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A Descriptive Paragraph with Rhythmic Sentence Flow

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Instructions: Today you will be writing a five- or six-sentence descriptive paragraph where you expand on an idea from a very short telling sentence. You will write your rough draft of your paragraph on the worksheet below. Your paragraph needs to have five or six sentences when complete.

Write your telling sentence in the first box below. Then compose a paragraph that describes your telling sentence with much more detail. As you write, consciously use a variety of sentence lengths: some long ones, some short ones.

You don't have to do exactly what the worksheet below asks, as long as you end up with an equal variety of sentence lengths. For example, if you want to have two long sentences in a row in your paragraph, just cross out the space for a short sentence between two long spaces. Or...If you want to start with a long sentence instead of a short one, just cross out the first short sentence box.

My not-very-descriptive and short sentence:

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Rough draft your descriptive paragraph below:

Short sentence:

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Longer sentence:

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Some words to consider starting a longer sentence with: Although, Since, As, Before, After, Because, When, Whenever, If, While, During, etc.

Short sentence:

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