

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Grades 3rd-5th

ELA, Writing

Students will practice their descriptive writing skills by writing about pictures!

OBJECTIVES

1. SWBAT use their senses to describe an image in one paragraph or more
2. SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of adjectives by describing an image in detail.

Materials Needed:

- Lined paper (wide or college ruled)
- Pencil
- Copy of image you're wanting the student to describe

Anticipatory Set (motivation):

- Ask your student to draw any picture of their choice with color. Have them verbally explain it to you. What does it look like? How would it feel if you could actually touch it?
- Have people be in pairs. Sit them back to back. Pick an object in the room for one person to describe to the other person. The person who is not describing will be drawing what is being described to them. Take turns.

Activities

- Direct Instruction ("I Do")
 - o Check for previous knowledge on descriptive writing. "Do you know what descriptive writing is? Have you done it before?"
 - o Ask what the 5 senses are (Sight, smell, touch, taste, hearing) and how they help describe something
 - Be sure to write these down so there's a visual for students
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- Guided Practice ("We do")
 - o Pull up an image
 - o Take volunteers to describe something in the picture in one sentence. Write down what the students say
- Independent Practice ("You Do")
 - o The students will write a minimum of 10 sentences describing an image shown to them

- These should be descriptions for each of the 5 senses
 - What does it look like is happening?
 - If you were there would you be able to hear anything?
 - Is there anything in the image that you could touch?
 - Can you imagine a smell?
 - Is there anything you can eat? What would it taste like?
- Closure
 - Have student(s) share what they wrote and talk about what they found difficult and what they found easy.

Examples of Images:

<https://www.farmtrails.org/>



https://thisistucson.com/tucsonlife/new-family-cooking-subscription-box-coming-to-tucson/article_408de57e-23dd-11e9-8f69-6bf79292f2cd.html



<https://www.teachwriting.org/blog/2017/12/19/descriptive-writing-lesson-a-winter-setting>

This website offers a bunch of great sentence starters along with another image your student can write about.