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Dream House Descriptive Writing

Creating Stronger Sentences

Directions: Review the following parts of speech - adjectives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases. Then, following the prompts, create stronger sentences out of the boring ones you've been given. This is going to help you expand upon your own sentences and descriptions for your Dream House flyer!

Adjectives

Words that describe (or modify) a noun or pronoun. Adjectives may come before or after the noun or pronoun they are describing.

EXAMPLES:

exceptional, delicate, sturdy, bright, cheery

Adverbs

Words that modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. They often tell us why, when, where, or under what type of condition. Be aware, adverbs may come before or after the word they are modifying.

EXAMPLES:

elegantly, cheerily, modestly

Prepositional Phrases

Prepositional phrases begin with a preposition and usually end with a noun, pronoun, or gerund (a noun that ends in -ing). The purpose of the prepositional phrase is to show the relationship between the object of the preposition and another word in the sentence. Generally, it is whatever a plane can do to a cloud (i.e., The plane flew **over** the cloud, **under** the cloud, **next** to the cloud, etc.). Although not always the case, this is a great way to identify prepositions.

EXAMPLES:

among the trees, beneath the attic, behind the fence, beyond the yard

Transform the dull sentences below into vivid, descriptive sentences that show, rather than tell. Make sure to add adjectives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases. Write your new sentences on the back of this page.

Example:

Poor: The path led to the front door.

Great: The path, lined with delicate pink rose bushes curves grandly up to the front door, where an ornate copper doorknob invites visitors to turn the knob and enter the spacious formal hall.

1. There are six windows on the front of the house.
2. The garden is filled with flowers.
3. There is a large front door.
4. There is a peaked roof with a chimney.
5. The front window has a view of the woods.
6. The uppermost window is circular and opens into an attic.

Transformed Sentences:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

