

Creative Writing : Class 3

2. Descriptive writing:

What is Descriptive Writing?

Descriptive writing is a style or technique of writing used by the writer to help the reader vividly visualise the story or situation, using words, metaphors, adjectives, and other literary techniques. This style of writing is useful when you want the reader to imagine or picture the story or situation you are writing about.

The idea is to provide the reader with rich detail for them to picture in their minds the characters, settings, objects, emotions, and places or even events taking place in real-time. Descriptive writing is writing in which the author's intent is to create a vivid image of what he/she is describing in the mind of the reader.

What is the purpose of Descriptive Writing?

The primary purpose of descriptive writing is to describe a person, place or thing in such a way that a picture is formed in the reader's mind. Capturing an event through descriptive writing involves paying close attention to the details by using all of your five senses.

What is Descriptive Language?

Descriptive language is a technique used to add depth to a piece of writing. It can be used in both fiction and nonfiction texts. Descriptive

language is the use of descriptive words such as adjectives, adverbs or descriptive verbs to give the story added detail.

- **There are three major types of descriptive writing:**

- Writing about a person.
- Writing about an object.
- Writing about a place.

What are the characteristics of descriptive writing?

- Characteristics of Descriptive writing
 - The Introduction.
 - Should establish purpose.
 - Sets tone for impression. ...
 - The Body.
 - Includes details (sensory, factual, figurative).
 - Includes thoughts and feelings.
 - Should be arranged in a local order.
 - Has transitions (passage) that connect ideas.

What are the rules of descriptive writing?

- Cut out/ Avoid obvious descriptions..
- Use surprising words
- Remember sensory details. It should be palatable.
- Make use of figurative language.
- Be wary/cautious of over-description.

What are the benefits of descriptive writing?

It enhances and promotes language, new vocabulary, and encourages students to learn about things they are unfamiliar with. It allows students to think outside of the box and expand on their thoughts. Descriptive writing allows students autonomy in what they choose to write about.

Structure of Descriptive Writing:

- Introduction
- Body [2 or 3 paragraphs] [Depends upon the topic and the writer's imaginative & interpretive skills]
- Conclusion

Example: Story Writing, Novels

