

# Examples of Descriptive Essays

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## Descriptive essays about a place

Descriptive writing about a place should transport the reader to the location you are writing about. You do not just tell the readers where that place is or what's there—your words should make the readers **feel** as if they are really in, or really want to visit, that place you are talking about.

As much as possible, you should guide your readers to the place you are talking about through the effective and creative use of words. Using strong verbs and interesting nouns helps a lot in writing a descriptive paragraph about a place. Try to avoid using too many adjectives or adverbs. Do **not** use abstract words: cool, tight, awesome, etc.

## The Badlands of Montana

Mauvaises terres. The first missionary explorers had given this place its name, a translation of the Plains Indian term meaning something like hard-to-travel country, for its daunting walls and pinnacles and buttresses of eroded sandstone and sheer clay. A horseback rider wouldn't have too much difficulty getting past the blisters and eruptions that scarred the prairie here. But the land was still bad enough to put one in mind of Neil Armstrong and the rest of the Apollo astronauts: dusty, cratered, its green turning to seer yellow under the June sun.

## Dun Aonghasa

At the stone fort of Dun Aonghasa you can walk massive ancient stone walls like the soldiers who patrolled them 2500 years ago did, or stand on the edge of sheer cliffs that drop 300 feet to the sea below. The ancient ring fort is cut in half by the cliff face of Inishmore which exposes it to the beating of the weather and the Atlantic Ocean. The late Bronze Age fort is a set of stone walls covering about 14 acres that are protected by an outer defense of jagged stones protecting various passages and chambers.

## Cadbury Chocolate Factory

One of the joys in the world is chocolate. And chocolate fresh off the conveyor belt is even better. The scent of white chocolate, dark chocolate and every shade in between will envelope you as you tour the Cadbury chocolate factory in new Zealand. When you finish your tour of the chocolate-making process you'll be rewarded with a free sample of freshly made chocolate.

## Rome Scooter Rides

ScooterRome is a great way to see twice as many places in half the time, and have fun doing it. For the romantic in you, recreate the famous ride of Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn in the classic black and white movie, “Roman Holiday.” Even if you’re not looking for a romantic ride, there is no better way to travel the crowded streets than on a scooter. There are so many scooters in Rome that you’ll feel like a native as you putt your way over ancient cobblestone streets and past 2000 year old ruins.