

Descriptosaurus Writing Challenge

A National Schools Descriptive Writing Competition

The Task

The challenge is simple. We want you to paint a picture with words and create a piece of descriptive writing – either a story or non-fiction – without using any dialogue. Then send it in to us for a chance to win some fantastic prizes, including a brand new tablet computer!

Entries must have 250 words or less so choose carefully
...make every word count!

What are we looking for?

A top-notch entry will use...

- Powerful verbs
- Similes and metaphors
- A variety of sentence lengths and structures
- Interesting connectives

Not sure what to write about?

You could take your inspiration from stories – adventure, suspense, ghost-stories, myths, legends, and traditional tales OR from non-fiction – a historical account or a travel writer's description of a place and the people in it.



FIND OUT MORE AND ENTER AT WWW.LITERACYTRUST.ORG.UK/DESCRIPTOSAURUS

Teachers and librarians: Resources adapted especially for the competition from Alison Wilcox's *Descriptosaurus* are available at www.literacytrust.org.uk/descriptosaurus

