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Descriptive Writing

Descriptive writing enables readers to see the little things and make them feel present in the setting. Descriptive writing is usually seen in first person point of view. It is important because it helps readers imagine the story as they read along. It gives you the ability to pay closer attention with all five senses. The reader feels immersed and will really make a connection to the story. The point of descriptive writing is to paint a picture in the readers mind so they can find all the little moments.

By: Matthew Bujak, Ethan Markland, Avery Boes, and Meghan Bovard

Five Steps to Topnotch Writing

So, you have an essay or story due, but you do not know how to make it better and more descriptive? In order to be descriptive, you need to include details about almost everything you write about, including your character or setting. Here are some tips that go with being more descriptive and possibly helping with your writing:

- 1.) Plan ahead: Plan out what you want to write so you have an idea of As I walk into the kitchen to ask what you want to describe or work on.
- 2.) Use the Internet: Look up some synonyms for common words to make your story unique.
- 3.) Friends: Talk to a group of friends to get new ideas and use their point of view.
- 4.) Use sensory details: Describe what your character is seeing, touching, smelling or tasting so your reader can picture it or feel like they are in your setting
- 5.) Your feelings: Include some of your own feelings and give your point of view or opinion.

These tips will help you be more descriptive in any kind of writing. This is also helpful for your reader. It helps them create an image inside of their heads and understand your story. We hope you find these steps useful and use these in your schoolwork and other writing!

Written by: Jenna, Angela, Maddi



Odor ... Can you smell it?

Potato Fiasco

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"Mom, what is that horrib- cough, cough, cough!"

Before I know it, I'm gagging. The smell is so horrible that I can't even stand to breathe. Each time I take a breath I am overcome with another set of coughs, and this horrible feeling forms in my throat and stomach. Then my mom brings a bowl of potatoes out from the kitchen, and I realize that is the horrible smell I was smelling. Before I know it, I'm racing out of the kitchen to get away from the smell.

Written by A. Edwards

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Written by David L.

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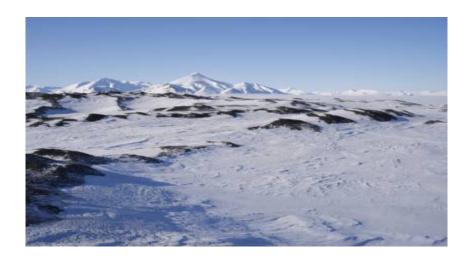
Written by Trenton T.

Climate of Choice

The Frigid Land

The bone-childing wind howled across the barren land as I trudged through the thick heavy layers of white snow. My body has started becoming numb as I brushed aside the snow as my arms and legs started stinging from the chilly air. The ground was wet but rock solid as my boots left a track though the crisp snow. The patches of small flowers looked stiff and felt piercing to touch as the wind blew patches of snow flying into the air which felt bitter and freezing on my skin. I gazed across the deserted frosty land that had become sp stiff and brutal.

Written by: Allison G.



The Arctic

The freezing biting cold of the arctic nips at your numb nose as you scramble through the deep snow barley able to see. Around you as far as you can see there is nothing around you but the thick snow, solid ice, and the seemingly endless snowstorm. As you tread on you see solemn signs of life. During your trek through the Arctic you encounter the occasional wolf or bear depending on time of the year. However while it is freezing outside you can always stay warm in a very insulated and dry home.

Written by Alex G.

Fall time is the best time!

When you smell the red peppermint and cinnamon,

Letting you know Christmas and Santa are coming.

Green spices flying reminding us that thanksgiving is near,

With lot of relaxation and cheer.

Written by: Angela G.

By: Avery Boes

I would want to live in the Amazon instead of Alaska. I would take the hottest place over the coldest place any day, because you could get so cold and freeze. There is so much water you could swim in but in Alaska the water is frozen or very cold, so you could have so much water if you live in the Amazon. There is so many plants in the Amazon because of the heat, rain, and humidity so you could also plant a lot of crops for food. There are a lot of animals for food too because of the climate. It rains a lot so your crops will grow, and you will have food. It is easy to live in the amazon because you can hunt for food and plant crops, you also have lots of water. You could also have fans if you get too hot. That is why I want to live in the Amazon.

My favorite holiday to celebrate is Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday because I only see some of my family once a year and I like to see them a lot. How we celebrate Christmas every year is we go to my Uncle's house, eat, play board games, play the white elephant game, play foosball and pool, and then we just hang out and talk for a few hours.

Written by: Matthew Bujak

Fireflies . . .

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I wake up in the tent I slept in the night before. The smell of fresh rain and creek water is all around me. Unzipping the door of the tent I get hit with a wall of sweet cinnamon rolls being made over the fire. Everyone else was already awake and Haiden and Karissa were at the wooden playground across the street.

The wind shifted directions and the thick sharp smoke took over my nose and lungs. I stepped out of the way coughing. That's when my nose picked up the warm smell of pine coming from the woods behind me. Mixed in with it, decayed leaves started to take over.

