



DESCRIBE NEEDS PRECISION

Be clear, specific and accurate.



THE IDEA

Describing means giving clear and specific information.

EAL learners often use general words like “big”, “good” or “nice”.

Teach more precise words to help them describe in detail.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Pre-teach useful adjectives and noun phrases.
- Show examples in context.
- Use sentence frames.
- Give time to practise.
- Encourage more detail.

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**CHOOSE
SPECIFIC WORDS**

Replace general words.



big
small
good
nice
bad



large
tiny
effective
attractive
damaged

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MODEL IT

Show a clear example.



A big apple.



A large, round, red apple with a shiny skin.

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**PRACTISE
AND APPLY**

Let students try it.

Give a simple picture or object to describe.



It is ...
It has ...
It looks ...
It is made of ...
It would be good for ...



WHY IT WORKS

- Builds more accurate and detailed language.
- Improves written and spoken descriptions.
- Supports higher level thinking.
- Useful in every subject.



EAL UPGRADE

Create a “describing” word bank with useful adjectives and noun phrases.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Give a picture.
Ask students to describe it using three specific adjectives and a sentence frame.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

“Be more specific.”
“Can you give more detail?”
“Use a stronger adjective.”
“Tell me exactly what it looks like.”

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