

Lesson 7

Description of a Setting

Write about one or more of the following ideas.

1. Home Away from Home

Is there a place in your neighborhood where you feel at home? What do you love about this setting? Write a paragraph that describes the setting to a person who has never been there. Include lots of details.

2. On Campus

You probably know your school inside and out—you spend all day there! Think of your favorite place in school. What does this setting look like? What does it smell like? Write a description of this setting.

3. Too Bad to Be True

Write a description of a place that is almost too bad to be true. Include sensory details about the ugliness, harsh sounds, and foul odors of this setting. What makes this setting so awful?

4. Your Call

Write about any setting at all. It could be a real place you know or a made-up location. Include as many descriptive details as you can. Organize your details in spatial order.

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**Resource Links****2** RDI Book 2: p. 54**SAM Keyword:** Describe Setting

Lesson 7**Using Metaphors and Similes**

Read each item below. Label it as *metaphor* or *simile*.

- The fresh bread was as soft as a pillow.

- The whale was a steamship plowing through the water, blowing the whistle.

- I felt like a baby bird learning how to fly.

- The train was a black snake that curved around the mountain.

- A **metaphor** is a way of describing something by calling it something else. Example: *Earth is a spinning marble*.
- A **simile** is a comparison of two things using the words *like* or *as*. Example: *Earth is like a spinning marble*.
- Metaphors and similes are used in writing to show how one thing is similar to another.

Look at the words listed below. Write a description of each using a simile or a metaphor. Use two similes and two metaphors in all.

- a basketball

- a book

- a cat

- snowflakes

Resource Links

2 RDI Book 2: p. 55

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