

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
Sight:
Touch:
Smell:
Sound:
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.

Alternative multimodal writing project:

- 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.

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

Topic: The history of ford Motor Company.

Ford Motor Company, commonly known as **Ford**, is an American [multinational](#) automaker that has its main headquarters in [Dearborn, Michigan](#), a suburb of [Detroit](#). It was founded by [Henry Ford](#) and incorporated on June 16, 1903. The company sells automobiles and commercial vehicles under the [Ford](#) brand, and most luxury cars under the [Lincoln](#) brand. Ford also owns Brazilian [SUV](#) manufacturer [Troller](#), an 8% stake in [Aston Martin](#) of the United Kingdom and a 32% stake in [Jiangling Motors](#).^[2] It also has connect -ventures in China ([Changan Ford](#)), Taiwan ([Ford Lio Ho](#)), Thailand ([AutoAlliance Thailand](#)), Turkey ([Ford Otosan](#)), and Russia ([Ford Sollers](#)). The company is listed on the [New York Stock Exchange](#) and is controlled by the [Ford family](#); they have minority ownership but the majority of the voting power.

Finally, Ford motor company now one of the most famous company in the world.

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