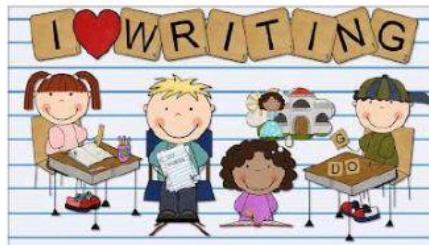


Descriptive Essay Writing



Think of an object that is special to you. **Write an essay about your object below.** Use your descriptive essay graphic organizer to recall your ideas. **Be sure to use the writer's checklist and sample essay below for assistance.**

Introduction- Start your essay with a question or strong statement. Write at least two details about how you got your object. End with a **focus sentence** that tells how you feel about your object.

3 to 4 sentences)

Middle paragraph

1- 'Show the reader the outside or the top of your object. Include many sensory details. Describe the shape, size, color and texture. What do you see, hear, smell feel and taste?

4 to 5 sentences

Middle paragraph

2- 'Show the reader the inside or the bottom of your object. Include many sensory details. Describe the shape, size, color and texture. What do you see, hear, smell feel and taste?

4 to 5 sentences

Conclusion- Remind your reader about why your object is special. Tell your reader again how you feel about the object.

3 sentences

Writer's Checklist

Your goal is to ...



Ideas Describe an object so that your reader can imagine it.



Organization Create a strong beginning, middle, and ending.



Voice Use a voice that shows you are excited about the object.



Word Choice Choose nouns and adjectives that let the reader picture your object.



Sentence Fluency

Write complete sentences that flow smoothly.



Conventions Use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.

Conventions

Punctuation

- ___ 1. Did I use end punctuation after all my sentences?
- ___ 2. Did I put quotation marks around words people said?

Capitalization

- ___ 3. Did I start all my sentences with capital letters?
- ___ 4. Did I correctly capitalize proper nouns?

Spelling

- ___ 5. Have I carefully checked my spelling?

Grammar

- ___ 6. Did I use correct verbs (*he plays*, not *he play*)?
- ___ 7. Did I make sure to use the right word (*to, too, two*)?

- ___ 8. Did I use transitions- first, second, next, finally, in conclusion, It all started when...

Sample Essay

Locket in My Pocket

Do you know what a locket is? Well, it's a little case that hangs on a necklace. A locket opens and has pictures inside. I have one that's been in our family for a really long time. My grandpa gave it to my grandma before they were married. Many years later, Grandma gave it to my mom, and now it's mine. My locket is very special to me.

Many lockets are shaped like a valentine heart, but mine is round. It's shiny gold and hangs on a long chain. The front has leafy vines and tiny pink flowers carved in it. Some of the vines are smooth from my mom and grandma rubbing it with their fingers.

Inside my locket, there are pictures of my grandma and grandpa when they were young. Grandma was pretty. She had curly blonde hair. Grandpa looked so different. He had dark hair and didn't wear glasses like he does now.

I open and close my locket over and over again just to feel it in my hand and hear the

click it makes. My

mom says I shouldn't do it so much.

I might wear it out. She says I should
...be careful with it. Someday, I can pass
it down to my daughter, so she can
enjoy it as much as I do

