

Descriptive paragraph – Writing portfolio 1

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A **descriptive paragraph** is a paragraph that describes a person, place, or thing. A thing can be either concrete (such as when you describe the taste of chicken kabasa or your last vacation) or abstract (such as your anger or happiness). A good descriptive paragraph helps readers form a vivid image in his or her mind. Remember that in a descriptive paragraph, you show, don't tell!

To help us write a good descriptive paragraph, it is a good idea to list words or ideas about the person, place, or thing we would like to describe based on our five senses - sight, touch, smell, sound, taste.

Example:

Describe your classroom.

What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? What does it feel to sit in the classroom? Show, don't tell.

There is something special in my classroom today (topic sentence). The chairs are all in the back of the room, leaving a big empty space in the middle (**sight**). The teacher's desk is full of delicious food (**sight**). I can smell the warm gahwa mixing in the air with the spicy aroma of grilled kabob (**smell**). The walls are now filled with baby's room decoration (**sight**). My heart skips a beat (**feeling**). Only Maryam is there sitting in one corner of the room (**sight**). I asked, "What's this? Where's everybody?" Suddenly, my favorite childhood lullaby plays from the classroom speaker (**sound**) and everybody swarms in from the door saying "Congratulations on baby Ahmad, Miss!". Boy is that a nice little surprise.

Exercise:

Write a topic sentence for the following topics and use three of the five-senses description to help your readers imagine in his or her mind:

1. Topic: My Review of the Latest iPhone X/Samsung Galaxy Note 9

Topic sentence ...iPhone X is the latest phone model in the market.....

Sight:it's big with a beautiful 5.8 inch screen with smooth curves at the edges made with stainless steel.....

Touch: its screen is also smooth and easy to sense touch.....

Smell:.....

Sound: iPhone X speaker is also superb with the ringer volumes being adjustable with its stellar audio output. These features make it the dream phone of every person.

Taste:

PRE-WRITING

In this portfolio, you are going to write a descriptive paragraph.

Pick a topic you want to describe in more detail.

- Use topic from the exercise or write about any other person, place, thing you want to describe.
- Write a good topic sentence with clear controlling idea. Build up your supporting sentences using the five-senses description strategy. At the end, don't forget to add a concluding sentence.
- Use simple present or simple past tense consistently.
- Use at least two words from Unit 1 vocabulary.
- Think about a person, a place, or a thing (such as a famous person, a famous place, a car, a new technology, or a fashion item) that you admire. Collect pictures or short video clips of that person, place, or thing. Create a video montage of those pictures and/or videos by adding a descriptive text either in the form of written caption or voice narration. Upload it on YouTube or send the link to the video file via Google Classroom.

Spain

Spain is a beautiful country. It is full of snowcapped mountains and monuments. It has sophisticated cities with friendly people. The Cantabrian Mountains are heavily forested and you can feel the fresh air and ambience surrounding them. The vast coastline is filled with palm trees and the sheer beauty of it can make any heart flutter. Spain's cuisine is diverse

and the food is so delicious. The aroma can make one go hungry. Spain is definitely a travel destination for aspiring tourists.

When you write a paragraph, make sure that you:

- Use complete sentences (with clear subject and verb in every sentence) Capitalize the first letter of every sentence
- Use final punctuation at the end of every sentence (e.g. period, question or exclamation mark)
- Indent your paragraph

First Draft

Post Writing: Check the quality of your writing by using the table below. If you tick “No”, revise your sentence(s).

Yes	No	Self-Assessment
1.		Does the topic sentence have a controlling idea?
2.		Do I have at least three supporting sentences?
3.		Do my supporting sentences have relevant details?
4.		Do I have a concluding sentence that summarizes my paragraph?
5.		Do I use signal words to help tie my sentences together?
6.		Do I write in with consistent tense? (simple present)
7.		Do I write in complete sentences?
8.		Does every subject and verb agree?
9.		Does every sentence begin with a capital letter?
10.		Does every sentence have a final punctuation (period, question/exclamation mark)?
11.		Do I indent my paragraph?

Final Draft

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Content & Ideas	Organization	Vocabulary & Word choice	Grammar & Mechanics	Spelling & Punctuation	Total
(0-2)	(0-2)	(0-2)	(0-2)	(0-2)	10