

Write a powerful description using imagery.



"The crystal blue sea reflects the powerful sun like a mirror. Rushing into the sand, the waves are thunder. The sand is soft, golden, and warm to the touch. A light breeze gently flows through the pure air. Have your eyes ever seen such a place? Strong palm trees give comforting shade for those who need it. Paradise. Delicious coconuts invite people to eat as they fall loudly onto the ground".

Now use your Writing Notebook and create your own descriptive essay with at least THREE paragraphs (introduction – main body – conclusion). You could cut out photos of other landscapes and write about them or use the existing image.

I can't wait to read your essays!

Have fun!!!

Success Criteria

- ☐ I can use powerful adjectives / adverbs
- ☐ I can use similes and metaphors.
- ☐ I can use a range of punctuation
- ☐ I can use the 5 senses

Paragraph 1 – Introduction (Set the Scene)

Describe where you are and your first impression.

Students should answer:

Where is this place?

What do I see first?

How does it make me feel?

Model starters:

As I stepped onto...

In front of me stretched...

The first thing I noticed was...

Example:

As I stepped onto the warm beach, I saw endless turquoise water shining under the bright sun.



Paragraph 2 – Main Body (5 Senses + Details)



Describe the place using all five senses.

Encourage:

• Sight | • Sound | • Smell | • Touch | • Taste

Students should describe:

Sea / land / sky

Weather

Plants / animals

Sounds and smells

• Sentence frames:

I could see...

I could hear...

The air smelled like...

It felt...

It tasted...

Example:

The gentle waves whispered against the shore while the salty air filled my lungs.

Paragraph 3 – Conclusion (Feelings + Ending)

Say how the place made you feel and finish powerfully.

Students should answer:

Why is this place special?

Would I like to return?

How do I feel now?

Starters:

I will never forget...

This place made me feel...

In my heart, I knew...

Example:

I will never forget this magical place that filled me with peace and happiness.



Strong Adjectives for Descriptive Writing

Sea & Water

crystal-clear
sparkling
turquoise
shimmering
endless
peaceful
stormy

Sky & Weather

blazing
golden
cloudless
misty
glowing
radiant
fiery

Sand & Land

silky
golden
powdery
smooth
burning-hot
soft
warm

Nature & Plants

towering
lush
leafy
tropical
graceful
vibrant
colourful

Feelings

peaceful
amazed
relaxed
joyful
calm
excited
grateful

Powerful Adverbs

gently
softly
slowly
peacefully
proudly
silently
happily
magically

Similes

as...as / like...

Examples:

as blue as the sky

like a mirror

like silver glass

as soft as cotton

like a painting

Student Checklist (Success Criteria)

- ✓ 3 paragraphs
- ✓ Strong adjectives
- ✓ 5 senses
- ✓ At least 1 simile
- ✓ Capital letters & full stops
- ✓ Interesting vocabulary

