

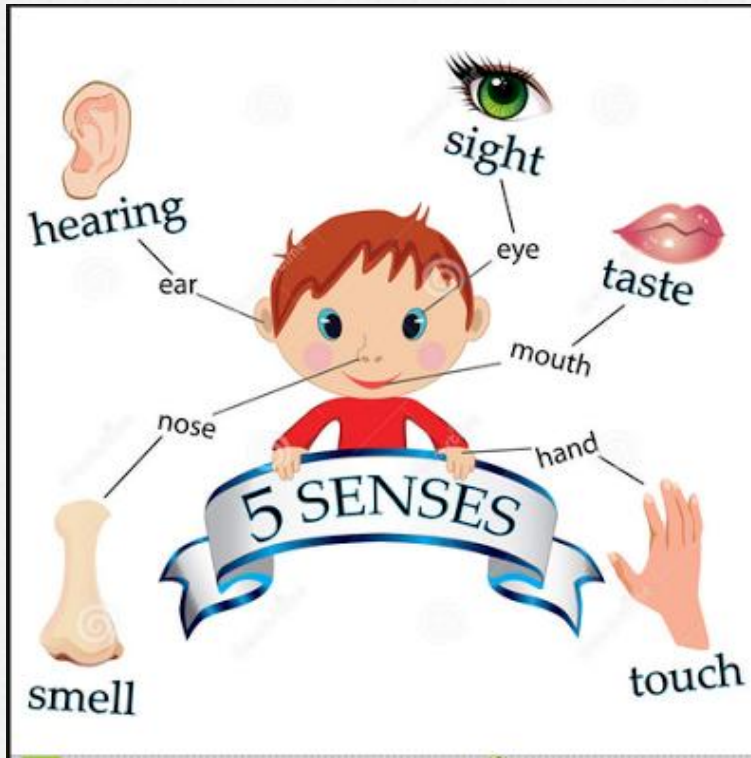
Descriptive Paragraph

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Descriptive Paragraph

- In descriptive paragraph , you are writing about what a person, a place, or thing is like.
- o The writer should give the best possible description to the reader
- o The writer should create a sensory image on the reader's mind which paints a picture with words

Descriptive Paragraph



Descriptive paragraph include details that appeal to the five senses: sight, taste, touch, smell, and hearing

Descriptive Paragraph

- o Before you begin your paragraph, pick something that is worth to describing.
- o Let the reader knows what you are describing instead of leaving them guessing.

Space Order

Spatial order shows how people and objects are arranged in a space or a scene. A description can be organized spatially in several ways:

- From top to bottom
- Outside to inside
- Left to right
- Near to far
- Inside to outside
- or the reverse of any of these

Chronological Order	Spatial Order	Order of Importance
<p>first... second... third... generally... furthermore... finally in the first place... also... lastly in the first place... pursuing this further... finally to be sure... additionally... lastly in the first place... just in the same way... finally basically... similarly... as well</p>	<p>above, below, besides, between, next to, in front of, behind, inside, outside, opposite, within, nearby, over, under</p>	<p>First, second, third, Firstly, secondly, thirdly primarily, on the first place, on the second place</p>

