time to get used to him.
    - b he didn't notice her at first.
    - c she refused to be photographed.
  - 3 It was hard for the photographer to find the girl again because ...
    - a he wasn't allowed to talk to the refugees.
    - b a lot of Afghan women looked like her.
    - c he didn't know anything about her.
  - 4 When the photographer found Sharbat Gula, she was living ...
    - a in a different refugee camp.
    - b in an isolated part of Afghanistan.
    - c in a different country.
  - 5 What is the photographer's attitude towards Sharbat Gula today?
    - a He is concerned about her and her family's future.
    - b He is keen to take more photographs of her.
    - c He is grateful to her for making him famous.
- c Match the **highlighted** words and phrases in the text to the definitions below.
- 1 remembered \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 said that something is true \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 very noticeable \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 the state of being alone and not disturbed by other people \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 make somebody want to know something \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 a job that you are given to do \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7 go near to somebody \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8 questions \_\_\_\_\_

## Who is the Afghan Girl?

In June 1985, a photograph of a young woman appeared on the front cover of the *National Geographic* magazine. The image showed a face with a pair of **striking** green eyes staring directly into the camera. A red scarf hung loosely over her hair. The title of the picture was *Afghan Girl*, and today it is regarded as one of the most viewed photographs in the world. So, who took it and what is the story behind it?



The photograph was taken by American photojournalist Steve McCurry. In 1984, he was sent to Afghanistan to take a series of photos reflecting the conflict in the area. McCurry spent most of his time on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where there were a number of refugee camps. It was in one of these camps that he met the girl in the photograph. Realizing that she was very shy, he did not **approach** her at first. Instead he started photographing her classmates, hoping to **arouse her curiosity**. Eventually, she came up to him and agreed to have her photo taken.

Almost as soon as the photograph was published, the magazine received hundreds of **enquiries** about the girl's identity. But McCurry had not asked her name and so he could not answer. That is, until 2002, when *National Geographic* sent him to Afghanistan on an **assignment** to try and find her. With no name, no address, and no information about what tribe she came from, this was not an easy task. All McCurry and his team could do was to visit the refugee camps and show her photo to the remaining inhabitants. Many women **claimed** that they were the girl in the picture, but McCurry was not convinced. Then one day, he spoke to a man who said that he knew her brother. A message was sent to her hometown, and some time later, a much older version of the girl in the picture walked through McCurry's door.

The photographer discovered that the woman's name was Sharbat Gula. She had only been 12 years old when he had taken her photograph, but now she was 30 and had three daughters of her own. She had returned to Afghanistan from the refugee camp in 1992 and she was living in a remote region of the country with her husband, a baker. Sharbat **recalled** being photographed by McCurry, but she had never seen her famous portrait before.

Since their meeting, McCurry and his team are continually in contact with Sharbat. *National Geographic* has paid her for the photograph, so she has been able to send her daughters to school. However, the magazine is keeping the location of her hometown a secret to protect her **privacy**.



## 2 VOCABULARY photography

a Complete the description of the photo.



This photo was taken in a garden. <sup>1</sup>In the foreground, there's a woman and the trunk of a tree that has been cut down. The trunk is <sup>2</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ th\_\_\_\_\_. b\_\_\_\_\_, r\_\_\_\_\_, -h\_\_\_\_\_, c\_\_\_\_\_ of the photo and the woman is standing <sup>3</sup>b\_\_\_\_\_ it. She's leaning on the tree trunk with her left hand <sup>4</sup>o\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ it. She's holding out her other hand. <sup>5</sup>I\_\_\_\_\_ th\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ of the photo is an older man. He looks much smaller than the woman because he's <sup>6</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ th\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_. It looks as if he is standing on the woman's hand. There's a bush <sup>7</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ fr\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ the man, and <sup>8</sup>o\_\_\_\_\_ the woman there's a wall with a lot of flowers planted in it. <sup>9</sup>I\_\_\_\_\_ th\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_, there are a lot of trees and <sup>10</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ th\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ -h\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_, there's a large white house.

b Complete the sentences with the words in the list.

blurred enlarge flash lenses out of focus  
portrait setting zoom in

- I moved when I was taking the photo, so the image is blurred.
- I use different \_\_\_\_\_, depending on the shot I want.
- I wanted to take a close-up of my boyfriend, so I used the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ this photo and frame it for my parents as a present.
- The people are too far away because I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ on them.
- The photo is very dark because I didn't use the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I didn't use the right setting, so the building is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable in the words. Then write them in the correct column in the table.

