9H Writing

A description

I can write a description of a home.

Preparation

1 Read the task and the model text. Which paragraph in the text (1, 2 or 3) tells you about ...

a the size of the rooms in the apartment? ☐
b what they sometimes do in the evening? ☐
c where the apartment is? ☐
d the other buildings near the apartment? ☐
e how many rooms there are in the apartment? ☐

A website for students has invited its readers to send in a description of their home. Write a description of your home for the website. In addition to the description, include information about going out in the area.

1 I live in a fairly small apartment with my parents and my younger brother. The apartment is in a large block just outside the town. There are two other blocks, a supermarket and a cinema in the same street. There aren't any other shops in the area, although it's very easy to get a bus into town.

2 The apartment only has two bedrooms, so I have to share a room with my brother. There are two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room. The kitchen is not very large, but there's a table. I usually do my homework in the kitchen because it's quieter than the living room.

3 We often go to the cinema in the evening, because it's very near our home. It's also pretty cheap. We don't eat in restaurants very often, but we sometimes have a special meal when it's somebody's birthday. There aren't any restaurants nearby, so we have to get a bus into town.

2 Rewrite each pair of sentences as a single sentence. Include the conjunction in the brackets.

1 The house is modern. It's very comfortable. (*although*)
Although the house is modern, it's very comfortable.
2 We were tired. We went to bed early. (*because*)
_____
3 We stayed at home. It was a cold evening. (*so*)
_____
4 The cinema is expensive. Tickets for children are cheaper. (*although*)
_____
5 The café closed. It was not very popular. (*because*)
_____

Writing Guide

Writing Strategy
We often use modifiers like *very* or *fairly* before adjectives when we are writing a description. Modifiers make the description sound more natural.
The apartment is very / fairly modern.

3 Read the Writing Strategy. Then complete the sentences using a modifier and an adjective from the list below. More than one answer is possible.

Modifiers: extremely fairly not very pretty really very
Adjectives: busy expensive large modern noisy popular

1 There's an _____ _____ French restaurant in the next street.
2 Our house is in a _____ _____ part of town with lots of shops.
3 There's a café opposite our house and it's _____ _____ with teenagers.
4 All three bedrooms are _____ _____.
5 The streets are _____ _____ during the day, but quiet at night.
6 There's a TV and a hi-fi in the living room, but they aren't _____ _____.

4 Add the sentences (1–6) in exercise 3 to the paragraph plan below. Write the numbers in the boxes. Then add two ideas of your own for each paragraph.

Paragraph 1: location of the house
Sentences ☐ and ☐ from exercise 3.
My ideas: _____
_____

Paragraph 2: inside the house
Sentences ☐ and ☐ from exercise 3.
My ideas: _____
_____

Paragraph 3: going out near the house
Sentences ☐ and ☐ from exercise 3.
My ideas: _____
_____

5 Write a description following your plan from exercise 4. Invent more details if necessary.

CHECK YOUR WORK
Have you ...
☐ used conjunctions correctly?
☐ included modifiers in your description?
☐ checked your spelling and grammar?

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