

Power Word: Describe

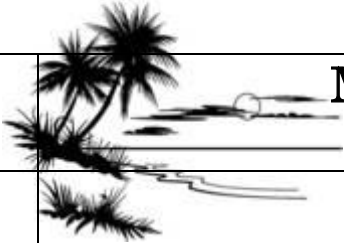
This is a guide for the video on the word Describe.

Be prepared to take notes and pause the video when necessary.

Guided Notes:

Describe means to give an account in _____
of (someone or something), including all the relevant
characteristics, qualities, or events.

Communication hinges on our ability to effectively describe something.

Guiding Questions for Description		 My Description of the Tropical Scene
1.	Identify the reason for your description and your audience.	
2.	Observe by noticing any images and details including color, shapes, etc.	
3.	If applicable, use words to capture how the other senses respond to the featured topic.	
4.	Use adjectives to capture general, overall quality of the topic.	
5.	Use nouns as metaphors and similes. Describe what it's like.	
6.	Use verbs to visualize the action.	
7.	Consider what feelings and emotions are evoked by the topic.	

Read the following poem and draw the images that come to mind.

Visualizing the scene based on the description will help you answer
the assessment questions that follow.

Whitetails *by Eugene J. Fisher*

	My Pictures
The deer appeared in the lower paddock. Fourteen in all, a herd, white tails held high against the melting snow.	
Even the crows are silent, for a moment.	
My daughter and I inch forward, unbreathing.	
But still they start And bound smartly over our fence and our neighbors', effortlessly flying through the air, one after the other.	
The smallest seemed lost for a moment, unsure of herself, wandering back and forth along the fence as her world leapt away.	
She disappeared behind a tree and flew to join the others.	
Our horses whinnied and returned to their hay.	

“Whitetails” by Eugene J. Fisher, Great Falls, Virginia. Used by permission of the author.

Assessment Questions for “Whitetails”

1. What is the setting of this poem?
A a city block
B a small farm
C a tropical forest
D an apartment block
2. What is most important in this poem?
A movement
B color
C character
D rhyme
3. Which is a characteristic of the speaker’s response to the deer?
A aggressiveness
B impatience
C sensitivity
D stubbornness
4. In line 15, to what does “her world” most likely refer?
A the forest
B the paddock
C the fence
D the other deer
5. Which phrase best **describes** the resolution in the last two lines?
A a tearless regret
B an end to an unusual dream
C a return to a normal routine
D an unsolved mystery
6. Which experience is most similar to the experience in the selection?
A. A flock of swans briefly visits a farm pond.
B. A dog is injured in a fight with a goose.
C. A boy goes hunting alone in the forest.
D. A large snowstorm paralyzes a small town.
7. Which statement best **describes** the speaker in the poem?
A. He is chasing away deer.
B. He is inspired at the sight of the deer.
C. He does not enjoy cold weather.
D. He prefers not to get too close to wildlife.

