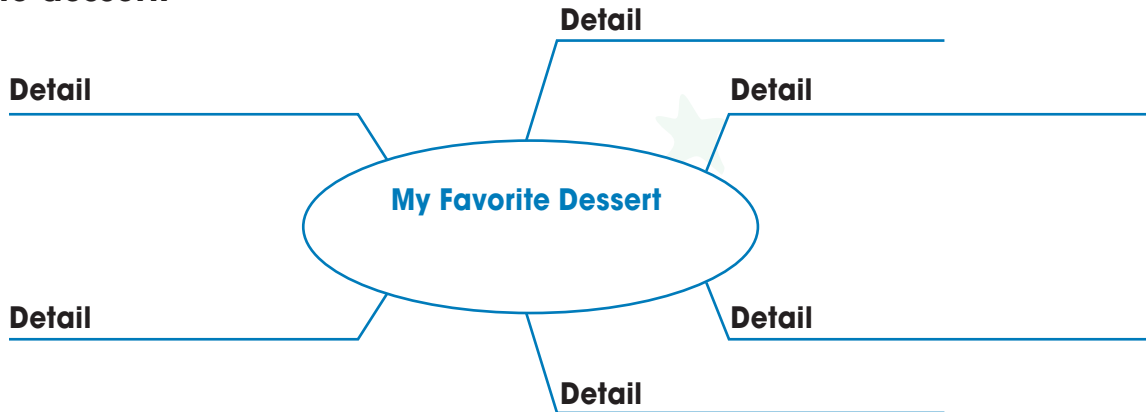




What is a Descriptive Essay?

1. Complete the following Spider Map Organizer for a descriptive essay about your favorite dessert.



2. Complete each statement

- a) The purpose of a descriptive essay is to _____.
- b) The two types of descriptive essays are _____ and _____.
- c) Descriptive essays should contain a great deal of colorful _____.
- d) The first step of any prewriting process should be _____.
- e) When you write a descriptive essay, your job is to paint a _____ of the topic.
- f) A good graphic organizer to use for a descriptive essay is a _____ Map.

Things to Remember When You Write a Descriptive Essay about an event:

Think of an event that you want to describe.

- Why is this particular event important?
- What were you doing?
- What other things were happening around you? Is there anything specific that stands out in your mind?
- Where were objects located in relation to where you were?
- How did the surroundings remind you of other places you have been?
- What sights, smells, sounds, and tastes were in the air?
- Did the sights, smells, sounds, and tastes remind you of anything?
- What were you feeling at that time?
- Has there been a time in which you have felt this way before?
- What do you want the reader to feel after reading the paper?
- What types of words and images can convey this feeling?
- Can you think of another situation that was similar to the one you are writing about? How can it help explain what you are writing about?
- Is there enough detail in your essay to create a mental image for the reader?