Brilla College Prep Middle School

English Language Learner

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Describe Something or Someone You Observed

Your assignment is to look carefully at the world around you and write something special that you observed. I am encouraging you to be a private detective and use your powers of observation.

As you ride the bus, or take the train, or walk down the streets to school or your home, look very carefully around you and focus your attention on someone or something. Try to notice something you have never seen before, something that you are glad you saw, such as a flower bulb starting to open or a laughing child. Maybe something strange or mysterious, or something that surprises you.

Maybe you observe an interesting looking person wearing a beautiful or shabby outfit. Maybe you see a special color that cheers you up. Maybe you see an adorable or frightening animal. Or, maybe you overhear an interesting conversation between two people. What do they say to each other?

Maybe you wish to describe someone you already know. Help us see what this person looks like, how tall or short they are, the color of their skin and hair, whether they look sad or happy, whether they are fat or thin, whether they speak loudly or softly. How are they dressed? Describe as much as you can.

Try to use adjectives when you describe an object or person. For example, don't just write, "I saw an apple." Tell me more. Tell me the color of the apple—was it green or red or yellow, was it juicy looking? Was it a Chinese apple (a pomegranate) or was it a Delicious apple. What does it say on the label attached to the apple's skin? Where did you see the apple? Was it at home on the table? Was it on the shelf in the store with other fruit? Was someone eating that apple, and if so, how did the person look? Did the person look like she enjoyed the taste of the apple? What did the apple make you think of? Did it make you remember a time when you were a child, in another country, and tasted an apple or some other fruit for the first time? If so, what was it like?

In writing your description, try to use some of your five senses—what did the object smell like, or feel like, or sound like, or taste like, or look like?

Make your descriptions so complete and clear that readers will feel that they saw what you saw, too. Remember, you are our reporter; we rely on your words.
What If You Could Become A Character In A Movie?

In the movies you find yourself suddenly about to step into the screen to play a part in the film being shown. You can influence the outcome of events and interact with all the characters.

What movie would you like to step into?
What would happen in the movie you “enter”—how would the movie change?
What would your character be like?

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Tell Me About How You Are Challenging Yourself

Tell me about a goal you set for yourself and what you did or are doing to achieve your goal. What is the task you have set for yourself and why did you do this? Why is this goal so important to you? What do you hope to accomplish?

How hard is the task? What progress have you made so far? How much more work do you have to do?

Once you accomplish your goal, how will you feel? How will your life be changed?
Make Up A Story From A Picture Or Photo

Turn the pages of a magazine or newspaper to find an illustration which captures your interest. Look carefully at this picture and try to imagine or make up a story about what is going on.

For example, who are the people in the picture? What is going on in their lives? Imagine you knew them and could tell about their lives, about their problems, their loves, their hates, their hopes and dreams. What are the lives of the people in the photograph like? Are the people happy, sad, angry or what? Make up a story.

You can also try to imagine that you are one of the people in the picture? What is going on in your mind? What do you feel?

If you like you can write about this person in the first person narrative. By that I mean you can use the word "I", such as:

• I am ----
• I feel ----
• I want ----
• I am going to tell you the story of my life ----
• My name is ----

Don't be afraid of trying to become someone in the picture you are examining. That is why your imagination is so wonderful. It can take you to new places where you have never been before. By trying to put yourself in the shoes or lives of another person, you will grow and develop a broader picture of humanity.

Or, if you prefer, instead, you can also write a description or story about something or someone you saw on the streets, or on the subway or in class or at a party. Use your imagination to describe what is going on.

Or, perhaps you choose an illustration of a place or scene that you find interesting. What would it be like to step into that scene?

Enjoy!
What Holiday Does Your Family Celebrate?

When you were a child, was there a special holiday your family celebrated? Was it Christmas or Chanukah or Ramadan, Three Kings Day or the New Year? Something else? Do you have a happy memory of something special that happened on one of those days?

What traditions, for example, did you observe?
What foods did you cook and eat?
Did you exchange gifts with family and friends?
Do you remember a wonderful gift that someone gave you as a child on this holiday? What was it?
Is there a song or poem you would sing or recite during this holiday? Can you share it with us? What does it mean?
Write About Your Name

What is your name?
Does your name have a special meaning in another language? If so, what does it mean?

- Who gave you your name?
- Were you named after someone special?
- Do you like or hate your name?
- If you could choose another name for yourself what would it be? Why would you call yourself that name?
- What names of other people do you like? Why?
- Do you think you were given the right name, or should you have been named something different?
- What is your favorite name?
- How do you feel when people speak your name?
- Do you know your name in other languages?
- Have you ever given someone a name? How did you choose it?
Select An Object To Help You Remember The Past, And Write About The Memory

Choose a favorite object from home. Perhaps it is an item you brought from your country to remind you about something or someone very important to you. Or, perhaps it is something you acquired while in this country or discovered when you were on a trip.

The object might be a photograph of someone you love or care about. It might be a pin or watch your mother or grandmother gave to you to remind you of them. Perhaps it is a letter, a book or poem, an herb or a food. Maybe it's a military or school medal of honor. Perhaps it is a childhood toy or something that belongs to someone you love. Maybe it is a sea shell or a stone you found at the beach or in the countryside.

Write about this object and tell us what it means to you. What memory does it bring to mind? Are your thoughts happy or sad? Why is this object so important to you? Is there a story about the object you can write about, such as who gave it to you or how you found it? Make up a story about this prized possession.
What Would You Do To Make The World A Little Better?
A writer asks someone, “What is worth worrying about.”

The person offers a simple, profound answer: “People doing good things on this earth, leaving the world a better place. It doesn’t matter what you do—if you do for cats, fine; if you do for Uganda, fine...,” she says. But “everybody owes it to the world to make it a little better.”

What about you? What are the things you do or can do to make the world a little better?
Tell Me What Makes You Happy

I want to hear about something or someone who makes you happy. Maybe it's a person who makes you smile. Maybe it's a song. Maybe it's a celebration. Maybe it's a special food. Or a special place you visit. Or, maybe it's a special book or poem or prayer or belief.

If you prefer, tell me about the happiest day in your life—what happened that day? What made it so special to you?
Let's Write About Courage

Write about a time you when you acted with courage in dealing with a problem in your life. Each of us has had to overcome some fears we had by taking action. This might be as simple as taking a test again after you failed an earlier one, or flying on an airplane when you’re afraid of planes, or overcoming your fear of leaving your country to come to a foreign land to start a new life.

Some people have severe health problems, but they still find the courage and strength within to live successful and happy lives. If you know such a person, you can write about her or him.

You can also write about an act of courage that you or someone you know performed and how they must have felt.