

# **A Descriptive Writing check-list**

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## **Content:**

- Well selected details.
- Text is easy to follow.
- Paragraphs are used to show progression and create a sense of purpose.
- Paragraph lengths varied and used to achieve deliberate effects.
- Examples of interesting and ambitious vocabulary.
- Interesting to read - no boring details!
- Precise language: verbs, adjectives and adverbs.
- Figurative language: similes, metaphors, personification.
- Reference to all the human senses, not just sight.
- Dramatic devices: repetition, exaggeration.

## **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)**

- Simple sentences.
- Compound sentences.
- Complex sentences.
- Semi-colons.
- Varied sentence length, focus and pace.
- Punctuation used to achieve deliberate effects.
- Bracketing commas to mark off dependent clauses in complex sentences.
- Punctuation of direct speech.