Bryan called out for the kids to come back over and eat. I sat down and bit into the warm bun that was handed to me.

Written by: Caydence Morris



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The Dive

Written by Jenna P

As soon as the cold, clear water consumes my body, perfect circles of air either roll of or cling to my arms. Suddenly, I was brushed by a fish that was almost as blue as the water in the distance behind it. Goosebumps raise on my arms one after another as my sinking suddenly comes to an end. I feel the sandy, soft but firm floor. The sharp edges of shells sink into my feet and in between my toes. I wince at a sudden pain under my feet. An arrow shaped board of old brown and rough wood covered in green algae gave me a pointy splinter. After I got most of the splinter out, I almost ran into a coral reef. The coral, some blue, some red, tall and small, was chalky, and crumbly to the point it could snap as soon as I touched it. Out of nowhere, I get jerked back up towards the bright sun. I open my hand to see a piece of powdery, orange coral. I hold it tightly as I rise back to the bright surface, waiting to show everyone.

Under the Sea
By: Meghan Bovard

In the depths of the coral reef, there were many things to see and touch. There were plants that were furry and poofy. The deeper I dove I saw powdery bushes that would explode with sand if you shook them. I also saw smooth rocks with algae on them, but along was spiky dangerous rocks that scared me. Some of the bushes were scaly and brittle. As I observed in the unclear dark water, it looked and felt like an underwater jungle.



I decided to go deep-sea diving. I jump down and into the water with all my gear on. The deeper I go the darker and colder the water gets. There is a wide variety of colorful fish as well as coral, rocks, other sea creators. Some are smooth, shiny, silky. Others are hard, scaled, rough. You can feel every scale even by gently touching the fish. You can feel the holes on the rocks, and the pokes and bristles on the sea urchins. All of them are very different and unique.

Written by Olivia B

You are deep sea diving. You're at the surface currently. You start to descend on the way a school of fish swarm around you. They are very scaly and slimy. You continue down a stingray swims all around you. It is very silky and smooth. You go to a small reef that is swarmed with fish. But as soon as you go up to it the fish swim away. Here comes a seahorse. It swims around you violently. The vibrations sent chills down your back. But you brush it off and continue. You are now at the middle of the ocean you are excited but terrified. There are animals no one has ever seen but you are running out of oxygen slowly. Seems like this adventure has found its end.

Written by Madelyn F.

The Underwater Dive -- continued from page 3

As we dove deep into the cold ocean waters surround us, and their smooth yet slimy stalks rubbed against our legs. As we followed the kelp down, we spotted smooth starfish and Sharp boney urchins eating algae and some kelp. At the bottom of the kelp gelatinous sea cucumbers lined the rocks. We followed the cascading sand to a drop off were a reef resides. In the reef colorful fish and silkey anemones gathered and thrived. The boney coral and thick rocks popped up everywhere . Stiff and spongey objects filtered in the gritty plankton and made the water feel cold. We were still moving down past the reef when furry and playful sea lions appeared and played close by never getting to close. After a long time we found the velvety sea floor and salty and sharp rocks that continued into the freezing and shadowing depths. Written by Ethan M.

Scuba Adventures

As I was descending into the depths of the sea, I touched some coral, which was rough and kind of sharp. Beside me was some seaweed, it was silky, and it felt like it could slip through my hands. There were fish swimming around me, I tried to grab one, but it was too slimy and slippery like a bar of soap. When we got to deeper waters, I can feel my ears throbbing from the pressure of the water.

Written by: Seth W.

Since LeBron James is the best basketball player to live, he wants you to be the best descriptive writer to live. If you use L.e.B.r.o.n., he would be so proud of you. When his team really needs him, LeBron always will succeed, so when you need a good descriptive writing, L.e.B.r.o.n. will always succeed. So, use his name to be the king of descriptive writing.

L - Like What You Write

E – Express the Topic

B - Be Descriptive

R - Reread the Text

0 - Organize the Text

N - Never Be Broad

SPORTS DESCRIPTION

The Cincinatti Bengals are a professional American football team. Their coach is Zac Taylor, their offensive coordinator is Brian Callahan, their defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo.

The changed their starting quarterback from Andy Dalton to Ryan Finley. Their most recent game was 11/10/2019 was against the Baltimore Ravens in which the Bengals lost 49 to 13. Their uniform colors are orange, black, and white. Joe Nixon was recognized as the most valuable player as if December 19, 2018. The Bengals have a current value of 1.8 billion dollars, they also rank 30th on the NFLs most valuable football team. Only the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills are less valuable than the Bengals.

The Bengals are 0-9 in wins and losses so far. While they may win against the Raiders it is unlikely that they will win against the Steelers. Their coach is wanting to give Ryan Finley a chance as starting quarterback even though he is a rookie. A.J Green will not be playing for several weeks as he had off season ankle surgery. Even though the Bengals aren't looking good they still have a chance to make a comeback WHO-DEY!

Written by Alex Greene, David LaFollette, and Colton O'Connor.

