

Unit 2.3: We are photographers

Taking, selecting and editing digital images

Unit learning objectives

In this unit you will:

- consider the technical and artistic merits of photographs
- use the iPad camera app
- take digital photographs
- review, reject or pick the images you take
- edit and enhance your photographs.

Session 1: Browsing online collections of photographs

To understand what makes a good photo



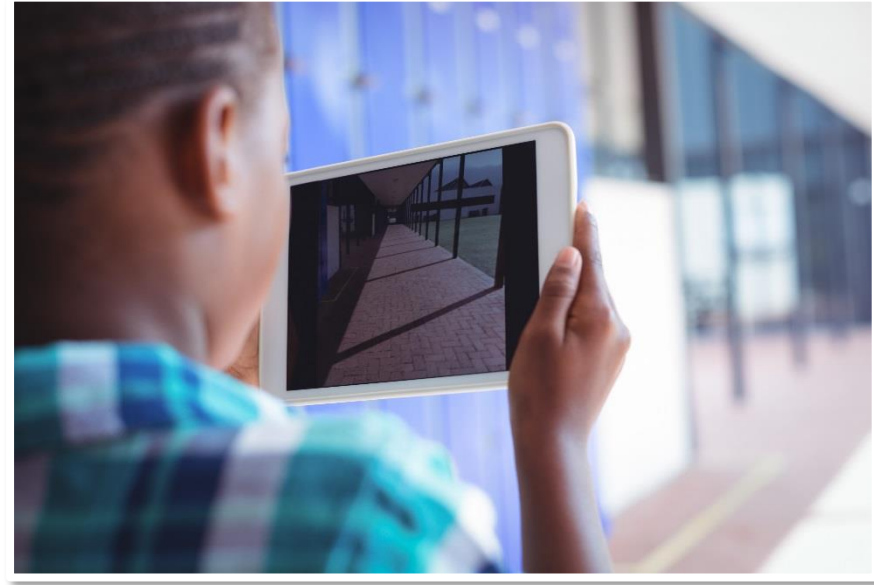
Let's learn

In this unit you will be learning to take great photographs and edit the photographs you take.

Let's discuss

Talk to your partner:

1. Have you taken pictures using digital cameras or do you mainly use phones or tablets?
2. Have you used the cameras built into iPads, other tablets or smartphones?

