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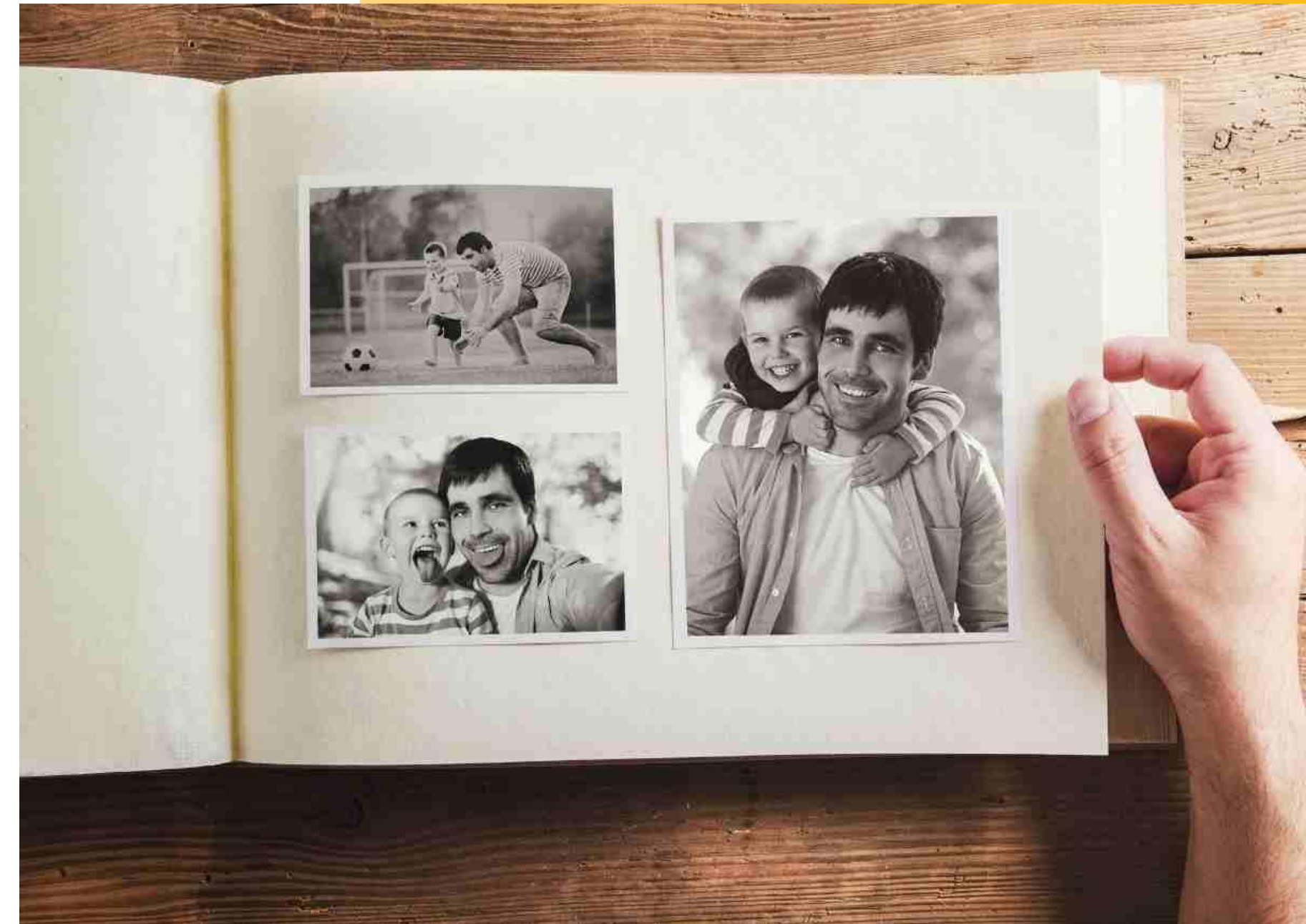
Describe a photo you took that you are proud of

You should say:

- When you took it**
- Where you took it**
- What is in the photo**
- And explain why you are proud of it**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



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We use **by any stretch of the imagination** to emphasize a negative statement

to **possess** = to have; to own

If something such as a photo **brings back fond memories**, it helps you to remember happy times

A **rocking-chair** is built on two pieces of curved wood so that it can move backward and forward when you sit on it

Things which can be seen behind the main focus of a photo are called the **background**

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It's of my grandfather, sitting in his **rocking-chair** outside his cottage in the countryside. In the **background** you can see the wood he'd probably been chopping that morning, and the lake where he went fishing every day, rain or shine. In the picture, he's got on baggy trousers and a scruffy jacket. I don't recall ever seeing him wearing anything else. There's something in his hand, but you can't make out what it is. His faithful dog is sitting by his side, with its tongue hanging out. He's frowning and appears a bit grumpy, but looks can be deceptive. He was the most warm-hearted person in the world.

I remember taking the photo, just after grandpa forbade me from pointing the camera at him. He was only joking. It must have been before I was 10, as that's when he passed away. We all miss him terribly.

What I adore about that photo is that it really captures his personality, his essence. When I look at it, I can recollect everything about him vividly. It's a precious memory which only exists because of me, and other relatives regularly say how grateful they are that I took it.

to **chop** = to cut something into pieces, using an axe, knife or other sharp instrument

The expression **(come) rain or shine** is used to show that something occurs every day, in all conditions, whatever happens

Baggy clothes are too big for you and hang loosely

Scruffy clothes are messy or old, and look a bit dirty

If you **can't make something out** in a photo, you cannot see its details or identify it

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A **faithful** dog always stays with its owner and does not change its friendship and love, whatever happens

to **frown** = to make lines on your face above your eyes, and turn down the corners of your mouth, often to indicate that you are annoyed or sad

A **grumpy** person is irritable and often in a bad mood

The phrase **looks can be deceptive** expresses the idea that we should not always believe that a person/place has the character that their/its appearance suggests

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to **forbid** = to refuse to allow something to happen

If you **point** a camera at somebody, you hold it in their direction so you can photograph them

to **pass away** = to die

to **adore** = to love; to be very fond of

If a photo **captures somebody's personality/essence**, it shows how this person really/truly was

If something is **precious**, it is extremely valuable

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