



What is a descriptive Essay?



A description is a picture in words that helps the reader see, hear, taste, smell, or feel something that the writer has experienced.



What do you want to describe?

- **A person**
- **A place**
- **A memory**
- **An experience**
- **An object**



Answer the Following



What sense is being used in the following sentences?



The puppy was black with three white paws and one white ear. It had a long tail with a white tip.





What sense is being used in the following sentences?

**As we walked into the room, the floor boards creaked. We knocked into a table and the glass vase hit the floor.
*Crash!***



What sense is being used in the following sentences?



The chocolate cake was so delicious. It had peanut butter frosting which melted in your mouth.





What sense is being used in the following sentences?

As we pulled into the driveway, I could tell the hamburgers and hot dogs were on the grill.



What sense is being used in the following sentence?

The cool rain was hitting us in the face as we ran to the bus.

When We Write A Description, We Must Remember To



- Begin with interesting opening sentences that tell what the description is about.



- Use exact, vivid words to create a picture in the reader's mind.
- Include important details about what you are describing.



- Put details in time order, spatial order, or in order of importance.
- Use sense words that help your reader picture what you are describing.
- End in a way that wraps up the description.



Spatial Order

The writer often uses spatial order to create a clear visual image of a person, place, object, or scene: the location or arrangement in space from top to bottom, bottom to top, right to left, left to right, near to far, far to near, inside to outside, or outside to inside.

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Descriptive Transition Words

Descriptive transition words signal that the details follow a logical order based on one or both of the following elements:

- 1. The arrangement in space of a person, place, object, or scene.**
- 2. The starting point from which the writer chooses to begin the description.**

Transition Words Used to Signal Visual Description

above	at the side	behind	by	farther
Below	Center	Front	Middle	There
across	Back	Beneath	Close to	Next to
Beside	Down	In	Nearby	Underneath
at the top	Around	left	Adjacent	Under
right	At the bottom	Beyond	Far away	Inside
Outside	Within			

Point of Description

Writers use descriptive paragraphs to make a point through the vivid details they observe and share about a person, place, object, scene, or situation. When you write a description, your opinion or attitude about the subject you are describing is your point or main idea.

Examples

- **William's office reveals his careful attention to organization.**
- **From head to toe, Latoya dressed to appear professional and confident.**



The Best Possible Vacation

The first time I went to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, I knew that this was just the kind of vacation I would always love.



As I sat on the beach, I felt the gentle breeze coming from the water. The warm sun was shining on the water making it sparkle. It was so peaceful. The waves crashing against the shore were soothing.

