

ESB ESOL Entry 3

ESOL Skills for Life Writing

DESCRIPTION WRITING

Current ESB Task 2 exam-style handout.

Questions + Model Answers

The current ESB specification includes description as a Task 2 text type. No standalone description task was found in the uploaded past-paper set, so five original ESOLish exam-style questions have been created to match the current pattern: about 100 words, a relevant plan and short paragraphs.

Model answers are original ESOLish teaching examples, not official ESB answers.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION 1

Additional ESOLish exam-style practice - based on current ESB Task 2 specification

Your teacher wants you to write a description of a place in your local area for the college website.

Write about

- where the place is
- what the place looks like
- what people can see or do there.

Use paragraphs. Write about 100 words.

Write a plan, such as a spidergram, mind map, bullet points or notes.

MODEL PLAN

- Greenfield Park near town centre and library
- Trees, grass, flowers, lake, paths
- Play area, benches, walking, running, picnics

MODEL ANSWER

My Local Park

Greenfield Park is near the town centre, next to the library. It is a large, open park with tall trees, green grass and colourful flower beds. There is a small lake in the middle with ducks and a path around it.

Families can use the play area, and there are benches for people who want to sit and relax. Many people walk, run or ride bikes there. At weekends, the park becomes lively because children play and families have picnics. I like this place because it is peaceful, clean and easy to reach.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION 2

Additional ESOLish exam-style practice - based on current ESB Task 2 specification

Your community centre is making a booklet about special celebrations. Write a description of a celebration you know well.

Write about

- when and where the celebration happens
- what people wear, eat or do
- why the celebration is special.

Use paragraphs. Write about 100 words.

Write a plan, such as a spidergram, mind map, bullet points or notes.

MODEL PLAN

- Eid - family/community celebration
- New clothes, food, sweets, visits and gifts
- Happy atmosphere; brings families together; kindness/sharing

MODEL ANSWER

Eid Celebration

Eid is a special celebration for many Muslim families. It takes place after a period of fasting or at another important time in the Islamic year. On Eid morning, people often wear clean or new clothes and meet family and friends.

Homes can be busy and colourful, and families prepare different foods, sweets and drinks. Children may receive gifts or money, and people visit relatives during the day. The atmosphere is usually happy and friendly. Eid is special because it brings people together, gives families time to celebrate and encourages people to share food and kindness with others.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION 3

Additional ESOLish exam-style practice - based on current ESB Task 2 specification

Your teacher wants you to write a description of a person who has helped you.

Write about

- what the person is like
- how the person helped you
- why this person is important to you.

Use paragraphs. Write about 100 words.

Write a plan, such as a spidergram, mind map, bullet points or notes.

MODEL PLAN

- Mrs Brown - calm, friendly, patient
- Helped with speaking, mistakes and study methods
- Built confidence and independence

MODEL ANSWER

A Person Who Helped Me

My English teacher, Mrs Brown, is a calm and friendly person. She speaks clearly, listens carefully and always gives learners time to ask questions. She is patient when someone does not understand something the first time.

When I started the course, I was nervous about speaking English. Mrs Brown encouraged me to practise with other learners and helped me correct my mistakes without feeling embarrassed. She also showed me useful ways to study at home. She is important to me because her support helped me become more confident and independent in English.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION 4

Additional ESOLish exam-style practice - based on current ESB Task 2 specification

Write a description of your ideal home for a class display.

Write about

- where the home would be
- what the rooms and garden would be like
- why you would enjoy living there.

Use paragraphs. Write about 100 words.

Write a plan, such as a spidergram, mind map, bullet points or notes.

MODEL PLAN

- Quiet town near park and transport
- Bright two-storey house, three bedrooms, study, garden
- Peaceful, practical and comfortable for family

MODEL ANSWER

My Ideal Home

My ideal home would be in a quiet town near a park, but it would also be close to shops and public transport. It would be a bright, two-storey house with large windows and a small garden at the back.

Inside, I would like a comfortable living room, a modern kitchen and three bedrooms. I would also have a small study where I could work or read. The garden would have flowers, a table and a place for children to play. I would enjoy living there because it would be peaceful, practical and comfortable for my family.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION 5

Additional ESOLish exam-style practice - based on current ESB Task 2 specification

A local tourist office wants descriptions of interesting places to visit. Write a description of a market or shopping area you know.

Write about

- where it is and what it looks like
- what people can buy or do there
- what makes the place interesting.

Use paragraphs. Write about 100 words.

Write a plan, such as a spidergram, mind map, bullet points or notes.

MODEL PLAN

- Borough Market in London
- Covered walkways, colourful stalls, busy atmosphere
- Food from many countries; cafés; interesting sights and smells

MODEL ANSWER

Borough Market

Borough Market is a busy food market in London. It has covered areas, narrow walkways and many colourful stalls. The market is usually lively, and you can hear people talking while different smells of bread, spices and cooked food fill the air.

Visitors can buy fruit, cheese, bread, cakes and food from many countries. There are also cafés and small places to eat nearby. I find the market interesting because there is always something different to see or taste. It is a good place to visit with friends and experience a lively part of London.