

Lesson : Do you mind if I take your picture?

You are going to see two photographs from Humans of New York. Spend a few minutes observing each one and...

- Describe the photo. Use some adjectives to describe the characters' feelings and looks.
- What questions does each photograph raise in your mind?
- List 3 things you might infer from each photograph.

Picture 1



Picture 2



Predicting the story

These items are related to the first picture's story. Can you guess what the girl's story is about?



These items are related to the second picture's story. Can you guess what the couple's story is about?



Story Puzzle

You are going to read 2 sentences that belong to one of the stories. Which story do the sentences describe? Explain your choice.

I wasn't even planning on going out that night.

I just started dancing by myself.

I quit my job.

Everything is one big question for me right now.

Read the first story and check whether your guesses were correct. Does any piece of information surprise you?

"I turned thirty-five recently. Everything is one big question for me right now. My dog died in January. I quit my job. I chopped off my hair. I got in a huge fight with my boyfriend last night and now I don't know what's going to happen. **I feel like I'm about** to fall apart. I've never been the type of girl who thought too much about kids, or dreamed about her wedding day, or thought about her wedding dress. But I'm thirty-five now. And **I can't help but** wonder if it's ever going to happen. And when is it going to happen? And who is it going to happen with? I've been a bartender since the age of eighteen. I got used to it. It was safe. I couldn't **mess up**. There's only one way to make a Manhattan. And the whole reason I quit my job was to pull the rug out from under myself. I wanted to use my cosmetology degree and pursue a career in hair styling. But I've interviewed with several salons now, and **nothing has come of it**. I'm really losing my self-confidence. I feel like everything is crashing down around me. I think I spent seventeen years stuck as a bartender because I was so afraid of feeling like this."

Read the second story and check whether your guesses were correct. Does any piece of information surprise you?

"It's our first date. We met on Fire Island. I wasn't even planning on going out that night. I'd already drunk half a bottle of Johnny Black so I was just going to **stay in** and read my Chelsea Handler book, but my friends promised to bake me cookies if I went to the club with them. So I went to buy three bags of **cookie dough**, and when I finally got to the club all my friends were **making out with somebody**, so I was like 'this sucks,' and I just started dancing by myself and eating the cookie dough. Then I saw him by the DJ booth and we made eye contact so I went over and started sharing my cookie dough. We never actually spoke. Then a few months later **I ran into him** on the subway."

Facebook comments

Go to the Facebook link. Read some comments. Reply to the one you found the funniest, the most amusing or interesting. Alternatively, you can write your own comment.

Picture 1 : <https://goo.gl/vkwekq>

Picture 2: <https://goo.gl/M9PNeH>



Listening/ Speaking

Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3Wh2OZl5TA>

You're going to watch a short clip about Brandon Stanton, the Humans of New York creator. Discuss these questions with your partner.

- 1) Do you follow Humans of New York on Facebook? Why or why not? Why do you think it's such a popular Fanpage?
- 2) Would you feel at ease in answering the questions mentioned in the video to a stranger?
- 3) If a stranger approached you to take a picture and chat, would you let them do that?
- 4) If you were Brandon, what would you take into consideration before approaching someone to take a picture of them?
- 5) How would you respond to a stranger if they said "Hi. Do you mind if I take a picture of you?"