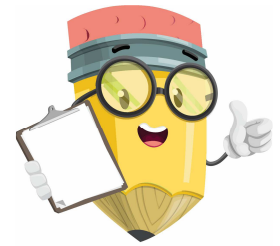


Descriptive Writing Topics



Choose one of the following topics to write about.

1. Some people prefer dogs as pets, some like cats, and others prefer birds, snakes, fish, rabbits, pigs, horses, and other animals. **WHAT IS YOUR PERFECT PET?** What does it look like? Is it soft or hard? Does it make any sounds? Does it have a special smell? Now describe your idea of a perfect pet so that your reader can picture it.
2. When you went to sleep, you woke up in a forest, but **YOU WEREN'T YOU. YOU WERE A WILD ANIMAL**—one you'd love to be for a day. What would you look like? What sounds would you make? What food would you eat? What would you smell? How would it feel to return to being yourself?
3. Every person has a favorite place to play. Think of **YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO PLAY**. It may be your backyard, or a playground, or a nearby woods, or an open field. What does this place look like? What are the sounds you hear there? What does it feel and smell like? Describe your favorite place to play so that your reader can see it without being there.
4. What is **THE IDEAL WONDERLAND FOR YOU TO VISIT?** What place do you dream about? What does it look like? Does it have a smell? How does it feel? Do you hear sounds there? Describe the ideal place of your dreams in such a way that the reader can picture it, too.

WRITING TIPS:

- *Before starting to write, brainstorm some words—sensory and feelings words—inspired by your topic.*
- *Start with a short paragraph catching the reader's attention and give the reader a strong main impression of your subject.*
- *Add a couple of paragraphs of interesting details, and finish with the main thing to remember.*
- *Try to find vivid words to convey the look, sound, touch, smell, and taste.*
- *Tell why you care.*
- *Dress your essay up with similes and metaphors.*
- *Use proper spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.*
- *Show off your writing!*