

# DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY/PARAGRAPH

A descriptive essay/paragraph colorfully describes a person, place or thing. It allows you to imagine the way a person felt, heard or saw the object or location at a particular time regardless if the writer explains a real or imagined circumstance. Additionally, a descriptive paragraph gives readers a vivid image of a person, place or thing. This type of paragraph uses multiple sentences to convey a single clear image of a person, place or thing.

## Planning your descriptive essay:

- What or who do you want to describe?
- What is your reason for writing your description?
- What are the particular qualities that you want to focus on?

## Drafting your descriptive essay:

- What sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures are important for developing your description?
- Which details can you include to ensure that your readers gain a vivid impression imbued with your emotion or perspective?

## Revising your descriptive essay:

- Have you provided enough details and descriptions to enable your readers to gain a complete and vivid perception?
- Have you left out any minor but important details?
- Have you used words that convey your emotion or perspective?
- Are there any unnecessary details in your description?
- Does each paragraph of your essay focus on one aspect of your description?
- Are your paragraphs ordered in the most effective way?

# STRUCTURE & SAMPLE OF DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY

## Introduction:

Include attention getter and explain why this place is important/interesting.

## Paragraph 2

Describe the location and/or the parts of this place.

## Paragraph 3

Describe the activities and what happens here.

## Paragraph 4

Describe the sensory details: sights, smells, tastes, sounds, etc.

## Conclusion

Summarize why this place is important or why you like it.

## SAMPLE

### *The Weekend Market*

Many tourists I have met have told me that one place they have to go is the weekend market. This market is huge and has everything from bags, souvenirs and handicrafts to many kinds of animals, many kinds of plants and it also has a variety of local food. **In other words**, the weekend market is a great place for shopping and experiencing the local culture.

The market is located near the city's main bus station so people come from all over the country to buy and sell goods. **Moreover**, it is also near a sky train station and a subway station which makes it very convenient for city people, especially young people who don't have cars.

The market is very large and full of hundreds of small shops and stalls. **Consequently**, it can be confusing to get around. However, if you get lost, it is a good idea to look for the clock

tower which is right in the middle of the market. It will help you find your way. When I walk into the market early on a Sunday morning there are people and cars and motorcycles everywhere. You have to be careful where you walk. Many people are bringing their goods to sell in big bags on carts and trolleys. **In fact**, you might even have to jump out of the sellers' way as they charge along the narrow walkways with their goods. **In addition** to the sellers, tourists and locals are pouring in looking for something to eat or ready to start shopping. **As time goes by**, the market gets more and more crowded and you have to start squeezing past people to keep moving.

As you walk through the market you will experience many sensations. **For example**, there are many smells, scents and aromas. One moment you will be smelling the aromas of stir-fried cooking dishes from a small restaurant and the next you smell the scents of orchids and other flowers as you pass through the cooler and more relaxing garden section. **Furthermore**, walking deeper into the market, your eyes will have trouble recording so many products with their many colors, designs and sizes. After a while you may feel dizzy and look for a quiet place to have a rest and a refreshing drink. **10. Fortunately**, there are many small cafes and drink stalls selling fresh coconut juice, orange juice or iced water.

**To sum up**, a day at the weekend market is both a day of shopping and a unique experience for your senses. It is a kind of magical journey that is great as a first experience for tourists and an escape from daily life for locals. **Moreover**, while it is usually hot and crowded, the atmosphere is friendly and good-natured.