

## Photos and Memories

A photo is not a mere image of a thing only; it is rather a space in which we store some of our most happy and sad memories. It is a mirror that reflects what happened in the past or how things were at the time when the picture was taken. Every photo therefore, embodies a memory that has a special meaning to us, to our lives, and even to our future relationships to other people, to places we lived in, and even to nature itself. Every time we look at an old picture, we smile, sometimes happily, sometimes sarcastically, because pictures bring back the memories they represent. In just a blink, pictures take us years back to the times and places where they were taken and lead us to experience the old feelings; they cause us to reflect, smile and sometimes cry. Therefore, pictures we choose to take should be as real and as beautiful and happy as possible, particularly personal and family pictures. Pictures are a resilient reminder of exciting times gone, happy occasions lived, beautiful places visited, and opportunities missed; they are cherished memories to be kept and enjoyed and remembered to inspire us to do better in the future, and enjoy life more when possible.

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