HOW TO PRESENT A PICTURE

1. INIZIA SEMPRE CON UNA FRASE INTRODUTTIVA:

• This picture shows...

• In this picture I can see...

• This is a picture of...

2. DESCRIVI L'AMBIENTE (THE PLACE)

Start with the structure/position of the elements:

next to /near
in front of vs. behind
in the foreground
in the background
in the upper part / at the top
in the lower part / at the bottom
on the left hand side / on the left
on the right hand side / on the right
in the central part / in the middle

3. DESCRIVI I PERSONAGGI (THE CHARACTERS)

- Their age
- Their physical aspect
- Their clothes
- Their actions (what are they doing? -> USE THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS)
- Their role in the picture (their job position, family relations, etc.)
- Their feelings

4. FAI SUPPOSIZIONI (MAKE GUESSES)

- It might be summer because some people are wearing swimsuits
- It is probably in the country because I can see a farm in the background
- This picture could be in Italy because I can see a sign over a restaurant that says "Spaghetteria", an Italian word

ALCUNI CONSIGLI (SOME USEFUL ADVICE):

- Make sentences: don't produce list of items
- Organize your description: don't repeat the same thing more than once
- Start from a general idea, then talk about details
- Give reasons for your ideas
- Give some personal reaction to the picture
- Use paraphrases to describe things that you don't know or remember
 - olt's a thing you fry food in (= frying pan)
 - olt's a kind of container for flowers (= vase)
 - olt's a cupboard for keeping clothes in (= wardrobe)