

Describing Objects, Situations and People

Introduction

One often needs to describe persons, objects, mechanisms or processes in a clear, brief and impersonal manner.

Following are the essential guidelines for vivid description.

- ❖ Begin the description about what an objects look likes, its parts and features and how it works or how a change takes place through a series of stages and jot down the points.
- ❖ Order the points so that your description moves from how something looks to its important features and, finally, to how it works. Or, break the whole process up into smaller stages, and describe each stage in the order in which they happen.
- ❖ Avoid using vague or abstract words in your description and be clear and precise.
- ❖ For mechanisms and process, remember to use the passive voice and sequence markers such as ‘firstly’, ‘secondly’ and ‘lastly’.
- ❖ If your description is a long one, organize it in short or medium-length paragraphs that move from the general to particular.

Describing a Process

A process is a series of actions /operations done to make or achieve the end result. It requires a systematic, logical and factual data as well as skill of narration. Be sure to arrange all the details in a chronological order. Maintain a listener-oriented presentation, keeping in view of the audience’s capability of comprehension of the description,. While presenting the various stages, remember that proper connectivity is maintained and for that, usage of appropriate cohesive devices or sentence linkers is needed. Missing out a step or adding an unnecessary step can dimorph the inline process.

Describing a Situation

Describing a situation requires good understanding of it. Proper study and analysis helps to carve a good description of the situation.

Describing a Person

When describing a person, gather as much information as one can, like the nativity, identity, achievements, ideological association and personality.

Describing an Object

The features related to the object which we intended to describe like its uses, its physical appearance and its unique features need to be studied before describing.

Adjectives used to describe a person

fair, dark ,mixed color , tall, short, fat, thin, belly, curly hair, short hair, long hair, wavy hair, blue-eyed, dark-eyed, cat-eyed, sharp nose, blunt nose, round contour, plump, well-built, dull, pale, faint, slim, young, elderly, middle-aged, in 30's, 40's, smart clothes, shabby clothes, tidy clothes, messy clothes.

Adjectives used to describe Physical Features of an Object

rectangular, rounded, oval-shaped, long, tall, small, tiny, big, circular, spherical, straight, curved, angular, conical, jagged, irregular etc.

Verbs related to Cookery, Food

add, heat, cook, pour, garnish, leave, set, allow setting, serving, baking, defrosting, frying, melting, roasting, simmering, thickness, balance, sprinkle, blend, remove, chill, etc.

Adverbs used to show the position

Diagonally placed, in front of, behind below, beneath, at the end of , near, above, at the edge, at the covering, outer and inner circle, proximity, parallel, vicinity, vertical, horizontal etc.

For additions and listing

Again, and, also, besides, or, next, further, indeed, in fact, then, finally, either, either-or, neither-nor, furthermore, over the time, while, both, whether, because, so that, such that, as, prefer, therefore etc.

For contrasting Comparison

But, yet, still, though, unless, although, if, nevertheless, only, even then, on the other hand, in contrast, like, similarly, likewise, in accordance with, in the same way, etc.

For Time Relations

After, before, till, until, since, while, when, at last, at length, as soon as, afterwards, at that time, a short time, during that time, etc.

Activities

Description of the Places, People, Objects.

People

1. Mahatma Gandhi
2. Mussolini
3. Gen. Bismark
4. Hitler
5. MukeshAmbani
6. Laxmi Mittal
7. Bill Clinton
8. Rajinikanth
9. RaviShastri
10. Sachin Tendulkar
11. Manmohan Singh
12. KiranBedi
13. Abdul Kalam
14. Osama bin laden

Places

1. India
2. Gujarat
3. Rajasthan
4. Kerala
5. Daman & Diu
6. Delhi
7. Ananthapur
8. Vijayawada
9. Araku valley
10. Tirupathi
11. Warangal
12. Medak
13. Goa
14. Pondicherry
15. New Zealand
16. Italy
17. Rome
18. Dubai
19. Nallamalla forest
20. Sahara desert
21. Spain
22. Tokyo
23. Kedarnath&Amarnath