

Test Taking Vocabulary Word of the Week

The vocabulary word and definition can be found on the back of this handout. You may want to post it in your room to refer to and to review with.

DESCRIBE-give details of what something is like

Examples to Share with Your Class:

1. The witness described the accident to the police.
2. The author described the setting at the beginning of the story.
3. After the first day of school John's mother asked him to describe his new teacher.
4. Lines, angles, and faces are words that could be used to describe a geometric shape.
5. The scientist kept notes on his experiment to describe the results.
6. Can you describe what your house looks like?
7. Poetry often is used to describe nature.
8. The weather man told about the wind storm and described the damage that occurred.

Sample Bulletin Board Question:

Read the sentence, then choose the word that tells what the sentence describes.
Although she lived alone, she had learned to take care of herself. Her happy smile made everyone happy to be around her. All of the children in the neighborhood called her "Grandma" and looked forward to seeing her busily working in her garden.

- A. *setting*
- B. *plot*
- C. *events*
- D. *character*

Teaching Ideas:

1. Have students write a descriptive paragraph describing their shoe. Emphasize using the five senses in their paragraph. This can then be extended to writing a story from their shoe's point of view and drawing a picture of their shoe.
2. Create a simile webbing. Think of a noun that relates to what your class is currently studying and write it in the center. Then create senses simile sentence starters around the web.

Looks like a _____

Smells as _____ as a _____

Rocks

Tastes like _____

Sounds as _____ as a _____

Feels like a _____

3. Use cards or a die that have the words; *setting, plot, character, event, problem, solution*. After reading a selection, have students draw a card or roll the die and have them orally describe the story element. Encourage detailed descriptions.

Synonyms: explain, portray, illustrate, express, tell, depict, relate, narrate,
"give an account"