

Descriptive Writing

Planning Descriptive Writing Exemplar

Purpose

To describe a person, place or thing so that your writing creates a picture in the reader's mind.

Use this sheet to plan your descriptive writing. Use bullet points or short sentences to organize your ideas.

Topic: The Chocolate Cake

Orientation

Start your descriptive writing with an opening statement that clearly says what your writing is about.

You also need to hook your reader in. You can do this in several ways – use onomatopoeia, speech, a short sentence, a question, a funny or factual statement, etc

Hook – short sentence – ‘perfection’

Set the scene – kitchen bench, amazing chocolate cake freshly baked by Mum. Very quickly touch on each sense.



Body Paragraph One

Each body paragraph should be a description of a key part of what you are describing and gives your reader the sense of being there. You can write in detail about each sense to make sure that your reader has a full idea of what you are describing.

Senses:

- Sights
- Sounds
- Smells
- Tastes
- Touch

First idea to describe/which sense: Sight

- What can I see in the kitchen? The bench, the cake, the fridge, the dishwasher, the plate the cake is on, the knife next to it.

Body Paragraph Two

Each body paragraph should be a description of a key part of what you are describing and gives your reader the sense of being there. You can write in detail about each sense to make sure that your reader has a full idea of what you are describing.

Senses:

- Sights
- Sounds
- Smells
- Tastes
- Touch

Second idea to describe/which sense: Smell

- Chocolate cake smells like chocolate, rich, sweet, smells so good it makes my mouth water, the normal smell of the kitchen.

Body Paragraph Three

Each body paragraph should be a description of a key part of what you are describing and gives your reader the sense of being there. You can write in detail about each sense to make sure that your reader has a full idea of what you are describing.

Senses:

- Sights
- Sounds
- Smells
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- Touch

Third idea to describe/which sense: Taste

- What does the chocolate cake taste like? Velvety, chocolate, rich, delectable, melt in the mouth, moist cake, crumbs, smooth icing, sweet, a bit of berry in the middle.

Ending

Finish your writing with closing statements that tie your writing into a neat and tidy end.

Making sure you finish your writing properly is just as important as making sure you have lots of descriptive detail in the body of your writing.

Tie the ending up without giving any more details. Can't wait to eat the rest of it properly later.