

description

noun

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► Say it: de • scrip • tion Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

an explanation of what someone or something is like

Synonym: characterization

Example

Hannah gave us a detailed **description** of her new pet _____.



Forms

- *Singular:* description
- *Plural:* descriptions

Family

- *Verb:* describe
- *Adjective:* descriptive
- *Adverb:* descriptively

Word Partners

- accurate _____ An **accurate description** of a lion might include the following: furry, four legs, a mane and tail, and a ferocious roar!
- detailed _____ Todd gave us a **detailed description** of the movie he saw last night.
- provide a _____ Anna is **providing a description** of the robber to the police right now.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

❶ If I had to provide a **description** of my classmates, I would say that they are _____.

❷ I just read a brief **description** of a really interesting movie called _____ on the Web site _____.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **description** and appropriate content.

On our last _____ test, we had to write a detailed _____ of _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **description** and appropriate content.

If I had to give an accurate _____ of my school, I would say that it has _____ and is painted _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **description** in the *singular form* and include a word partner. In your second sentence, use **description** in the *plural form*.

- 1 _____

- 2 _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

My descriptions were inaccurate.

He likes board games.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **description** and original content.

Police sketch artists have a very _____ ① role in law enforcement. These professionals use their artistic _____ ② to help police catch people suspected of committing _____ ③. A police sketch artist draws a suspect based on the physical _____ ④ given by a witness or victim of a crime. It's a challenging _____ ⑤ because the artist needs not only the ability to draw well but also the sensitivity and patience to elicit an accurate _____ ⑥ from someone who may be emotionally traumatized or upset. If you think you might be interested in becoming a police sketch artist, start taking classes in art and psychology, and practice drawing _____ ⑦. Your artistic skills could one day help _____ ⑧.