

# Descriptive Writing

## How to Structure Descriptive Writing

### Purpose

To describe a person, place or thing so that your writing creates a picture in the reader's mind.

### Orientation

Start your descriptive writing with an opening statement that clearly says what your writing is about.

You also need to hook your reader in. You can do this in several ways – use onomatopoeia, speech, a short sentence, a question, a funny or factual statement, etc.

### Body Paragraphs

Each body paragraph should be a description of a key part of what you are describing and gives your reader the sense of being there. An easy way to do this is by using the senses:

- Sights
- Sounds
- Smells
- Tastes
- Touch

You can write in detail about each sense to make sure that your reader has a full idea of what you are describing.

### Ending

Finish your writing with closing statements that tie your writing into a neat and tidy end.

Making sure you finish your writing properly is just as important as making sure you have lots of descriptive detail in the body of your writing.