

Rubric for Description

SCORE	DEVELOPMENT AND OVERALL EFFECT	USE OF DETAILS AND RESEARCH	DESCRIPTIVE ELEMENTS AND STYLE	VOICE AND CLARITY	CONVENTIONS AND MECHANICS
5 Outstanding	The description is compelling in depth and tone; the approach demonstrates creativity and sophistication	Ample and appropriately selected details effectively build the description throughout the response	Elements such as imagery, word choice, and vocabulary strongly enhance the description throughout the response	The response is clear and original	Syntax, grammar, and conventions are correct and add to the effectiveness of the response
4 Exceeds Expectations	The description is appropriate in depth and tone; the approach is somewhat creative	Appropriately selected details support the description throughout the response	Elements such as imagery, word choice, and vocabulary contribute to the description throughout the response	The response is clear and somewhat original	Few or no errors are present in usage or syntax
3 Meets Expectations	The description is adequate to the task; depth and tone are sufficient, and the approach may be straightforward but adequate	Details adequately support the description but may demonstrate some inconsistencies in execution or application	Elements such as imagery, word choice, and vocabulary adequately support the description throughout the response	The response is mostly clear and adequate to the task	Minor errors in usage or syntax may be present, but without repetition or undermining overall effectiveness
2 Approaching Expectations	The description is vague or weak in tone and depth; the approach may be conventional or difficult to understand	There is insufficient detail, or details are not always adequate to support points	Elements such as imagery, word choice, and vocabulary may be weak, missing, or inappropriately used in the response	The response may be unclear or may not strive for originality	Patterns of errors in usage or syntax undermine the effectiveness of the response
1 Well Below Expectations	The description is insufficient in tone or depth and lacks creativity or sophistication	Details are shallow or are insufficient to support the description	Elements such as imagery, word choice, and vocabulary are missing from the description	The response is vague or does not present an original approach	Significant errors in usage or syntax obscure the meaning and effectiveness of the response