



Writing Prompts Descriptive

1. Describe your best friend. Think about where your friend lives, what he/she looks like, how they talk, act, and spend their time. Describe both appearance and personality.
2. Describe the most adventurous thing you've ever done. What did you do? How did you get the idea to do it? Describe your emotions as you did it. What were the results of your actions?
3. Describe a forest or a swimming pool solely in terms of its scent.
4. Describe a person as a blind man might see him or her. Use every sense except sight.
5. Describe an object in terms of what it is not.
6. Write a description for an article of clothing that will appear in a catalog. Use lots of details, because the catalog will not contain a picture of the item.
7. Write a description for the perfect five-course meal at a fancy restaurant. What would you order? How would it look, taste, smell, etc.?
8. What would happen if rain were sticky? Describe your day walking in the sticky rain.
9. Imagine that you are from a different time period and are visiting present day. Imagine that you must send back a report to the people of your time. How would you describe the everyday things around you?
10. Pretend you're a tree. What kind? Describe yourself in detail—height, build, wood, leaves, age, fruit/flowers/nuts, etc.
11. Remember your favorite summertime activity, and describe it in vivid detail. Where did it take place? What did you do there? Who was with you?
12. Describe one of your parents. How do they walk? Talk? What kinds of clothes do they wear? Describe how they look and act.
13. Pretend that astronauts have found life on another planet. What do the creatures look like? Are they smarter than us? Not as smart? How do they look? Do they have any unusual abilities?
14. Select a common game such as hide and seek. Describe the game to someone who has never played. See if you can describe the game without using the name of the game in your writing.
15. Imagine you are your family's new pet. From the pet's point of view, describe your family, house, or yard.
16. Describe yourself as a brother if you're a sister in your family, or vice versa. If you're an only child, describe yourself as an older sibling. What kind of sibling are you? How do you act towards the rest of the family?
17. Select a favorite toy that you currently or used to have. What was it? What did it do? Who gave it to you? What did it look like? Sound like?



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18. Imagine that you are an ant, an eagle, or a giant. Think about how your view of the world will change if you were a different creature. Describe your house from your new point of view.
19. Think about the most admirable qualities of your friends and family. Using those qualities, describe the perfect "fairy godmother."
20. Describe today's weather using at least five words that aren't usually applied to the weather.
21. Describe your pet's personality without describing its appearance.
22. Describe your perfect vacation. Include weather, location, activities and the people who would travel with you. Money is no object!
23. Select your favorite holiday. Describe how your family celebrates the holiday. Think about family traditions, decoration, and meals that may be a part of the holiday.
24. Think about all of the things your hands do during the course of the day. Write an essay that describes your busy and capable hands.
25. Imagine that you have been invited to a costume party. Describe your costume and the party.
26. Describe your favorite color as if you're seeing it for the first time.