

## 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!*

## **Editing for Simple Present and Present Progressive**

Directions: Find and correct **nine** mistakes.

For salespeople, physical appearance is important, but there are other things that also go into making a good first impression. For example, I always am arriving at meeting on time. I am knowing my clients are busy people, and I understand that their time is important. Also, I always call them by name. I even keep names and information about clients in a special file online. In fact, I add information to that file this week.

In the past, I didn't pay much attention to body language. However, I am learn to be more conscious of the ways I move and how to use my hands effectively. At every meeting I am making eye contact—especially when I first greet a client and again when I leave. I practice my greeting in front of the mirror every day. I try to remember to smile. Of course, I also want to look good. I have nice shoes, and I keep them clean and polished. I am thinking my new haircut makes me look good, too.

My sales numbers used to be a bit low, but they go up now. I am try to do better. I am knowing that I can be “Number One” in sales next year.