

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

JSS 2 WEEK 5

WRITING: DESCRIPTIVE COMPOSITION

1. **DEFINITION:** Descriptive composition is a type of composition which describes an object, person, process, place, or event that the writer has experienced.
2. **FEATURES OF DESCRIPTIVE COMPOSITION:** The following are the features of descriptive composition:
 - a. **Purpose:** It portrays people, places, or things with vivid details to help the reader create a mental picture of what is being described.
 - b. **Introduction/Beginning:** It establishes the purpose, sets the tone for the overall impression and may begin with a general statement followed by more specific statements related to the purpose.
 - c. **Body/Middle:** It contains specific details, examples or reasons. Transitions connect the ideas in a logical way, assist the flow from paragraph to paragraph. No prescribed number of paragraphs.
 - d. **Conclusion/End:** It gracefully ends the essay. It may include a restatement of the writer's opinion or main idea. It may summarise the information given in the body. Readers should have a sense that things are "wrapped up".
3. **SAMPLE OF DESCRIPTIVE COMPOSITION:** Below is the sample of descriptive composition.

The Appeal of an Ogre's Home

Home is where the heart is, but not everyone has the same heart. For some, a home is four walls, some furniture, and a fireplace. For others, home is a cactus, sand dunes, and a nearby oasis. Comfort is subjective, and the only comfort I have known is the mud and gunk of a humble swamp.

A swamp, a bag, a quagmire, whatever you might call it, my swamp is the only place I would ever consider home. The climate ranges with the reason, and the mud pits offer a surprising level of insulation from the weather, never too hot or too cold. Nights are filled with the sounds of crickets, toads, and the wayward donkey, the soft sounds of the angry village in the distance.

To many, the swamp might seem like a scary and unwelcoming space, but for me, that is part of its charm. It is a place of warmth and love if you look close enough and much like an onion, it is a place of layers. The humble bog may be the most ideal environment to live, and yet part of its appeal is that it is not for everyone. That is the ideal home; a place that perfectly fits you.

HOME WORK

Write a descriptive composition on the topic, "My School Compound". Your composition shouldn't be less than 200 words.

