



Describing Things

Vocabulary:

- Physical
- Nonphysical
- Atmosphere
- Cottage
- Chimney

Grammar:

Not great:

I have a car. It is a ford. It has 4 doors. It is a 1998. It is yellow. It has a good stereo.

Much better:

I have a yellow 4-door 1998 Ford with a good stereo.

Full Example:

There is a small lonely stone cottage with a thatched roof beside a lake in the countryside. It has a little square window at the front, and beside that, a single wooden door with a narrow dirt path that leads away toward the nearby village. Standing beside the cottage is a small scraggly tree, and in the distance, there's a bigger one behind a row of hedges. An old potato farmer lives here with his dog, Linus. It's a peaceful place. They sometimes go for walks along the lake in the evening when the weather is warm. The sun setting over the water reminds the old man of strolls he used to take with his wife before she passed away.

Assignment:

Find a picture of a house, and describe it in vivid detail. Make sure you use several adjectives before the main noun, especially at the very beginning. Finally, imagine a story connected to the house, and make it as vivid as possible. Use both short and long sentences.