**Writing a Descriptive Article** **|** Lower Secondary

Stage (6-8)

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| **Subject:** English | **Unit:** 2 |
| **Objectives:**   * To identify the features of writing a descriptive article.   Name: …………………………………………………………………….  Grade: 7National (A) | |

**How to Write a Descriptive Article**

**Introduction**

* **Start with an attention-grabbing hook or statement** that relates to the topic of descriptive writing.
  + For example: "Have you ever wanted to transport your reader to a different time or place with your writing?"
* **Define descriptive writing and its purpose:** Descriptive writing is a type of writing that uses vivid language and sensory details to create a clear image in the reader's mind.

**Step 1: Choose a Topic**

* **Brainstorm ideas for a topic** that interests you and is relevant to the grade 7 curriculum.
* **Once a topic is chosen, research and gather information** from reliable sources such as books, articles, or educational websites.
  + **Example:** Imagine you want to write a descriptive article about a visit to a bustling city street.

**Step 2: Create an Outline**

* **Organize your ideas and create an outline** for your descriptive article.
* **Divide your outline into sections**, such as introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
  + **Example outline:**
  + **Introduction:** Describe the bustling city street and its significance.
  + **Body 1:** Focus on visual details (buildings, people, colors).
  + **Body 2:** Describe the sounds (traffic, conversations, music).
  + **Body 3:** Explore the smells and tastes (food vendors, bakery, coffee shop).
  + **Conclusion:** Summarize the experience and highlight the impact of the city street.

**Step 3: Use Vivid Language**

* **Use sensory language** to create a clear picture in the reader's mind.
* **Use descriptive adjectives, similes, metaphors, and other figurative language** to make your descriptions more engaging.
  + **Example sentence:** "As I stepped onto the crowded sidewalk, I was surrounded by a symphony of colors, with towering buildings adorned in bright signage, and people hustling by in an array of vibrant outfits."

**Step 4: Provide Examples**

* **Support your description with specific examples, facts, and evidence** from your research.
* **Use quotes** from experts, statistics, or historical anecdotes to make your article more informative.
  + **Example sentence:** "The sound of car horns blared in my ears, jostling for attention among the chatter of passersby and the melodic tunes of a street musician."

**Step 5: Organize Your Paragraphs**

* **Divide your article into paragraphs,** with each paragraph focusing on a different aspect of your topic.
* **Use topic sentences and transition sentences** to connect one paragraph to the next.
  + Example topic sentence for Body 2: "The city street was alive with a cacophony of sounds that created a dynamic atmosphere."

**Step 6: Write a Conclusion**

* **Summarize the main points** you have made in your article.
* **Reinforce the importance or significance of your topic** and leave the reader with a final thought or reflection.
  + **Example:** "Leaving the bustling street behind, I couldn't help but feel a sense of energy and excitement lingering within me. This experience taught me the power of descriptive writing to transport readers and create a lasting impact."

**Step 7: Edit and Revise**

* **Proofread your article** for any errors concerning grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
* **Ask someone else to read your article** and provide feedback or suggestions for improvement.
  + **Example:** Reword sentence for clarity - "The aroma of freshly baked bread and the invigorating scent of brewing coffee filled the air, enticing passersby to stop and savor the flavors of the city street."

**Conclusion**

* **Restate the importance of descriptive writing techniques** for a writer to convey their message effectively.
* **Provide a final thought** or call-to-action related to descriptive writing.
  + **Example sentence:** "Now armed with the tools of descriptive writing, you're ready to embark on a journey of captivating storytelling and make your words come alive."

Remember to practice descriptive writing on your own by choosing a topic that interests you and following these steps to create a descriptive article.

