

Summer Task: A piece of descriptive writing suggested by the image below.



Some questions you might have:

*How should I start?*

We would suggest you divide the picture into 9 boxes - like a noughts and crosses grid. Each box becomes one paragraph. Can you label the image with words to describe it? Can you find alternatives for these words (synonyms) to make your writing even more exciting to read? Consider which part of the picture you would describe first - maybe you could save the most interesting part of the picture for your final paragraph.

*How do I make my writing even better?*

Descriptive writing is given extra marks for the following features; see how many you can include in your own writing:

- A wide vocabulary
- Some language features e.g. similes and metaphors
- Some structural features e.g. a short sentence or a cyclical structure (begin and end in the same place)
- 5 types of punctuation

Do you want some extra challenge?

- Try researching one of the following stories written by Charles Dickens and describe one of his characters: *Great Expectations*, *The Pickwick Papers*, *A Tale of Two Cities* or *Little Dorrit*.