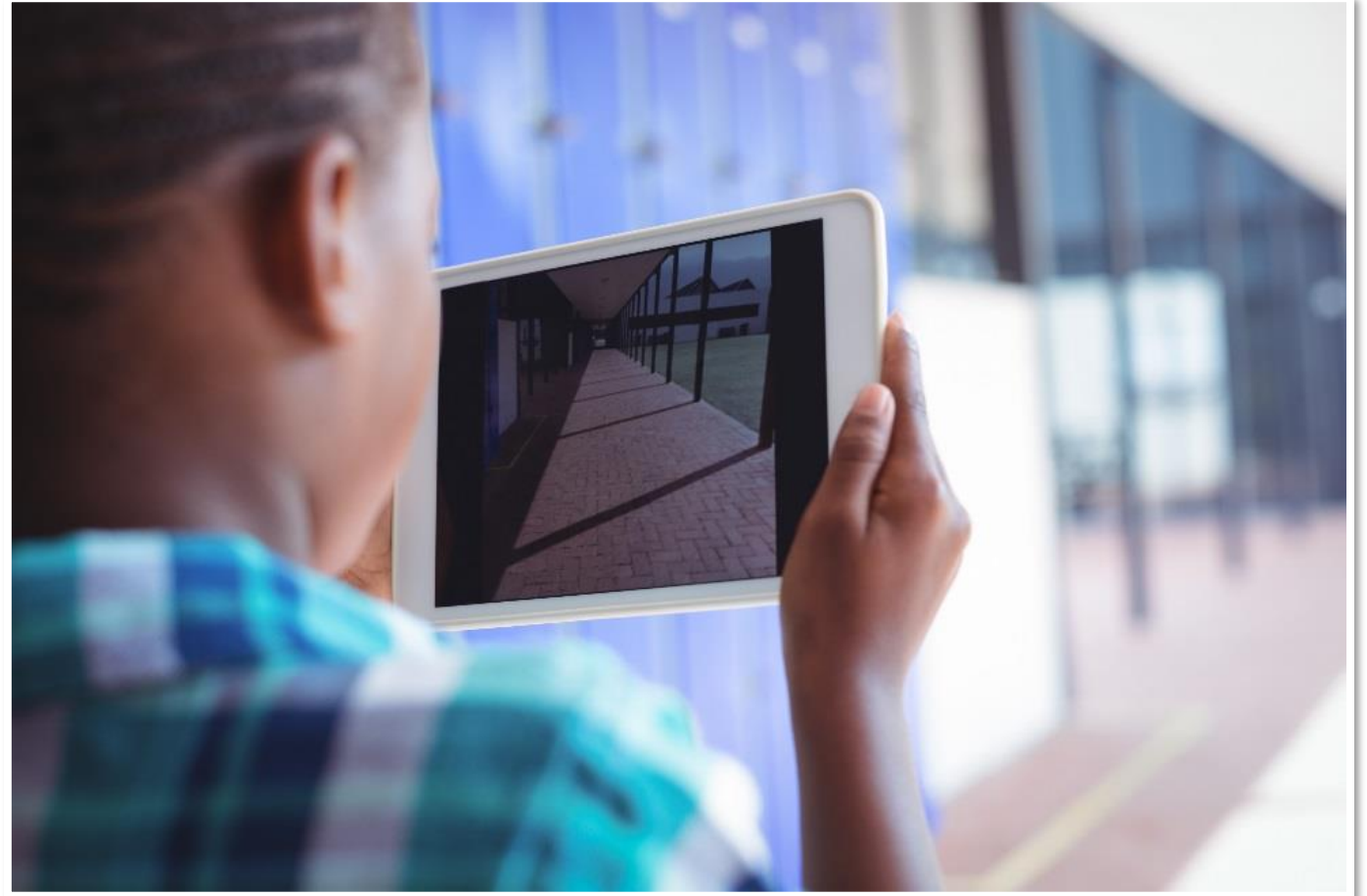




Let's discuss

Now let's think about the type of photos we have taken:

1. What sort of things do you take photos of?
2. What have been your best photos so far?





Let's do

We are going to take pictures around a class topic. The example topic we are using is **Seasons**.

Let's discuss

1. What sort of things should we take pictures of for this topic?
2. Brainstorm ideas in a group.





Let's think

We are going to search for these images online.

Remember our Online Safety rules!

Let's discuss

What should you do if you see any pictures that worry or concern you?



Click to see what you should do if you see content that worries you.



Let's learn

When you're looking online, the most effective images are the more beautiful ones.

Let's discuss

1. Who knows what the **rule of thirds** is?
2. What else might make a beautiful picture?



Do you remember what the **rule of thirds** is?

Click on this box to see the definition.

Click to see how this image follows the rule of thirds!



Let's do

You can search for images on the Internet using online **Creative Commons** photo collections such as Pixabay.

Follow these steps:

1. Type <https://pixabay.com/> into the browser.
2. Type your topic into the search bar.
3. Tap the magnifying glass to search.

Do you remember what **Creative Commons** is?

