

Descriptive Writing

Descriptive writing is important as it allows us to describe a person, place or thing in such a way that a picture is formed in the reader's mind. Capturing an event through **descriptive writing** involves paying close attention to the details by using all of your five senses.



Learning aims

- To describe key parts of a picture in detail
- To apply our understanding of similes and personification to our writing

Sentence Starters

Watch the video, describe how it makes you feel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBQNJ6IAbcE>

Can you complete the sentence below?

Seeing the _____, and _____ snow makes me feel.....
because...

The next few slides include a variety of different activities you could have a go at before starting your descriptive writing.

Sentence Starters

-ly words:

Amazingly, the snow fell.

1) _____, the snow fell.

2) _____, the snow fell.

3) _____, the snow fell.

Have a go at completing these sentences using different words. This will give you some sentence starters to use in your descriptive writing.

The snow fell.

Connectives:

Although it wasn't cold, the snow fell.

1) The snow fell. However, _____.

2) The snow fell. Despite this, I _____.

3) Even though the snow fell, I _____.

Simile

- Using **like/as** to compare one thing to another.
- The man was as tall as a skyscraper.
- She moved like a snail!
- The sky is as blue as a blueberry.
- The zebras stood like statues.

Can you use a simile to describe the picture on slide 6?

Personification

- This is a type of metaphor, where something **non-human** is described in a **human way**.
- **The wind whistled past his face.**
- **The trees danced in the breeze.**

Come up with an example of personification you could use for the picture on the next slide.





Personification and similes

Similes

1) The bench
looked like

2) The ground
was like

Personification

The tree **stood lonely** in the snow.

- 1) The tree...
- 2) The bench...
- 3) The street light...

A photograph of a park in winter. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. Several wooden benches with black metal frames are lined up, all covered in snow. The background consists of many bare trees with snow on their branches. The scene is bright and serene.

Use your senses to
help with your
description.

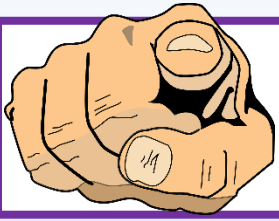
What can you see?
I can see...

What can you smell?
I can smell...

What can you touch?
I can touch...

What can you taste?
I can taste...

What can you hear?
I can hear...



Writing your description

Success criteria:

- 1) Five different sentence starters (using different words to start sentences)
- 2) Two similes
- 3) Two examples of personification
- 4) All five senses.

Not sure how to start?

The snow fell. It was as beautiful as...

Other words Lace
for white Coconut
(Synonyms): Linen
Pearl
Porcelain
Alabaster
Parchment
Snow
Ivory
Cream
Eggshell
Cotton
Chiffon
Salt