

TYPES OF DESCRIPTIVE TEXTS

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ANNOTATION

This text is about types of descriptive texts with their definition and examples.

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A text is a set of sentences organized in a certain way with a communicative task. The main features of the text: semantic and communicative unity is structural integrity. In any language, there are systems known as speech styles or functional styles. Styles constitute the richness and diversity of any language. In the process of learning a language, reading texts is considered to belong to various functional styles: colloquial, artistic, scientific, journalistic (popular), official styles.

Functional styles of language are a system of interrelated language features that serve a specific purpose of communication. A functional style serves as a product of an absolute task organized by the sender of the message. Functional styles are often found in the literary part of the language.[1]

Descriptive texts (Le texte dessriptif – descriptive text). Such a text is composed in order to describe in detail a person, place, animal or plant creature or some object or event that is unknown to the listener. The monologue speech form also dominates in a descriptive text. The most characteristic feature of such a text is the patronymic image. That is, the primary feature of the object being described is mentioned first. Then the features and parts related to it are discussed.[3]

Descriptive text is which can describe a variety of occurrences, events, people, objects, feelings, etc.

We can classify the topics of descriptive texts as follows:

Describing People

While describing people we take care of the following points;

- Height – tall, short, medium height
- Build – thin, underweight, plump, strong, sturdy, fat, overweight
- Hair – long, short, curly, black, brown, grey

- Eyes – dark, brown, big, small
- Complexion – dark, fair, pale
- Other features – beard, moustache, bushy eyebrows, broken teeth, broad chin, thick lips, long face
- Appearance – good looking, charming, ugly, smart, handsome, beautiful
- Qualities – sincere, intelligent, diligent, warm, patient, soft spoken, selfish, kind, honest, innovative, confident, punctual

Describing places

While describing a place the following points should be taken into consideration;

- Name of the place
- Location
- History
- What does it look like (size, appearance, atmosphere)
- What is special about the place?
- What do you like there?
- Do you recommend other people to visit it?

Describing objects

While describing an object the following points should be taken into consideration;

- Name
- physical attributes like colour, weight, size, appearance
- price or source of acquiring it
- Utility of the object
- What is special about it (in case it is a memory or gift)?
- How does it help you
- Do you recommend other people to use it?

Describing Events

While describing an event, the following points should be taken into consideration;

- Name of the event
- When did it happen
- What happened (Give details)

- Who were the people involved
- Why was the event important

Example:

I have a pet cat, her name is Coco. She is 5 years old. We got her when she was a little kitten. Coco has soft, gray fur on her body with a pattern of thick dark-brown stripes and swirls on her coat fur. She is about 16 inches in height and weighs around 4 kilograms. Her eyes are hazel in color with a hint of yellow-green hue that glows in the dark. She is a muscular cat with a long, supple body, large paws, and strong hind legs. She talks in a meow language, which amuses us. Coco is a friendly, cute, smart and active cat.

This text is descriptive and describes a cat. Its age, appearance, qualities, weight, height, and activities are described.

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