







# Learn English: Life Events and Narrative Tenses

## Writing Tips

### What is a descriptive essay and its types?

A **descriptive essay** describes objects, people, locations, experiences, feelings, situations, or events. It is often called the “parent” essay because other essay types (argumentative, expository, narrative) have some characteristics of descriptive essays.

When you write a **descriptive essay**, you want to give the reader a full overview of the topic by relating to all five senses: taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight. There are many types of descriptive essays, but two of the most common are the personal essay and the formal descriptive essay.

#### Personal Essay

To write a good **personal essay**, you should only write about things that come from your own experiences. You should utilize colorful, passionate words in this type of essay.

Some ideas for **personal essay** subjects include:

Describe the most memorable memory of your childhood.

Write about your best friend and how you met.

Describe your favorite movie and how it made you feel.

#### Formal Descriptive Essay

In a **formal descriptive essay**, different information is linked to each other to give the most complete picture possible of the topic. Your goal is not to make an argument or convince the reader but to present a series of key points.

Some topics for **formal descriptive essays** include:

Researching a historical event in chronological order

A report on the news that includes a summary of the event

Describing a specific location

For more information and examples of **descriptive essays**, visit:

<https://www.collegeessay.org/blog/descriptive-essay-writing/descriptive-essay-examples>