

# Descriptive Writing

Example of Descriptive Writing - Annotated Exemplar

## The Birthday Party

(8) **Ethan's birthday party** was the most colourful, exciting party I (4) **had ever been to**. (6) **Before I was even inside I could hear the sound of music and laughter coming through the open windows**. (5) My friends were here too **and** I couldn't wait to see them!

(8) **The welcome sign** (1) **swayed** from side to side as the heavy, wooden door opened. I was greeted with a warm smile (2) **and** a bright purple top hat sitting on Ethan's head. Behind him there was a (3) **sea of hats**, all shapes, sizes and colours I could imagine. He guided me over to a (1) **worn, brown leather chest**, and suggested I choose one for myself. Feathers and sequins (7) **tickled** my hand (2) **as** I dug around to find one I liked.

(1) **A burst of laughter** made me turn around suddenly and I saw a man riding a unicycle through the living room. His (1) **bright blue shoes** were a blur as he pedalled past. (5) **I walked through the house toward the backyard and noticed red and white strips of paper on the walls**. The colourful streamers hanging from the ceiling were (3) **like spider webs** and there was bunting lining the edges. (10)

(1) Choose the best adjectives, nouns and verbs for the description.

(2) Use a variety of conjunctions to add detail.

(3) Includes some language features (like similes, alliteration and metaphors).

(4) Uses the same tense during the whole description.

(5) Use a variety of simple and compound sentences.

(6) Use some complex sentences.

(7) Use some of the five senses to help the reader create an image in their mind.

(8) Use a variety of sentence starters to keep the reader engaged.

**(5) The garden was (1) as busy as a farmer's market. There were tables set up everywhere with red cloths draped over the top and each one had a different game on it.** The table closest to me had white paper cups stacked toward the back in a triangle shape. My friends were **(1) hurling** orange ping-pong balls at them with all their strength, trying to knock the cups over. **(8) With every game (4) won, you got** to choose an awesome prize from the prize wall. **(10)**

**(6) If I didn't know it was Ethan's birthday party, I would have thought I was at the carnival!** The games in the garden, the funky hats everyone wore and the decorations inside the house made this the best party I **(4) had ever been to.**

**(9)** Use correct punctuation, spelling and capital letters.

**(10)** Group similar ideas into paragraphs.

