

Time and Place

Directions: Complete one of the following writing activities.

1. Write a description of a place—real or imaginary—that you would like to visit. The description should include the name of the place, as well as a description of the inhabitants, the landscape, the weather, and any other factors that might be important to developing an understanding of this place.
2. Write two descriptions of the same place—for example, your home. The first description should be told from the perspective of a child, and the second should be written as if an adult were viewing the home.
3. Write a description of a favorite person in a natural setting that seems "right" for that person's character. Then write a description of a person who doesn't fit into a natural setting.
4. Authors often use similes and metaphors to describe the setting in a vivid and colorful way. For example, a writer might say, "The thunder claps stampeded across the sky like a herd of wild buffalo." Write a description of a weather phenomenon using an animal to make the description more vivid.
5. Write a description of an ideal outdoor spot—real or imagined. Use vivid details to describe light, water, plants, rocks, etc. Incorporate personification.