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 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

Look at the picture of Padar Island on a previous slide. It's very beautiful, isn't it? You know, it was once home to Komodo dragons.

Padar Island lies about 20 miles (30 km) from Labuan Bajo, a fishing town on the westernmost part of Flores, East Nusa Tenggara. Padar Island is small, but is the third largest island of Komodo National Park.

Padar is mostly savannah-covered, surreal landscape fringed by bright green-capped mountains of fairy-tale shapes. It's all surrounded by three turquoise bays, and curiously, each one of the bays' beaches has different colored sand: one is pearly white, another charcoal black and a third is a very rare baby pink. It is a rare combination, a quirk of this unique island.

The black-sanded beach has volcanic origin, composed of various dark minerals. The pink, one of a few in the world, has pulverized red coral mixed with white sand. The white one, in most any other setting would be a spectacular find. Here, it almost plays third fiddle.

Padar is home to a remarkable array of wildlife, especially for its size. There are six species of sharks, two of manta rays and many different reptiles. There once were three kinds of Komodo dragons here. They are gone now, but still found on Komodo, Rinca, Gili Montang, Gili Dasami and Flores. There are dolphins, the occasional whales, falcons, kites, geckos and green turtles. There are also some plain old little mammals, to feed their neighbor predators.

The most popular spot to enjoy the panoramic view of the island is Padar's summit. It takes around 30 minutes to hike to reach the summit. Besides, visitors can also go trekking for around an hour, snorkel or just hit the pristine three-colored beaches.

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Answer the following questions.

1. What does the text tell you about?
2. In your opinion, why did the writer write the text?
3. What is the function of the first paragraph?
4. What do the rest paragraphs contain?
5. What tenses are used in the text?
6. Why does the text use the tense?

Read and understand the following information.

The purpose:

To describe a particular person, object, and place. It describes the characteristics or features of a person, object, or place specifically.

The structure:

- **Identification**, which identifies the phenomenon to be described.
- **Description**, which describes parts, qualities or characteristics of the person, object or place being described.

Practice 1

- Now, discuss the language features of a descriptive text, with your friend.
- Then, identify the structure of the text about Padar Island.
- Check your answers on the next slides.

See the identification of a descriptive text below.

1st Paragraph

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Identification

A particular place

2nd and 3rd Paragraphs

simple present tense

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And paragraphs 4, 5, 6

The location

Description

The landscape

noun phrase

Try to identify the main idea of each paragraph in the text of Padar Island.

Noun Phrases for Describing an Object or a Place

Definition:

A series of words where a noun as a head is preceded by an adjective as a modifier.

The purpose of adjectives is to modify or describe the nouns, to give more information about the nouns or noun phrases.

Many adjectives precede the nouns or noun phrases. See the following examples.

- The beautiful beach is called Pink Beach.
 adj. noun
- It truly offers panoramic views.
 adj. noun



If you want to learn more about adjective phrases, you can log onto <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/noun-phrase>.