DESCRIBING IMAGES

Is the picture a landscape, portrait, interior, still life, or not clearly any of these?

Is the picture a drawing, a watercolour, an oil painting, a collage, or nor clearly any of these?

What is the subject of the picture?

What can be seen in the foreground, middle ground, background?

Are there strong outlines to objects, flat areas of colours, broken brushwork?

Is the picture full of fine details or are the brushstrokes loose and broad?

Comment on the **composition.** Are there strong horizontal, vertical or diagonal lines? Are the lines of the composition straight or curved? Are some objects cut by the picture frame? Is our eye drawn to a point in the distance or to one particular area of the picture? Are any shapes repeated in different parts of the picture? Is the composition dynamic or static?

Comment on the **colour**. Is there a wide or limited colour range? Do(es) any colour(s) dominate? Are the colours strong, bright, muted, subtle, dirty? Are the colours natural, earthy, artificial, gaudy? Do warm or cold colours dominate? Are strong contasts created between certain colours? Is the colour of an important element echoed in another area of the picture?

What do you think the artist wanted to express or emphasise with this picture?

What effect does the picture have on you? What atmosphere does it create?