

Descriptive Essay Outline

Section 1

Directions: Begin by brainstorming ideas for your descriptive essay.

Reminder: A descriptive essay uses imagery and figurative language to describe a person, place, or thing in great detail.	
Brainstorming	
Topic Identify the person, place, or thing you will describe.	Swim meet
Sense	My Notes
Sight What does it look like?	Clear water, waves, rectangular, and reflective (I am referencing the pool itself)
Taste How does it taste?	Salty, slightly cold, and metallic
Touch How does it feel?	Freezing, smooth, and wet
Smell What does it smell like?	Chlorine, strong, and clean
Sound What does it sound like?	Splashing waves, beeping, excitement, cheering, roaring, buzzing, anticipation, and rush of adrenaline

Section 2

Directions: Fill in the table that follows to outline your descriptive essay.

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Introduction		
Topic Identify the person, place, or thing you will describe.	Swim meet	
Identify the three key aspects of your topic that you will describe. Example: 1. How it looks 2. How it tastes 3. How it smells	1. How it looks (the pool)	
	2. How it feels (while swimming in the pool)	
	3. How it sounds (the whole atmosphere of the meet)	
Body Paragraphs		
Body Paragraph 1	Identify the first key aspect of your topic. (Take this from what you identified in the introduction section.)	How the pool looks
	What key sensory words will you use to describe this first aspect?	Clear water, waves, rectangular, and reflective
	Create one example of figurative language you will use to describe this aspect. (Ex: Simile: His eyes were as blue as the ocean.)	Device: Simile My example: The pool was as big as an ocean
Body Paragraph 2	Identify the second key aspect of your topic. (Take this from what you identified in the introduction section.)	The feeling of swimming in the pool

	What key words will you use to describe this second aspect?	Freezing, smooth, and wet
	Create one example of figurative language you will use to describe this aspect. (Ex: Simile: His eyes were as blue as the ocean.)	Device: Personification My example: The waves tossed me around the pool
Body Paragraph 3	Identify the third key aspect of your topic. (Take this from what you identified in the introduction section.)	The sounds of the pool and the supporting crowd
	What key words will you use to describe this third aspect?	Splashing waves, beeping, excitement, cheering, roaring, buzzing, anticipation, and rush of adrenaline
	Create one example of figurative language you will use to describe this aspect. (Ex: Simile: His eyes were as blue as the ocean.)	Device: Hyperbole My example: The home-supporting crowd died of happiness when the team clinched the event
Conclusion		
Why is your topic important to you?	This topic is important to me because this is my favorite sport to do, and I have been apart of it for over 7 years.	