

ENGLISH 1

CLASS VII

TOPIC: ESSAYS(DESCRIPTIVE/ NARRATIVE)

What is a Descriptive Essay?

Our brain is so powerful that it can easily imagine scenarios and make use of our senses. The job of such an essay is to appeal to our senses in a way that it creates an image in our minds. Hence a descriptive essay plays with at least one of our five senses (touch, smell, taste, hearing, sight).

In other words, the description of the person, place or thing in an essay should be really vivid. This means it after reading the essay, the reader should be left feeling like they actually know the person, have held the object or have visited the place.

Descriptive Essay

In the light of the above-mentioned things, it is comfortable to say that a descriptive essay provides for artistic freedom. For example, assume you're writing about a house.

Instead of simply stating that the house was beautiful, you should talk about the color of the house, the garden in front of it i.e. all the details about the house. In that way, the readers would be able to imagine the house because of a nicely written essay.

A description is a set of characteristics by which someone or something can be recognised. We can describe people, places and events. By describing them we make a sketch in words so that the reader is able to get a clear picture of the described object. A good description creates a clear mental image in the mind of the reader.

Describing People

While describing people we take care of the following points

- **Height** tall, short, medium height
- **Build** thin, underweight, plump, strong, sturdy, fat, overweight
- **Hair** long, short, curly, black, brown, grey
- **Eyes** dark, brown, big, small
- **Complexion** dark, fair, wheatish, pale
- **Other features** beard, moustache, bushy eyebrows, broken teeth, broad chin, thick lips, long face
- **Appearance** good looking, charming, ugly, smart, handsome, beautiful
- **Qualities** sincere, intelligent, diligent, warm, patient, soft spoken, selfish, kind, honest, innovative, confident, punctual

Describing Places

While describing a place the following points should be taken into consideration

- Name of the place
- History
- What does it look like (size, appearance, atmosphere)
- What is special about the place
- Do you recommend other people to visit it?
- Location
- What do you like there

Describing Events

While describing an event, the following points should be taken into consideration

- Name of the event
- What happened (Give details)
- Why was the event important
- When did it happen
- Who were the people involved

NARRATIVE ESSAY:

What Is a Narrative Essay?

The main purpose of a narrative essay is to tell the reader about events, interactions, and experience that have happened to the author during the particular period of time. It always has a vivid plot. On the contrary, the descriptive essay is aimed at providing an image of a person, a place, some experience or an object without demonstrating a chain of events. The plot is absent or vague.

Divide your plot into three parts: a setup, the main part and a climax, and a thrilling conclusion. In the introduction, you should hook a reader and make them read the rest of your essay. Allocate the major points of the essay and describe each of them briefly in the body and end up your story with an unpredictable twist and a delightful punch line. In its turn, outlining helps you find the best details of the disclosed issues in the narrative essay.

Describing the Characters and Places

Even though it's not a descriptive essay, try to adorn your story with vivid details of crucial objects mentioned in the plot. Especially, that goes for people who affected the outcome of the whole case; their personalities should be disclosed as comprehensive as possible.

Mention places serving as a location of where an action is held because it reflects the picture's ambience. Background information which may change the reader's attitude to characters or even to the meaning of your idea has to be also provided.

Adding a Little Spice

What a narrative without a zest! Dilute your smooth passages with a detail that will turn everything around. It may be antagonist character who is eagerly interfering with your purposes, an unpredictable twist and embarrassing ending or funny jokes and coincidences to break your audience out laughing.

WORKSHEET

DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY TOPICS: Early morning walks with my mother.

NARRATIVE ESSAY TOPICS:

- A time that you experienced something spooky.