

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Show, don't just tell. Paint a clear picture with words.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Your task: Write a descriptive essay about **one person, place, object, event, or meaningful memory**. Your writing should create a vivid picture for the reader by using precise details, sensory language, and a clear structure. Keep one main focus and make the reader feel as though they can see, hear, smell, taste, or touch the subject.

YOUR ROADMAP

1. Choose a focused topic	Choose something specific that you know or can observe closely.
2. Observe and brainstorm	List strong details. Think about appearance, atmosphere, memories, feelings, comparisons, and first impressions.
3. Use the five senses	Sight: What does it look like? Sound: What can you hear? Smell: What scents are present? Taste: Is taste relevant? Touch: What does it feel like?
4. Decide your focus / thesis	Write one clear sentence explaining what you want the reader to understand or feel about your subject.
5. Organise your ideas	Arrange details logically - for example by space, time, importance, or sensory detail.
6. Draft the essay	Begin with a strong opening. Use focused body paragraphs with topic sentences and vivid supporting details.
7. Write a strong conclusion	Return to the main impression or meaning of the subject and leave the reader with a lasting final thought.
8. Revise and edit	Cut unnecessary words, strengthen verbs and adjectives, improve clarity, and check spelling, grammar, punctuation, and organisation.

INTRODUCTION	Hook the reader, introduce the subject and context, and state your focus/thesis.
BODY	Use 2-5 focused paragraphs. Each paragraph should develop one aspect, impression, or group of sensory details.
CONCLUSION	Summarise the overall impression or deeper meaning without simply repeating the introduction.

Before you submit, check:

- My subject is clear and specific.
- I used sensory details where appropriate.
- My ideas are organised logically.
- I used strong, precise adjectives and verbs.
- I included comparisons or figurative language where useful.
- Each paragraph has a clear purpose.
- My conclusion leaves a final impression.
- I checked spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

ASSIGNMENT PROMPT

Choose one subject and write a descriptive essay that allows your reader to experience it through your words. Be specific rather than vague, use clear sensory details, and aim to **show** the reader rather than simply **tell** them.