

# DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH

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## Instructions

1. Select one picture from the four options provided on the reverse in order to write a description of at least twelve sentences in length.
2. Create a title page, and use correct first page formatting
3. Use at least one simile
4. Use at least one metaphor
5. Use at least one personification
6. Use imagery that appeals to the senses in order to create mood and a sense of place
7. Apply knowledge learned from previous instruction this year.

## Example Picture One



Mourners visit the makeshift memorial in front of Virginia Tech's Burriss Hall, April 21, 2007.

*(Two days after a mass murder/suicide by a single gunman)*

Photo and paragraph from [www.time.com](http://www.time.com) (4/27/07)

## Example Description One

The first sharp clang **shattered** the crystalline morning and **dwindled** to nothing, then **was** followed by another, somehow more startling than the first. A frightened baby **began** to wail—the only voice **heard** in a field of many thousands.



## Change to Present Tense

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## Example Picture Two



Peter DaSilva for The New York Times

Photo from <http://nytimes.com> (4/30/07)

## Example Description Two

The driver's momentarily quiet reverie abruptly reverts to the soulishly unhealthy atmosphere of stagnant rush-hour traffic. A tranquil, soothing, calm vision of lake-lapping water on a sandy shore refuses to evaporate from the mind's eye even in the goolish face of angry horns blaring, antagonistic sirens singing their mournful wail, and agitated drivers frantically searching for their individual escape routes to their own haven's of sanity called "home." *(nz)*