

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Descriptive writing is a tool we use when we tell stories. We use it to add details to stories and to make it seem more real. It's like painting a picture in someone's head but using words instead of paints.

Imagine...

You are an Archaeologist working in Egypt and you have just discovered a tomb. You are the first person to enter this tomb in thousands of years. You need to write a description of it so people in the future know what it was like.

It is important to use all of our senses when describing something to help the reader imagine what's happening.

Smell

When you enter the tomb what do you smell. Does it smell clean and fresh or damp and musty?

Sound

What can you hear in the tomb? Is it quiet? Or can you hear something moving about in the dark? Maybe it's a restless mummy wondering who has woken them up!

See

What can you see when you go into the tomb? Is it damp? Have you got a torch which lights things in a certain way?

Touch

What does the tomb feel like? What is it made of? Is it cold? Are there any objects in there you can touch?

Taste

We hope you won't lick anything in this ancient tomb but what does the air taste like? Is it dusty, fresh, musty or damp?

Now it's your turn! Write a description of entering a tomb. Carry on to another piece of paper if you run out of room.

