



Communication Lesson Plan: Commenting on pictures

Age group: Young learners

Life Competency: Communication

Language focus: Learners practise using the expression “I like this because...”

***Aim:** This task aims to help young learners develop communication skills in responding to each other’s work. This would be effective in an online forum on their virtual learning environment. In this task, learners develop language and communication skills by authentically responding to other learners’ pictures, which requires them to use language appropriate to digital communication.*

Step 1:

For homework, ask learners to find or create a picture they like. This could be:

- a photo they have taken or found online,
- a photo of a picture they have drawn, or
- a picture they have drawn on their device.

They can get their parents/guardians to help with this.

Step 2:

Learners upload their picture to an online class forum and give the picture a name. Make sure that this does not break any privacy and consent rules at your school and that the parents are aware of and consent to the task.

Step 3:

When everyone has uploaded their pictures, learners can choose three to look at. On the forum for each one, they write a sentence starting with “I like this picture because...”. If this activity is too advanced for your learners, you can instead ask learners to choose their favourite picture and to write a description on the post. Either way, learners may need some help with this. You can help them by giving them some example sentences as language models.

Step 4:

When learners have completed this, be sure to like and respond to their comments. When you respond, try not to correct their writing, but instead, respond to their content by writing something like, “Yes, that’s a good idea, I like this picture too”.

For support whilst teaching this lesson, refer to either the [Young Learners or Communication](#) booklet, from the [Cambridge Life Competencies Framework](#).

