

Describe an object you own that is important to you.



- A. In this essay, I am going to describe my phone. I chose this phone to write about because it is my favorite possession. My parents gave it to me last year.
- B. It is an iPhone, and it is very expensive. It costs about 3,000 dirhams. It is made of plastic, metal and glass, and it is silver and black. It has a lot of functions, and it is very thin and light. I think it is very beautiful. I use my iPhone every day for social media. At college, I use it to look up vocabulary and play Kahoots. I keep it in my bag or my pocket.
- C. In conclusion, I love my phone. I will keep it until there is a new iPhone, and then I will give it to my little brother.
- 135 words*

3. Match questions 1 – 3 in exercise 2 with paragraphs A – C in the essay above. Were your answers the same or different?
4. Answer questions 1 – 12. Which paragraph (P) A – C gives you the answers?

	question	answer	P
1	Does the writer think it is beautiful?		
2	Who bought it? When?		
3	Where does she keep it?		
4	How much does it cost?		
5	What make/brand is it? Is it expensive?		
6	What does it have? Is it big/heavy?		
7	Why did she choose to write about it?		
8	When does she use it?		
9	What is it?		
10	What will she do with it in the future?		
11	What is it made of? What colors is it?		
12	Overall, what does she think about it?		



Vocabulary for describing objects

Vocabulary for your things

Noun: *possession*

- My favorite *possession* is my car.

Verbs: to *have* something / to *own* something / to *belong to* someone

- *I have two watches*
- *I own two watches.*
- *This watch belongs to me.*

5. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.
- A. I *own / belong* a new car.
 - B. I have many *owns / possessions* that I love.
 - C. Do you *have / belong* a calculator?
 - D. Who does this laptop *belong / own* to?

6. Complete the table below with the *description* words from the box.

white	wool	metal	purple	attractive	silk
cheap	huge	thin	glass	orange	beautiful

color	material	price	size /weight	appearance
blue		expensive		
black	wood		light	nice
green	gold	good value	small	ugly
		precious	big	
red				pretty
	plastic		little	smart
yellow			heavy	
grey	paper		large	
	cotton			
brown	paper			
silver	silver			
gold	leather			
pink				



Grammar for describing objects

Grammar for descriptions of objects

Most descriptions are in the *third person singular: he/she/it*.

Use *is*:

- *It is expensive.*

Use *...s* for present simple:

- *It costs \$30.*

For the verb *to have*, use *has*:

- *It has four legs.*

For colors, write *It is* (don't write 'color'):

- *It is green, yellow and black.*

7. Read the essay below. What does it describe?

8. **Highlight** all the examples of the grammar from the box in the essay.

In this essay, I am going to describe my bag. I chose this bag to write about because it is my favorite possession. My grandmother gave it to me two years ago, when I graduated from school.

It is a Louis Vuitton bag, and it is very precious. It costs about 9000 dirhams. It is made of leather and gold, and it is pink and brown. It has three pockets, and it is large. I think it is beautiful. I only use my bag when I go out to a wedding or special occasion. I keep it in my bedroom in my wardrobe.

In conclusion, I love my Louis Vuitton bag. I will keep it all my life, and one day it will belong to my daughter. (128 words)



Practicing the introduction

The introduction can have three sentences. Change the **yellow**, **green** and **blue**.

1. In this essay, I am going to describe **my phone**.
2. I chose **this phone** to write about because **it is my favorite possession**.
3. **My parents gave it to me last year**.

Some ways to change the **green**:

- ...because it is very special to me.
- ...because it is my most precious possession.
- ...because I love it.

Some ways to change the **blue**:

- It was a *birthday/graduation* gift from *my brother/my parents*.
- I bought it *two years ago/last week/last year*

9. Write 3 sentences for an *introduction* for an object that is special for you.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Singular/plural objects

Some objects are plural, e.g. *glasses, sunglasses, trousers, and shoes*. If the object is plural, change **this** to **these**:

- ...**this** phone to write about.../**these** glasses to write about...

Change **it is** to **they are + s**

- ...**it is** my favorite possession/**they are** my favorite possessions



Practicing paragraph 2

Paragraph 2 can have 7 sentences. Change the yellow.

1. It is a Louis Vuitton bag, and it is very precious.
2. It costs about 50,000 dirhams.
3. It is made of leather and gold, and it is pink and brown.
4. It has three pockets, and it is large.
5. I think it is beautiful.
6. I only use my bag when I go out to a wedding or special occasion.
7. I keep it in my bedroom in my wardrobe.

10. Write 7 sentences for *paragraph 2* for the object that is special for you.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____



Practicing the conclusion

In conclusion, I love my Louis Vuitton bag. I will keep it all my life, and one day it will belong to my daughter.

11. Write 2 sentences for *a conclusion* for an object that is special for you.

1. _____

2. _____

Plan for describing an object

12. Complete the plan with function of each paragraph *P 1 – 3*.

description and use	introduction	conclusion
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P	function	content of paragraph
1		1. What it is.
		2. Why you chose to _____ about it.
		3. Who bought it/when they bought it.
2		4. The make/brand, and is it expensive?
		5. How much it _____.
		6. What it is made of, and the colors
		7. What it has, and the _____ and weight.
		8. What you think of how it looks.
		9. _____ you use it.
		10. Where you _____ it.
3		11. What you feel about it.
		12. What _____ happen to it in the future, and why.

13. Complete the *content of paragraph* section with words from the box below.

will	When	costs	keep	size	write
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Essay organization

Organizing an essay

A good essay is organized in a clear way. It has an *introduction*, a *conclusion*, and paragraphs in the middle. Each paragraph has a *main idea*.

14. Put the sentences for each paragraph in order.

Introduction [number sentences 1 – 3]

- I chose this bat to write about because it is amazing.
- In this essay, I am going to describe my table-tennis bat.
- I bought it last year in a shopping mall in Abu Dhabi.

Paragraph 2 [number sentences 1 – 7]

- I use my bat every week.
- I think it is very stylish.
- I keep it at home, because we have a table-tennis table in the garden.
- It costs about 300 dirhams.
- It is a Stiga, and it is very expensive.
- It has two different sides and a handle, and it is very light.
- It is made of wood and rubber, and it is red and black.

Conclusion [number sentences 1 – 2]

- I will keep it until I am old, and then I will give it to my son.
- In conclusion, I love my bat.



Description essay practice: *a gift*

Describe a nice gift someone gave you.

Write here, or type the essay. Write about 100 – 150 words.

