



ENGLISH

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING TASK



THE TASK

- ♥ Write a descriptive piece **inspired by the image** provided.
- ♥ Your writing should create a **clear picture** in the reader's mind using detailed description and figurative language.

YOUR PIECE SHOULD BE:

- ✓ 500 – 700 words
- ✓ Written in the third person
- ✓ Focused on setting, mood and atmosphere
- ✓ Engaging and well-structured
- ✓ Uses a range of descriptive and figurative language





PLAN YOUR WRITING



SETTING

Where is your piece set? What do you see?

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ATMOSPHERE

What is the mood or feeling of the setting?

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CHARACTERS (if any)

Who is there? What are they doing or feeling?

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KEY MOMENTS

What will you focus on in your description?

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DESCRIPTIVE WRITING STRUCTURE

A well-structured piece of descriptive writing helps your reader
see, feel and experience your world.



1. INTRODUCTION



- Introduce the setting, scene or subject.
- Grab the reader's attention.
- Use a strong opening sentence.

Tip: Start with something interesting or mysterious.



2. DESCRIPTION



- Develop your description using the senses (sight, sound, smell, touch, taste).
- Use detailed language and figurative devices.
- Show, don't tell – paint a picture with words.

Tip: Include details about setting, atmosphere, characters (if any) and key features.



3. FOCUS / KEY MOMENTS



- Choose specific moments or details to highlight.
- Zoom in on the most important or memorable parts.
- Use language that creates mood and emotion.

Tip: Show how the setting or subject makes you (or the characters) feel.



4. CONCLUSION



- Wrap up your description.
- Reflect on the overall impression.
- Leave the reader with a lasting image or feeling.

Tip: End with a thoughtful or powerful closing sentence.



DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE TOOLBOX

Great writers use descriptive language to create clear pictures in the reader's mind.

SENSORY DETAILS



Sight



What can you see?



Sound



What can you hear?



Smell



What can you smell?



Touch



What can you feel?



Taste



What can you taste?



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Simile



like / as

Metaphor



is / are

Personification



giving human qualities

Onomatopoeia



sound words

Alliteration



repeated starting sounds

Hyperbole



exaggerated statements

Imagery



descriptive language that appeals to the senses



POWERFUL WORD CHOICES



Big

huge, enormous, massive, gigantic, towering



Small

tiny, little, miniature, petite, minute



Good

amazing, stunning, excellent, wonderful, outstanding



Bad

terrible, dreadful, awful, horrendous, gloomy



Happy

joyful, delighted, cheerful, blissful, elated



Sad

miserable, gloomy, heartbroken, devastated, sorrowful



TIPS TO LEVEL UP YOUR WRITING

- ♥ Show, don't tell. Use details to paint a picture.
- ♥ Use a mix of short and long sentences for impact.
- ♥ Choose interesting words instead of boring ones.

- ♥ Use figurative language to add depth and emotion.
- ♥ Check your writing – every word should add value!



WRITING CHECKLIST



Have you...

- ☐ Used a variety of descriptive vocabulary?
- ☐ Included sensory details?
- ☐ Used figurative language?
- ☐ Created a clear mood or atmosphere?
- ☐ Structured your writing effectively?
- ☐ Checked your spelling and punctuation?
- ☐ Edited your work for clarity and impact?

Great writing is rewriting! ♥

