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## **An Introduction to Academic Writing**

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#### Chapter Four

#### The 4<sup>th</sup> Lecture

#### **Descriptive Paragraph**

A descriptive paragraph provides a vibrant experience for the reader through vivid language and descriptions of something. Unlike narrative paragraphs, which must include personal thoughts, feelings, and growth, descriptive paragraphs do not need to be personal in nature. Instead, descriptive paragraphs must focus on vividly and objectively describing something to the reader. In order to provide this vivid detail, the writer must use language that appeals to the reader's five senses: sight, smell, sound, taste, and touch. To appeal to these senses, the writer must use descriptive language, usually in the form of adjectives, that describes the sensations felt by the senses.

Spatial Order refers to the practice of organizing information (e.g.,

descriptions of places and objects, instructions and processes) according to their physical location.

#### Sample Transitional Words for Spatial Order

a little further on; beneath farther along in front right of along side beyond just to the left near to the east behind down in back on top of up

Start your paragraph with a general topic sentence that introduces the person. A succinct introduction sentence at the start of your paragraph will help catch the reader's attention and shift their focus to the person you're about to describe. Keep this first sentence clear and concise, focusing on one aspect of their appearance so you don't overwhelm your reader with too much description right away. You can also split your topic sentence into 2 sentences for clarity and flow.

Writing a descriptive essay starts with a strong sentence, the thesis statement. The thesis statement is what the descriptive paragraph hangs its hat on. It is the basis for the best part of the paragraph you are crafting. The thesis statement is a single idea that will be prominent when writing a descriptive essay. A well-written thesis statement will allow the writer to easily thread the main idea throughout the descriptive paragraph.

#### Adding Body to the Paragraph

The body of the paragraph should immerse the reader in the subject of the descriptive paragraph. Consider the person, how they look, their hair or the width of their shoulders when writing about an individual. For a place, consider what the breeze brings to the nose or how the sun sets on the buildings. For a thing, describe its texture or weight. There are many ways to bring the reader into the world you create in a few sentences. If writer's block has you stymied, list the five senses on a piece of paper and brainstorm

under each subject. Look for words that fall under each category and choose those that best describe the person, place or thing you have chosen as your topic.

- Unity

a unified paragraph focuses on only one main idea. The second feature of a unified paragraph is that every supporting sentence should directly explain the main idea.