

# Descriptive Paragraph

You are to write one paragraph describing an item or event of your choice. Your paragraph should include:

- Topic sentence with a main idea
- 3 or four detail sentences
- A concluding sentence



You must include details and descriptions that appeal to the senses. Make your reader visualize your topic.

	5 pts- WOW	3-4 pts- Almost there	2 pts-Getting there	1 pt-keep working
Content	Main idea in the topic sentence.  3-4 supporting details  Satisfying conclusion	Main idea in topic sentence  2-3 supporting details.  Conclusion sentence.	Topic sentence but no main idea  2 supporting details  No conclusion	No introduction  1-2 supporting details  No conclusion
Organization	Detail sentences flow with the use of transition words and imagery throughout.	Detail sentences flow with the use of some transition words but some sentences are choppy.	Detail sentences are choppy and lack a flow. Imagery is present but not tied to main idea.	Reads more like a list of details than a paragraph. No organization or transitions evident.
Focus	Focused on topic.  All details support the main idea.	Focused on topic.  Most details support the main idea.	May go off topic or provide details that do not adhere to the main idea.	Frequently off topic and few details provided.
Style/word choice	Terms of sight, smell, touch, taste, and/or sound used with detail.	Some use of sensory details.	All simple sentences with little description.	Simple sentences or incomplete phrases are choppy or irrelevant.
Conventions	Correct grammar, spelling and capitalization are used throughout the composition	The composition contains no more than 4 errors in grammar, spelling or punctuation.	The composition contains no more than 6 errors in grammar, spelling or punctuation	The composition contains seven or more errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation