



To: Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

Topic: Recovery through writing - **Descriptive Essay**

**Message Objectives:** Learners will learn about the elements of a descriptive essay and revise the writing process

**Message:**

A descriptive essay describes something – an object or person, an event or place, an experience or emotion, or an idea in detail.

**Purpose**

To provide readers with enough detailed descriptions for them to be able to picture or imagine the chosen topic.

**Elements of a descriptive essay**

- Topic
- Ideas
- Use of the five senses
- Use of figurative language e.g. metaphors, similes, adjectives and adverbs
- Use of precise language e.g. specific adjectives and nouns, and strong action verbs

**Steps to essay writing**

- Planning
- Drafting
- Editing
- Publishing

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N.B Make use of Recovery Annual Teaching Plans and Planners and Trackers. They will help you track curriculum coverage and ensure all key concepts are covered. They are available at:  
[www.nect.org.za/materials](http://www.nect.org.za/materials).

Reference:

[Resources for teachers — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](http://nect.org.za)

[PSRIP IP — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](http://nect.org.za)