

Learning Objectives:

To understand the criteria for effective descriptive writing

WAF1: Write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts

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All: will produce an opening paragraph with a strong opening sentence which makes the reader want to read on

Most: will produce an opening paragraph which includes use of 3 senses

Some: will produce an opening paragraph which includes an effective simile and/or metaphor

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One morning, when Gregor Samsa woke from troubled dreams, he found himself transformed in his bed into a horrible vermin. He lay on his armour-like back, and if he lifted his head a little he could see his brown belly, slightly domed and divided by arches into stiff sections. The bedding was hardly able to cover it and seemed ready to slide off any moment. His many legs, pitifully thin compared with the size of the rest of him, waved about helplessly as he looked.

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Gregor then turned to look out the window at the dull weather. Drops of rain could be heard hitting the pane, which made him feel quite sad. "How about if I sleep a little bit longer and forget all this nonsense", he thought, but that was something he was unable to do because he was used to sleeping on his right, and in his present state couldn't get into that position. However hard he threw himself onto his right, he always rolled back to where he was. He must have tried it a hundred times, shut his eyes so that he wouldn't have to look at the floundering legs, and only stopped when he began to feel a mild, dull pain there that he had never felt before.

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Task: Describe a nightmare world

Success Criteria:

- **A strong opening sentence**
- **Use of the senses**
- **Use of simile and/or metaphor**
- Use of powerful adjectives
- Well-chosen verbs and adverbs
- Range of stylistic devices: alliteration, repetition for effect, onomatopoeia
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- Original ideas and interest created and sustained
- Specific and atmospheric details
- Descriptive voice is secure and confident