

**Exercises***Instructions*

Write one-paragraph descriptions using each of the sentences given below. The length should be about 100 words; do not include the sentence or sentences given in the total number of words.

You should spend about 25 minutes on each paragraph. The best way to divide your time is as follows: thinking out your description: about 5 minutes; writing: about 15 minutes; re-reading: about 5 minutes. Give each description a title.

Numbers 1-10 should form the first sentences of your paragraphs; numbers 11-20 the last; in numbers 21-30 you have been given the first and last and should supply those which come between.

*First Sentences*

1. At night the main street of the town is brilliantly lit.
2. Everyone turned round to look at the man who had entered the restaurant.
3. The bus was so crowded I could hardly breathe.
4. I lay in bed warm and comfortable listening to the rain beating against the windows.
5. The house next door to ours is very large.
6. The climb to the top of the tower had been well worth the effort.
7. My first experience of life was my grandmother's death.
8. A huge crowd had collected to look at the hole in the road.
9. The room was beautifully furnished.
10. The flood-water reached its highest point next day.

*Last Sentences*

11. We were all relieved to hear that aunt Beatrice had decided to leave.
12. The ship had now become a dot on the horizon.
13. It was the best game I had ever seen.
14. We learnt later that the zebra had escaped from the circus.
15. Just missing the tree-tops, the plane landed in the field.
16. We prepared to spend yet another night in the desert.
17. Just at this point I woke up.
18. From where I stood, I could just see a small white house at the bottom of the valley.
19. The snow had now begun to melt.
20. He was certainly the strangest man I have ever met.

*First and Last Sentences*

21. (a) The voice was familiar but I could not recognize the face.  
(b) His disguise was perfect.