

Purpose

To create a vivid impression of a person, place, object of event.



English writing genres



Descriptive writing LKS2

Additional language features

Adjectives to describe settings:

attractive	crowded	
glittering	peaceful	lively
bare	damp	cosy
gloomy	barren	eerie
magnificent	dusty	built-up

Adverbs to describe actions:

accidentally	bravely	boldly
courageously	carefully	wisely
adoringly	defiantly	proudly
desperately	ferociously	harshly
maliciously	modestly	caringly

Features of descriptive writing

- To catch a reader's attention.
- To create a setting for a story so that the reader can visualise it.
- Setting a mood, or creating an atmosphere.
- Showing a problem or difficulty.
- Specific vocabulary is used to make things clear. Well-chosen adjectives and adverbs are needed.
- It appeals to the senses. Describe what is heard, seen, smelt, felt or tasted.
- Focuses on key details, with powerful verbs and specific nouns.

Extra for experts

- Start with an 'ing' word: Creeping silently, Grasping desperately,
- Start with an 'ed' word: Shocked, Terrified, Exhausted,
- Start with a simile: Glistening like a diamond in the morning sun, I could see...

In Year 3, do you remember writing a description from the swallow's point of view from 'The Happy Prince'?

Useful words and phrases

Adjectives to describe characters:

aggressive	blunt
casual	elegant
ambitious	caring
bold	determined
conscientious	feeble
gallant	vicious
resourceful	reckless
stubborn	respectful
humble	resilient
energetic	creative
gentle	sulky
proud	stern
violent	rowdy