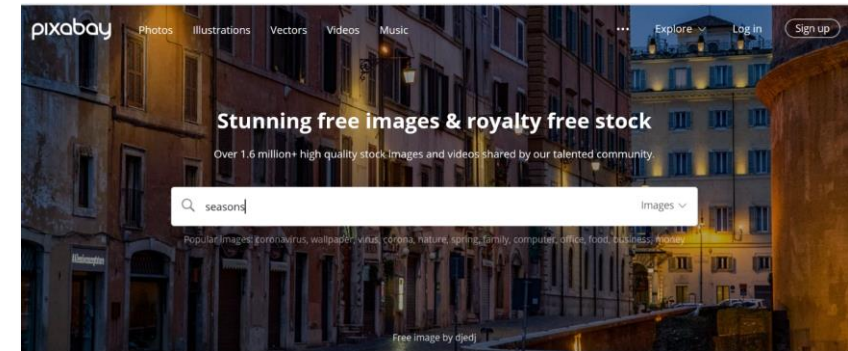
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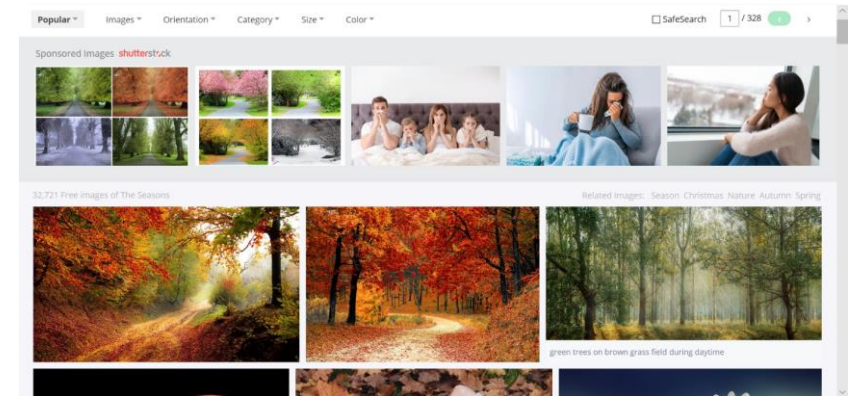
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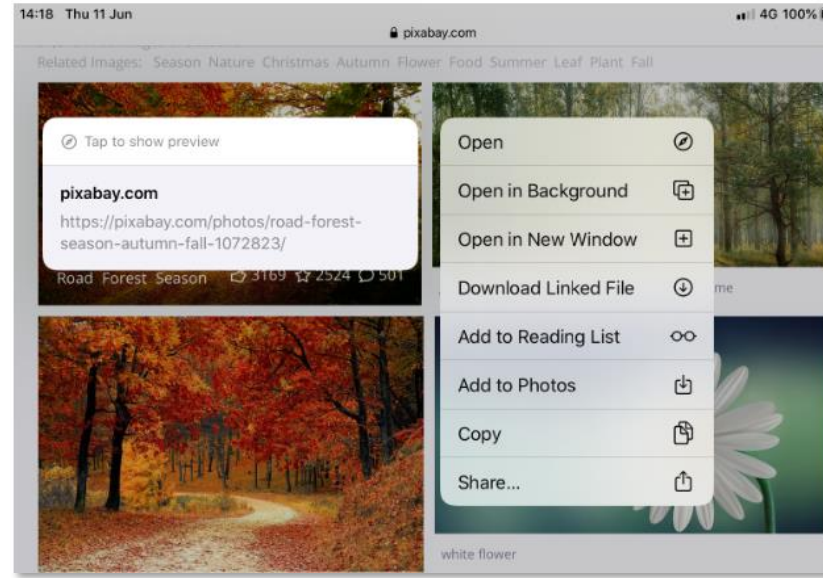
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Let's do

Next, collect the images you like:

1. Press on the image and tap 'Add to photos'.
2. The image will now be in the Photos app.
3. You can then save it to a shared album by pressing on it and tapping 'share', then 'add to shared album'.

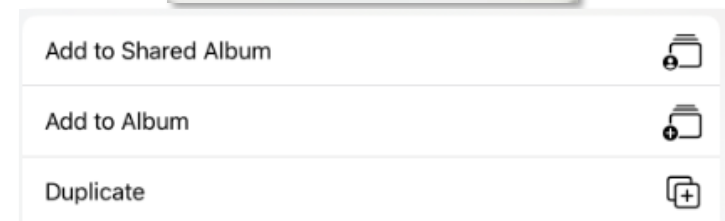
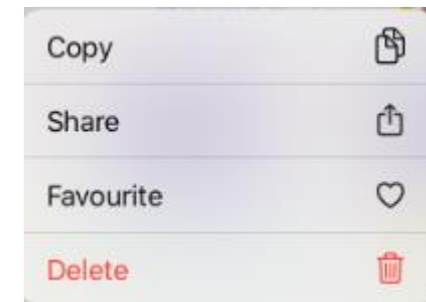
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Let's do

Your next challenge is to share two or three pictures that you think are effective with someone else.

Let's discuss

Do the pictures:

1. use interesting or vibrant colours?
2. use symmetry and patterns?
3. use the rule of thirds?
4. share a story?



Let's discuss

1. Choose your favourite picture.
2. Explain why you like the image that you chose.
3. Come up with a list of ideas about what makes a good picture.



Click on the image to see some ideas about what makes a good picture!

