

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Descriptive writing is as basic as it sounds. Students write a description of what they see, hear, smell, feel, taste, and so on. If, for example, students write a description of a favorite place, they begin by closing their eyes and picturing that place. Then, they write about what they see there, what they hear, what they smell, and so on. Who's with them or are they alone? How do they feel when they're there? What time of day is it? The more detail, the better. This is a good place to start teaching writing especially if students arrive in high school with very little writing foundation.

For the lessons in which they are using descriptive writing, sample questions are provided.