

Descriptive writing Cheat Sheet

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DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Descriptive language is used to help the reader feel almost as if they are a part of the scene or event being described. The description is useful because it helps readers engage with the story ,often creating an emotional response. It can help a reader visualize what a character or a place is like

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Simile	is a descriptive technique that compares one thing with another, usually using 'as' or 'like'.	The trees stood as tall as towers.			
Metaphor	is a descriptive technique that names a person, thing, or action as something else.	The circus was a magnet for the children.			
Hyperbole	is use of obvious exaggeration for rhetorical effect	The sun scorched through the day.			
Personifi- cation	is a metaphor attributing human feelings to an object.	The sun smiled at the hills, ready to begin a new day.			
Pathetic fallacy	a type of personification where emotions are given to a setting, an object or the weather	The clouds crowded together suspiciously overhead as the sky darkened			
Onomat- opoeia	words that sound a little like they mean	The autumn leaves and twigs cracked and crushed underfoot			
Oxymoron	a phrase combining two or more contradictory terms	There was a deafening silence			
Emotive language	language intended to create an emotional response	A heart-breaking aroma of death filled the air as he surveyed the devastation and destruction that had befallen them			



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