

DESCRIPTION/

Purpose: to explain a topic, concept, person, place, event or object, by providing characteristics, features and/or giving examples.

Signal Words and Phrases

descriptive words (e.g. color, shape, size)

position words (e.g. above, along, beside, between, in front of, near)

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| appears to be | for example | made up of |
| characteristics | for instance | most important |
| consists of | in fact | specifically |
| features | looks like | such as |

Comprehension Question Frames

1. What is the subject being described?
2. How is the topic being described (i.e. where it is, what it does, how it works, what it looks like, its classification)?
3. What are the most important attributes or characteristics?

Graphic Organizers

