# DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPHS

Definition:

This kind of paragraph describes a person, place, or thing as vividly as possible. It makes the reader see, hear, and sense everything that will bring the subject to life

Example:

I was within twenty yards of the Elkington lion before I saw him. He lay sprawled in the morning sun, huge, black-maned, and gleaming with life. His tail moved slowly, stroking the rough grass like a knotted rope end. His body was sleek and easy, making a mold where he lay, a cool mold, that would be there when he was gone. He was not asleep: he was only idle. He was rusty-red, and soft, like a strokable cat.

When You Write:

1. Create an overall impression of the person, place, or thing you are describing.
2. You can use sensory details of sight, sound, taste, smell, color, and touch as well as details of time, space, and motion.
3. Similes and metaphors can make your description more interesting.

simile- a comparison using “like” or “as” ie. His tail moved slowly, stroking the rough grass ***like a knotted rope end.***

metaphor- a comparison not using “like” or “as” ie. **Her strength** equaled that of **ten men**.

1. Use exact words wherever possible.

**Homework:**

1. Choose a topic from the following list and write a descriptive paragraph. Identify each component of the paragraph.

T.S.= Topic Sentence

S.S.= Support Sentence

C.S.= Concluding Sentence

a. your favorite food

b. your least favorite food

c. a car you would like to own someday

d. your idea of a best friend