

Provide a collection of single-subject pictures (from calendars, Nat'l Geographic, etc.). Each student chooses one picture to describe. Below are 2 examples for each step.

**Step 1: Write a simple subject and predicate in past tense.**

Examples: *The waterfall rushed.*  
*The moose stood.*

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**Step 2: Write some adverbs to tell how, where, when about the verb.**

Examples: *The waterfall rushed rapidly down the mountain valley.*  
*The moose stood peacefully in the lake at dawn.*

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**Step 3: Try a different word order.**

Examples: *Down the mountain valley, the waterfall rushed.*  
*At dawn, the moose stood peacefully in the lake.*

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**Step 4: Write adjectives to describe the subject (size, color, kind, feeling).**

Examples: *For waterfall – cold, curving, narrow, running, thrashing, splashing*  
*For moose – tall, furry, bored, single, lonely, huge, Alaskan*

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**Now add 2 of the adjectives to your sentence in front of your main subject.**

Examples: The narrow, curving waterfall rushed down the mountain valley.  
The lonely, Alaskan moose stood peacefully in the lake at dawn.

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**Step 4 – Part two: Add 1 or 2 adjectives to describe the other noun in your sentence.**

Example: The narrow, curving waterfall rushed down the steep, rocky mountain valley. OR The lonely, Alaskan moose stood peacefully in the shallow reflective lake at dawn.

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**Step 5: Use a thesaurus to replace any ordinary words in your sentence. You can also try to change the order again.**

Example: Down the steep, rocky mountain valley, the narrow, curving waterfall raced. OR In the shallow, reflective lake, the lonely, Alaskan moose stood peacefully at dawn.

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**Step 6: Check your sentence for spelling, capitalization, punctuation. Proofread and write one final time. See how your sentence paints a picture!!!**

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