

What is a Descriptive Paragraph?

A descriptive paragraph includes details about a certain item: a place, a person, a thing. The details can be related to the "five senses":

- How does the item look?
- How does it sound?
- Is there a certain smell?
- If it is food, what are the tastes?
- Is there a certain way it feels? (touch)

Our Descriptive Paragraph topic is: "A Favorite Place in My Country," and the structure is the same as the paragraphs we have been writing:

The place you choose can be a special place you visited back home, a place related to the neighborhood you lived in, or even a place in your family's house: your bedroom, the kitchen where your mom cooked, etc.

Topic Sentence

Main Idea: The chosen place + Controlling Idea: Why it is a favorite or special place for you

Body Sentences

Include at least FOUR supporting ideas + details/examples to describe the place

→ Use various prepositional phrases to "build a picture" of features in your chosen place.

- around the corner
- on top of the bed
- opposite the kitchen
- next to the trees
- near the ocean

→ You can also use similes and metaphors Ch 4 page 57 + Chapter 4 HW

- The ocean in Puerto Vallarta smells like delicious seafood ready to be eaten.
- The mountains near my school in Korea look as big as skyscrapers.
- My bedroom when I lived with my parents was a garbage dump: I never cleaned it!

Conclusion Sentence

Restates the topic sentence using different words AND uses one [or] a combination of the following:

1) Gives a final thought about the place

Example: In summary, I hope that Puerto Vallarta remains a beautiful place to visit even though it continues to attract many tourists.

2) Gives your opinion / personal observation about the place

Example: To conclude, I will always have a picture in my mind of the mountains close to my school back home because they dominated the scenery and were very beautiful in the fall.

3) Offers a prediction (what might happen in the future) about the place

Example: In conclusion, although I live on my own now, I think that if I moved back with my parents, I might become a lazy girl again and not clean!
