

Writing for Success Scope and Sequence

Advanced Descriptive

Skills Taught

Lessons

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Knowing to choose words carefully that paint clear pictures in readers' minds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing nouns are a part of speech that identify people, places, things, or ideas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing adjectives are a part of speech that describe or modify nouns or pronouns	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing adjectives tell what kind, which one, how many	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing verbs are a part of speech that expresses action or state of being	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Knowing the state of being verbs are am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been	✓			✓				
Knowing adverbs are a part of speech that modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing adverbs tell how, when, where and often end in -ly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing a glossary is a dictionary of special terms and their meanings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Knowing entry words in a glossary are alphabetized	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Knowing lexicon refers to a person's particular word choice or vocabulary	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Using a dictionary, thesaurus, or lexicon	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Making a lexicon folder to collect specific words	✓		✓		✓			✓
Knowing the importance of doing research before writing about a subject you don't know much about	✓							
Analyzing a descriptive passage collaboratively	✓				✓			✓
Knowing expected audience behavior consists of: listening attentively, sitting quietly, following along, remembering what the reader says, looking interested	✓			✓	✓			✓
Knowing two ways authors may organize their writing is by time and position in space	✓	✓						
Knowing time order is also called chronological or temporal order	✓	✓						
Knowing temporal order may describe details by first, next, last or before, during, and after	✓	✓						
Knowing the term for where an item is placed is called position in space	✓	✓						
Knowing position in space is also called spatial order	✓	✓						
Knowing spatial order may describe details top to bottom; bottom to top; near to far; in front, to the left, behind, to the right	✓	✓						
Knowing the first paragraph in a multi-paragraph passage is called the introductory paragraph	✓	✓					✓	
Knowing the first sentence in the introductory paragraph is called the opening or hook	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Knowing the opening sentence is called the hook because it pulls the reader in and lets the reader know what is to come	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Knowing the introductory paragraph contains the thesis statement	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Knowing the thesis statement may be one or two sentences at the end of the introductory paragraph that tell the main idea of the passage	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Knowing the sentences between the hook and the thesis statement in the introductory paragraph are called the supporting details	✓	✓	✓				✓	

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Knowing effective descriptive writing stimulates the imagination and includes five-sense descriptions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Knowing authors give the personal response of the main character to the experiences described through statements or inferences	✓	✓						
Knowing figurative language uses literary devices to make writing more interesting and make a clearer picture in readers' minds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing a simile is figurative language that makes a comparison of two different things using the words like or as	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing a metaphor is figurative language that makes a comparison of two different things by saying one thing is the other thing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing personification is figurative language that gives human qualities to an animal or thing	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing alliteration is figurative language that places words close together that begin with the same sound	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing onomatopoeia is figurative language that tells the actual sound something makes	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing correct punctuation to use with onomatopoeia	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing parentheses can be used to add information that is not vital to understanding	✓							
Knowing information enclosed by parentheses is called parenthetical information	✓							
Knowing a pair of em dashes can be used to emphasize what the author wants to say	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Knowing a single em dash can be used to set off or add clarifying information	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Knowing how words are used in sentences is called the parts of speech		✓		✓				
Knowing a thesaurus is an alphabetical list of synonyms and related words		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Knowing synonyms are words that mean the same thing or almost the same thing		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Knowing related words are words that are similar in meaning		✓	✓	✓				
Knowing you use a thesaurus to find a word that fits your meaning and use a dictionary to verify its meaning		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Planning and drafting a descriptive passage collaboratively		✓						
Brainstorming		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Using a graphic organizer	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Knowing three types of hooks are: a thought-provoking statement, a startling sentence, a surprising statistic		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Planning a closing sentence that includes thoughts and feelings about the topic		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Indenting for each new paragraph		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Skipping lines on the rough draft to allow space for editing and proofreading		✓	✓		✓	✓		

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Knowing a transition sentence leads the reader from one paragraph to the next		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Knowing transitional words and phrases are used in transition sentences		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Knowing some transitional words are first, next, then, and last		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Knowing some transitional phrases are soon after that, followed by, at this time, after a few hours		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Knowing descriptive passages end with a conclusion called a personal response		✓	✓					
Knowing editing means adding, taking out, changing, words, phrases, or sentences to improve the writing		✓		✓		✓		
Using proofreading marks		✓		✓		✓		✓
Using an add-in sheet		✓		✓		✓		✓
Knowing a paragraph is more interesting if sentences begin with different words		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Knowing specific word choice creates a more vivid picture in the minds of readers and engages the five senses			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Planning and drafting a descriptive passage independently			✓					
Knowing each paragraph needs a topic sentence				✓				
Knowing the first and middle paragraphs of a descriptive paragraph need a transition word, phrase, or sentence				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Knowing the final paragraph has a closing sentence that brings the passage to a satisfying conclusion				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowing when a word modifies another word, it changes the meaning of the word it modifies				✓	✓			
Editing an independently written descriptive passage				✓		✓		✓
Using an editing checklist				✓		✓		
Proofreading an independently written descriptive passage with a partner				✓				
Knowing revising means changing ideas				✓				✓
Knowing proofreading means checking capitalization, punctuation, grammar and usage, and standard spelling				✓				✓
Publishing an independently written descriptive passage				✓				
Presenting an independently written descriptive passage				✓				
Evaluating using a rubric				✓				✓
Writing a description of a person as part of a story					✓	✓		
Writing a description of yourself					✓	✓	✓	

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Knowing physical appearance and personality are the two aspects you use to describe people					✓	✓	✓	
Knowing physical appearance means what a person looks like (gender, age, size, hair, eyes, clothing)					✓	✓	✓	
Knowing personality means a person's nature and characteristics					✓	✓	✓	
Knowing a dictionary is an alphabetical list of words and their meanings					✓	✓		
Analyzing a description of a person collaboratively					✓			
Knowing when authors describe a personality trait, they often give examples of things that person does to show that trait					✓	✓		
Knowing that sometimes authors don't specifically name a personality trait, they tell what a person does, and the reader must infer the personality trait					✓	✓		
Knowing an antonym is the opposite of another word						✓		
Writing a description of a person from a writing prompt independently						✓		
Knowing a descriptive passage about a person contains a paragraph giving a physical description						✓	✓	
Knowing a descriptive passage about a person contains a paragraph describing the person's personality						✓	✓	
Knowing the closing sentence of a descriptive passage about a person should give readers something to remember the person						✓	✓	
Planning and drafting a descriptive passage about a person collaboratively						✓		
Knowing the topic of a paragraph is what the paragraph is about						✓		
Knowing one way to vary a sentence is to change the word order to something unexpected							✓	✓
Knowing that when a sentence begins with a phrase or phrases that come before the subject and verb, we separate the phrase or phrases with a comma							✓	
Knowing when writing a personal description as part of a job application, the final paragraph should mention that you are looking forward to a response							✓	
Knowing SVM means Sentence Variation Model								✓
Knowing another way to vary a sentence is to change a general word to a specific word								✓
Knowing another way to vary a sentence is to add words that describe or modify one or more words in the sentence								✓
Proofreading an independently-written descriptive passage about yourself with a partner								✓
Publishing an independently-written descriptive passage about yourself								✓
Presenting an independently-written descriptive passage about yourself								✓