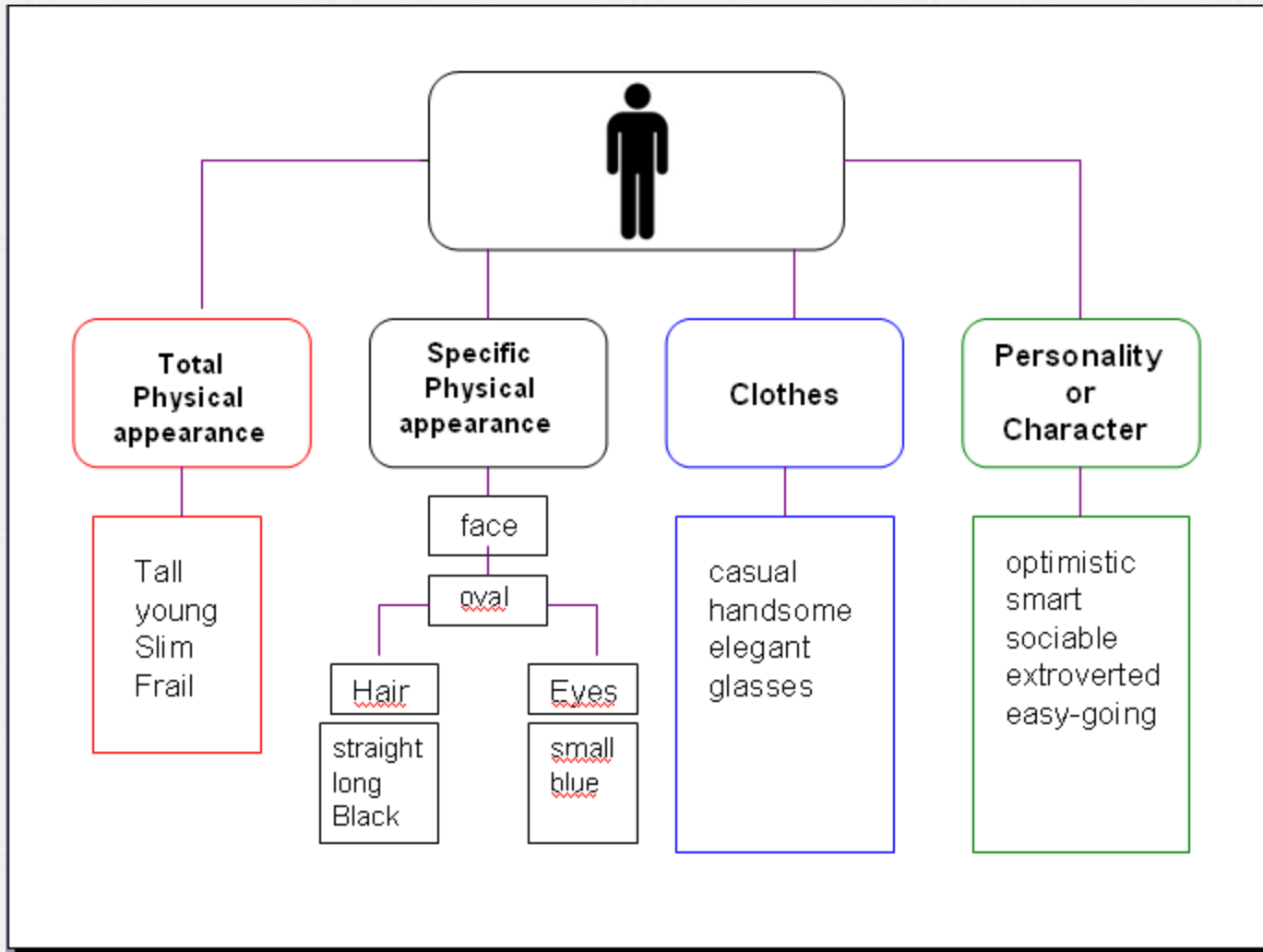


EXAMPLE OF SPATIAL ORDER: (CLASSROOM)

- In Ms. Cakar's classroom we see a lot of things. To the left of the class, we see 10 posters in the colors of the rainbow. In front of us is a white, square projector shade. In back of it is a green, rectangular chalkboard. To the right of the room is a black radio on top of the silver file cabinets...

Describing a person

- o If you want to describe someone, you have to describe every single details about the person's appearance.
- o Describe his / her physical appearance: his style of clothing , manner of walking, color, and style of hair, facial expression, way of talking
- o Focus on one or two outstanding features that convey something about the person's personality.



o Describing a place :

o You can begin from left to right, from top to bottom,

My Favorite Café

My favorite place to relax is a small café down the street from where I live. This café is on a small side street and as soon as you see it, you feel like going in. **There are three windows on either side of the door, and each window has a small window box with brightly colored flowers.** There is a small wooden door that opens into the café, and as soon as you go in, you can see a dozen small tables all around the room. **I always like to sit at a small table in the corner near the front windows.** **From here,** I can look at the artwork on the walls and at the pretty green plants hanging from the ceiling. **With a strong cup of coffee and a good book,** I feel very happy and relaxed in my favorite place.



Relaxing at the Beach

The beach is the perfect place for me. The air is hot, but the water is cool and fresh. I enjoy swimming and surfing in the ocean. When I am tired, I come out and lie on the beach. The sand is soft and white. The beach is noisy with seagulls and children laughing, but it is a pleasant noise. I even like the beach smells. The air smells salty from the sea. I feel relaxed and peaceful. When I want to relax in summer, I go to the beach.



What are the parts of a descriptive paragraph?

A Descriptive
Paragraph
is made up of

1. Topic
Sentence

3. Closing
Sentence

2. Supporting
Sentences



Descriptive Paragraphs

- ❑ The topic sentence of a descriptive paragraph should name the topic. The controlling idea should give the overall impression of the place you are describing
- ✓ **My bedroom is my refuge from the outside world.**
- ✓ **The campus of our university is like a small city.**
- ✓ **The cafeteria at lunchtime is the school's social center.**

Descriptive Paragraph

o Supporting sentences:

In descriptive paragraph, the more details you include, the more clearly your reader will imagine what you are describing.

There are 2 types of supporting sentence: major and minor

o The concluding sentence

It may repeat the idea stated in the topic sentence.