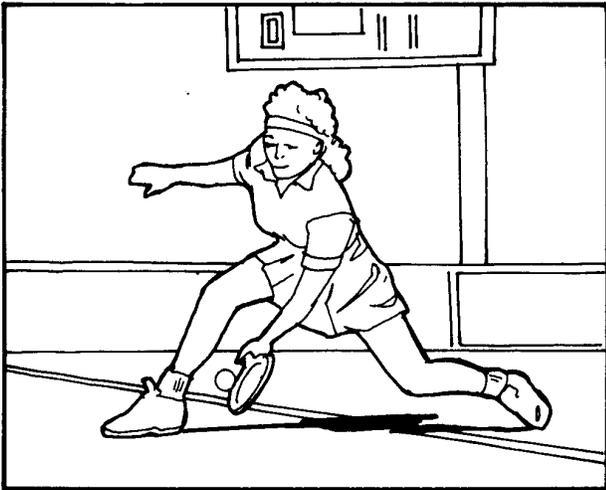


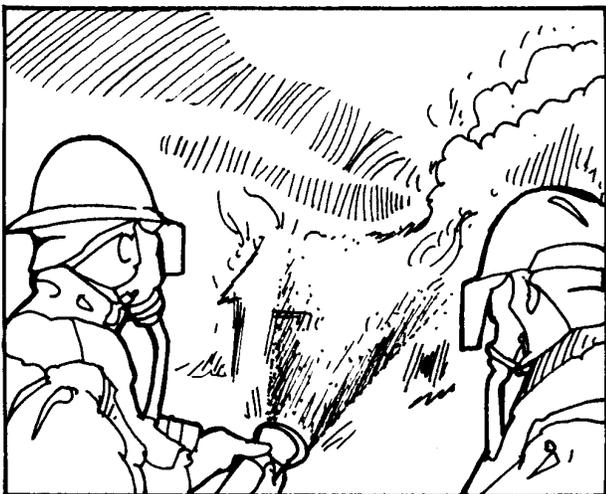
Caption Writing

Photographs make editorials more interesting to read and easier to understand. The best photographs should almost tell a story themselves; however, in order to make a photograph's content completely clear, a caption is written under each. The caption tells who or what the picture is about.

Look at these "photographs." Write a good caption below each one.









Choosing a Photograph

Study the photograph your teacher has given your group. Discuss it with each other and then write your answers to the questions below.

1. What is the photo's content or subject? _____

2. Is there anything unusual about its size, shape, or color? (If it is a black-and-white photo, look for shades within the monotone.) _____

3. From what angle is this picture taken? Is this a close-up, a picture taken from far away, or is the subject in the mid-ground? _____

4. What is the photo's emotional tone? Does it make you feel happy, sad, angry, or calm? _____

5. What, if any, are the special effects that are used? _____

6. How does the time of day or lighting affect this photo? _____

7. Do you notice any patterns or textures in the photo? _____

8. What do you think the purpose is in having this photo accompany an article? How could it help or motivate the viewer? _____

9. Who is the audience to whom this photo would appeal? _____

10. What makes this photo stand out? _____

Crop These

When a picture editor wants to make the subject larger and remove parts of the picture that do not need to be there, he or she crops the picture. Cropping means cutting or trimming. To crop, use two sheets of paper or cardboard as cropping tools. Place them alongside two sides of the picture. Move the cropping tools until you find where you would like to crop. Draw lines lightly and cut accordingly. If necessary, use additional paper to crop the other sides as well.

The pictures below have too much in them. Cut out the pictures. Using a ruler, mark where they should be cropped. Draw lines lightly to show where to cut. Crop the pictures, glue them to construction paper, and then color them.

