

Topic 1: Descriptive Essay Writing

Chapter 2: Composition and Comprehension · Topic 1

Key Concept

A descriptive essay uses sensory details - what we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch - to make writing vivid and engaging.

Using adjectives and comparisons like similes helps readers visualise and connect with what we are describing.

A good descriptive essay has a clear focus, organising details logically, like describing a place from top to bottom or near to far.

Practising descriptive writing improves our ability to observe details and express them clearly in words.

Quick Revision Notes

- Descriptive essay uses sensory details.
- Senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch.
- Adjectives and similes aid visualisation.
- A clear focus organises details logically.
- Example: top to bottom, near to far.
- Practice improves observation skills.
- It also improves expression in words.
- This is an important writing skill.

Practice Questions

- 1 Write a descriptive paragraph about your favourite place.
- 2 Use three sensory details in a description.
- 3 Write a simile describing a sunset.
- 4 Describe a person using vivid adjectives.
- 5 Organise a description from top to bottom.
- 6 Read your description aloud and check its vividness.