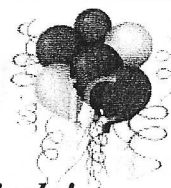


Descriptive Writing



Use a lot of adjectives and adverbs in order to make your description lively!

Describing People	Describing Places	Describing Objects	Describing Events / experiences / thoughts
a) <u>The introduction</u> where you state general facts about the person, saying when, where and how you first met him/her. State the reason for choosing this person.	a) <u>The introduction</u> where you give the name and location of the place or building and/or the reason for choosing it	a) <u>The introduction</u> where you give the name of the object and/or the reason for choosing it	a) <u>The introduction</u> in which you give name, time, place, and reasons for celebrating
b) <u>The body (2 paragraphs)</u> in which you describe their physical appearance, personal qualities and/or hobbies/interests. Start a new paragraph for each topic	b) <u>The body (2 paragraphs)</u> describes the main aspects of the place or building in detail – for example, when you describe a place you should describe what you can see and do there. Start a new paragraph for each topic	b) <u>The body (2 paragraphs)</u> where you give an accurate picture of it. Your description should include information about size, weight, shape, pattern or decoration, color, origin and material as well as many special features. Start a new paragraph for each topic	b) <u>The body (2 paragraphs)</u> in which you describe the preparations and the actual event in separate paragraphs . Use past tenses to illustrate those you attended some time ago.
c) <u>The conclusion</u> in which you express your personal attitude towards the person	c) <u>The conclusion</u> includes your comments/feelings and /or a recommendation	c) <u>The conclusion</u> includes your comments/feelings and /or a recommendation concerning this object	c) <u>The conclusion</u> which includes people's feelings comments or final thoughts about the event.

Describing Places:

Types of places: the country, the country-side, outdoors, the seaside, a beauty spot, a tourist spot, a tourist's paradise/attraction, the beach, a historic monument, a ruined place, a world famous sight, the site of battle (sight = view; site = place)

Adjectives for places: remote, imposing, superb, easily accessible, inaccessible, peaceful, interesting, memorable, awe-inspiring, world-famous, off the beaten track, little/much visited, tourist-ridden, beautiful, picturesque, isolated, breath-taking, pretty, bustling sleepy, lively, sparsely populated

Describing People:

interesting, shy, diffident, pushing, overbearing, talented, lonely, sociable, likeable, a pest, intelligent, introvert, extrovert, approachable, unapproachable, businesslike, humble, timid, practical, impractical, a good mixer, a good conversationalist, anti-social, retiring, a sport, a snob, a bore, a know-all, difficult, arrogant, shrewd energetic, conceited, modest, brash, self-confident, lazy, ambitious, easy-going, strict, cunning.

Useful Expressions

The Opening Paragraph

- As long as I live, I will never forget....
- This was the most incredible / amazing / wonderful/fascinating / unforgettable experience.
- This was a once in a lifetime experience.



The Body of the Composition

Description of people

- He is / was an exceptional man.
- He / She has made a strong impact on me.
- I appreciate his / her special characteristics.
- Everybody appreciates the efforts made....
- He / She does his / her job efficiently.
- He / She enjoys an outstanding reputation.
- It's quite rare to come across such a unique person.



The Body of the Composition

Description of Experiences

- It was a unique adventure.
- It was an unusual experience.
- It was an exceptional experience.
- It was an unforgettable experience

The Closing Paragraph

- This memory will stay with me forever.
- The memory of that remains very much alive.
- Although years have passed, I still remember....



Useful Expressions

- feelings of elation
- feelings of relief
- sense of fulfillment
- a great accomplishment
- overcome challenges / obstacles
- exceed my expectations
- allocate more time to
- break the routine
- achieve the goal

Popular adjectives

exciting
interesting
fascinating
magnificent
incredible
boring
imaginative
creative
unique
exceptional
extraordinary

To describe view

amazing scenery
scenic views
magnificent sights
outstanding view
breathtaking
spectacular

To describe weather

Warm
Stifling
Humid
Moist
Chilly
Freezing

To describe food

Tasty
Delicious
Extraordinary
Spicy
Exotic
Scrumptious



Structure of Your Composition

Introduction What are you describing?

Body – 2 paragraphs

Characteristics of the person, object, place or event.

Each paragraph must deal with a different aspect!

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Conclusion What makes this special? (personal impression or opinion)

What You Should Include in Your Writing

When describing people you may want to include

- ✦ Physical appearance
- ✦ Personality, character
- ✦ Attitudes, behavior
- ✦ Interests, hobbies, profession
- ✦ Your personal impression / opinion

When describing places you may want to include

- ✦ Location
- ✦ Physical characteristics, atmosphere
- ✦ Special attractions
- ✦ The culture and people in the place
- ✦ Historical details
- ✦ Your personal impression / opinion

When describing things you may want to include

- ✦ Physical appearance
- ✦ Origin (where it was made)
- ✦ Use
- ✦ Your personal impression / opinion

When describing events you may want to include

- ✦ The setting – where and when it happened – PAST TENSES
- ✦ What happened – in chronological order
- ✦ Your impression or opinion about it

Now it's your turn!
Choose your topic.

Composition topics

1. Describe a person who influenced your life
2. Describe your city to your cousin in Australia
3. Describe your vacation with your family – in Israel or abroad
4. Describe your last class trip
5. Describe your birthday party
6. Describe a special gift you got for your birthday.
7. Describe your first day in high school
8. Describe a sport event, a performance, a rock concert you have been to

