

the radical write

teacher's manual

chapter 6
assignment | 1

Description takes readers to a new place.

Based on
information
covered in
Chapter 6,
please answer
the following
questions.

1. List five physical senses.
2. Successful description generates empathy between the reader and the subject. How?
3. What might you do if you can't figure out what your story is about?
4. When should you use a thesaurus?
5. How can reporters re-create a scene if they were not there to witness it themselves?
6. The showcase stories in Chapter 6 are excellent. Select three stories and list two specific strengths for each of them. Be specific.
7. Select one of the following sentences and write a lead that shows rather than tells.
 - A. The Student Council had a busy year.
 - B. She was a popular and excellent teacher.
 - C. The National Honor Society participated in many charitable events this year.
 - D. Computer made a big difference in the school this year.
 - E. Reality shows are popular with students.
 - F. A spirit of volunteerism swept through the school.
 - G. The boys baseball team had a habit of losing games in the final inning.
8. Rewrite each sentence to make it more precise, concise and descriptive.
 - A. Jerry looked at the umpire with anger.
 - B. Mrs. Riggins enjoys classical music and TV game shows.
 - C. Hearing that the tornado was coming nearer and nearer, Jeff assumed a squatting position in the basement of his house.
 - D. Ashley's face expressed great pain upon seeing her boyfriend, Lawton, severely injured his arm during the football game.
 - E. A hound dog searched for food outside the cafeteria.