

Descriptive Writing Lesson | Student Practice Worksheet

Plan your writing

Fill out the following graphic organizer designed to help you plan your descriptive essay.

Step 1: Pick a Place

What space is important to you? Think about what spaces you care about. Choose a space that is meaningful to you.

This space is important because _____

Step 2: Take Notes

Use this space to list details about the place you chose. Think of what you see, what you smell, and what textures you feel.

Step 3: Capture Your feelings

Make a list here of the emotions you experience in this space (ex: safe, comfortable, suffocated...). Circle three emotions you want to explore.

Finish these sentences using the feelings you circled.

This space makes me feel _____ because _____

This space makes me feel _____ because _____

This space makes me feel _____ because _____

Step 4: Use Figurative Language

Choose at least two types of figurative language to make your writing more compelling for your reader and practice using them to describe your space

Figurative language practice 1:

Figurative language practice 2:

Step 5: Write your introduction

Write a brief introduction to your piece featuring a journey to your space. Push yourself to describe the gradual change, the manner in which you travel from one space to the next. Write one to three paragraphs.