



O'level
Foundation
Week 31

The Write Tribe

DESCRIPTIVE



What is needed for an Advantage/ Disadvantage essay?

- 1 *Use your five senses to describe*
- 2 *Use present tense to describe*
- 3 *You may include personal experiences
(change to past tense)*
- 4 *One paragraph, one point*
- 5 *Don't forget the explanation part of the
question*

3. DESCRIPTIVE:

Describe an occasion when you stood up for someone else.

Primary school has given me both fond and turbulent memories. Even though, I would cherish and keep the wonderful memories close to my heart, there were many instances when I felt crestfallen especially over how one particular classmate was treated. That classmate is Eddie. Eddie was a fraction of the size of a normal twelve year old. He was puny, looked frail and needed a walking aid. He had mild cerebral palsy. Though he was functional enough to attend our school, physically, he was challenged. Eddie's speech was a little slow and slurred. Despite his shortcomings, he always had a warm smile across his face. Naturally, he attracted the attention of the bullies in my class. I had my own clique of friends and I never felt the need to befriend Eddie, except on one fateful day, when things for Eddie took a turn for the worse.

During recess, being an introvert, I would normally spend my free time in the library browsing through books on my favourite subjects. On one such occasion, something unusual happened. The silence of the library was disturbed by a piercing shriek coming from the furthest corner. The librarian was not around at that time. Curious, I followed the piteous cry and what I saw was an unforgettable moment. I found Eddie sprawled on the carpet floor. His face was being pressed against the carpet by one of my classmates, Greg. Greg was notorious for picking on boys and girls half his size. He was built like a bull and had zero empathy. Eddie's scrawny arms were pinned behind his scrawny back. His walker laid beside him. Without batting an eyelid, Greg was about to step on Eddie's skull. I knew I had to do something. However, I was no match to him. He was tall and towering. I would not stand a chance. To make matters worse, there was no sign of the librarian. I had to do something quickly!

A brilliant idea popped up on my head. I sneaked behind Greg and with all my might, I pushed him by surprise. Greg was momentarily stunned. Knowing I only had a matter of seconds, I grabbed Eddie from the ground. Mustering up courage, I bellowed, "Stay away from Eddie!" Even though I was shaking like a leaf inside, I willed myself to lock my eyes on him. I had to show Greg I was



brave. I was keeping my breath steady and my face showed no expression. Any sign of fear and I will land myself in hot soup. I just needed to buy enough time until the librarian returned. Greg stared daggers at me. My heart thumped so loudly, I felt it could explode out of my chest. Greg clenched a fist. I prepared myself for a blow. Greg was going to beat me black and blue. I braced myself for the most horrible fate.

As Greg, like an angry bull, gained momentum to sprint towards me, what happened next, took me by surprise. “Stop right there!” a familiar voice boomed. It was the librarian. The librarian was accompanied by the discipline master. Both appeared in the nick of time! I heaved a sigh of relief and thanked my lucky stars! Greg was escorted away to the principal’s office.

A few minutes passed by in silence as Eddie caught his breath.

He looked up at me with the most innocent look and wheezed, “Thank you for saving me!” A warm fuzzy feeling radiated from my chest. I felt proud I stood up for someone. From that point forward, Eddie and I became friends.

We are still friends now, even several years later. We meet once or twice a month. Eddie and I are in separate institutions now. However, I am grateful for the incident to bring me and him together. After this incident, I learned to stand up for people in need. As for Greg, I hope he learned his lesson too!



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