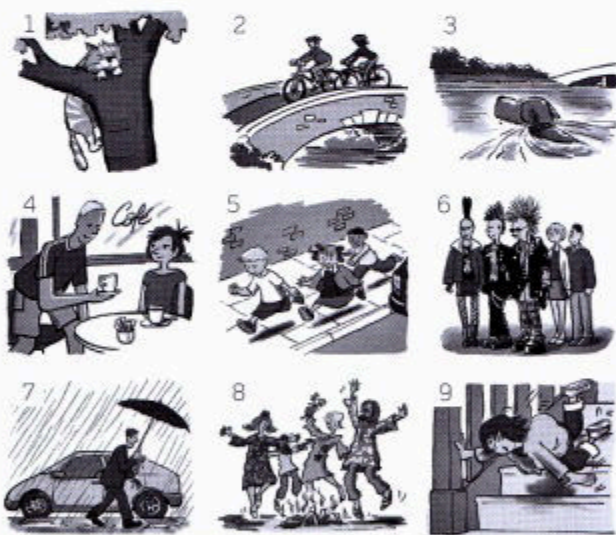
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Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable	Stress on third syllable
_____	_____	<u>automatic</u>
_____	_____	_____
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b iChecker Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words.

## 4 GRAMMAR prepositions

a Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs and the correct prepositions.



climb cycle dance fall run sit stand  
swim walk across along down in front of  
next to over past round up

- The cat climbed up the tree.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge.
- The dog \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- Mark \_\_\_\_\_ Sophie in the café.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the pavement.
- The band \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ a parked car.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the fire.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs.



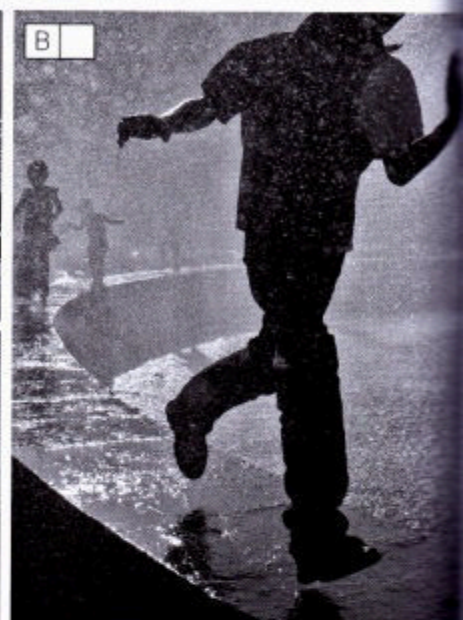
- b Complete the sentences with a word from the list, and a preposition if necessary.

arrived asked belong entered married  
paid proud spend told worried

- 1 Who does this camera belong to?
  - 2 Everybody stopped talking when we entered the room.
  - 3 They're very \_\_\_\_\_ their son because he has been very successful.
  - 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ our meal by credit card.
  - 5 The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ everyone to go home.
  - 6 That actress is \_\_\_\_\_ a famous singer.
  - 7 I'm very \_\_\_\_\_ my final exams.
  - 8 When the taxi driver stopped we \_\_\_\_\_ a receipt.
  - 9 How much money do you \_\_\_\_\_ food each month?
  - 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ the hotel too late to call my parents.
- c Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word(s) in brackets.
- 1 Holly wants to do a photography course. (interested)  
Holly is interested in doing a photography course.
  - 2 I can't wait to go on holiday. (looking forward)  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.
  - 3 My boyfriend can't draw very well. (good)  
My boyfriend isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4 My friend said that I had broken her camera. (blamed)  
My friend \_\_\_\_\_ her camera.
  - 5 I think it's important to have a healthy diet. (believe)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a healthy diet.
  - 6 He said sorry because he had forgotten my name. (apologized)  
He \_\_\_\_\_ my name.

## 5 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to two people talking about a photography exhibition. Number the photos 1–3 in the order they are mentioned.



- b Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Next year's Photography Exhibition in the village hall will be in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The tall building in Photo 1 is \_\_\_\_\_ building in the world.
- 3 Jack thinks Photo 1 will not look good if you \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Photo 2 \_\_\_\_\_ at sunset.
- 5 The hills in \_\_\_\_\_ make Photo 2 wild and mysterious.
- 6 Jane thinks the fountain in Photo 3 is not \_\_\_\_\_ enough for the theme of the exhibition.
- 7 Jack is worried that the \_\_\_\_\_ will be too big when they enlarge the photo.
- 8 They finally choose the photo with the \_\_\_\_\_.

- c Listen again with the tapescript on p.71 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn the words and phrases.

tower /'taʊə/	flash drive /'flæʃ draɪv/
hard drive /'hɑ:d draɪv/	data centre /'deɪtə sentə/
file format /'faɪl 'fɔ:mæt/	offline (opp online) /ɒf'laɪn/
resave /'ri:səv/	upload /ʌp'ləʊd/
erase /'reɪz/	back up /'bæk'ʌp/