



HOW TO WRITE THE DESCRIPTION OF A PLACE

Descriptive writing is an art form. It's painting a word picture so that the reader 'sees' exactly what you are describing."

~Brenda Covert



1. Brainstorm your description

Think about the following questions. Choose the points that are relevant to your essay.

- Where is the place?
- When was it built?
- What does it look like?
- What is special or interesting about it?
- What can you do there?
- What is your opinion of the place?
- Do you recommend that people visit it?
- You can use the Internet to find out facts about your sight.

2. Structure

1. In the first paragraph, explain where the place is and summarize the reason for choosing it.
2. In the next paragraph(S), give more information about the place both in general and in detail.
3. In the last paragraph, say why you/other people like it.

3. Content

1. Give examples of the things /people can do in this place.
2. Explain why this place is interesting or important.
3. Use a range of adjectives to describe size, appearance/atmosphere.

4. Write a first draft.

5. Check your work!!

Have you followed the plan?

Have you checked it for mistakes?

Have you used a variety of adjectives to describe the place?

Grammar

Do your sentences have a subject?

Do your sentences follow English word order?

Do your subjects and verbs agree?

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Location	<p>Only ten minutes from where I live...../ very close to...../ in the town centre.../on the south coast of...../ opposite...../ next to...../ near..../is situated/is located, ...</p> <p>in the centre/heart/middle of, ...</p> <p>in (the) north/south/east/west/south-east/south-west (of), ...</p> <p>to the left/right of</p> <p>at the top of</p> <p>all round</p>
Comparative and superlative	<p>The best.../ the most popular.... / the most interesting.../ not as as ...</p> <p>This is one of the most.....sights in Alcanar</p>
Giving reasons	<p>What I like about is/ the main reason I like.....is/ because....</p>
Adjectives	<p>Huge/ tiny/ modern/ traditional/ peaceful/ busy/ crowded/ interesting/ historical/ ancient/narrow/breathtaking/ bare/peaceful/crowded/</p>
Nouns	<p>Architecture/ design/ history/facilities/buildings/viewpoint/ stone/</p>
Recommending	<p>This is a place every tourist should see/ I would recommend a visit to..../ if you are looking for a....., don't miss.....</p>
Useful phrases and expressions	<p>The area around.....has got (a) beautiful (sights/mountains/landscape...)</p> <p>People can enjoy.....</p> <p>This beautiful temple/building was built.....</p> <p>If you stand outside..... you will notice....</p> <p>If you are in good shape, you can climb....</p> <p>The most interesting/fascinating point of the city is ...</p> <p>There is something very special about this place.....</p> <p>...which offers spectacular views of the.....</p> <p>If you visit my town you must go to.....</p>



Model .

Read the model and find the following: comparative and superlative adjectives/location/adjectives/opinion/history/recommendation.

If you visit my town, you must go to the Five Ways Hotel. It's in the centre of the town and it is one of the oldest and most interesting buildings in the area. It is also famous all over the country for its restaurant, where they serve traditional food cooked in the original style.

The Five Ways is a small building, but you can't miss it. The walls are covered with lovely climbing plants and the tiny windows make the rooms quite dark. It feels very safe and secure! It was built hundreds of years ago, when people who were travelling to London stopped here for food and rest. It was very popular because of the five roads that met there.

Today, the small rooms have newer furniture and the kitchen has the latest equipment, but the walls are original and you can walk on the same floors as people did centuries ago.

For me, this is an amazing place. I recommend a visit to everyone interested in history and good food.

