

PICTURE DESCRIPTION DISCUSSION

- WHY? What are the Benefits?
- What to Do and What to Avoid
- Insights from Readers— thank you Lori and Dave!
- Questions and Concerns from Readers
- A Few Samples

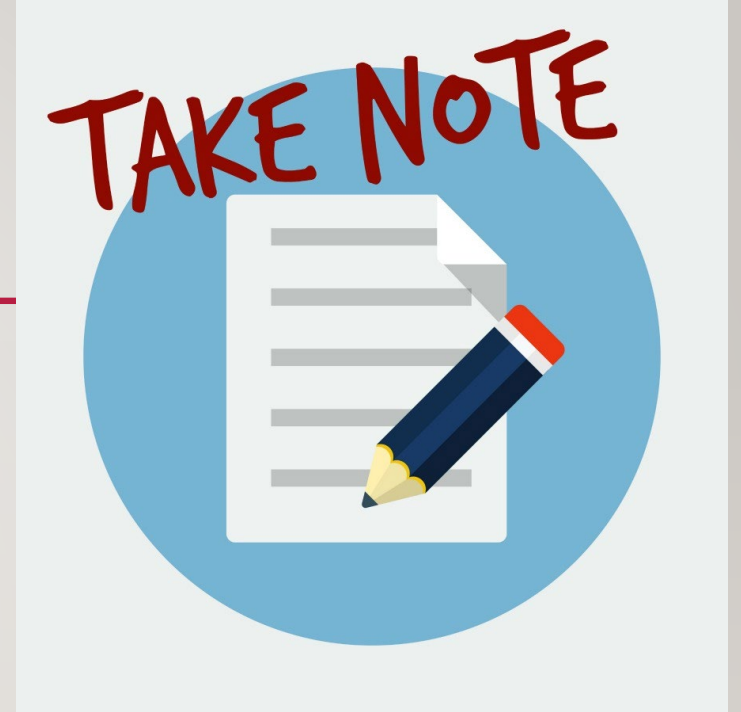


WHY?

- Enhanced Experience for Listeners:
 - Context, Understanding, Fun
- Creative Experience for Reader
- Flexibility for Time (More or Less)

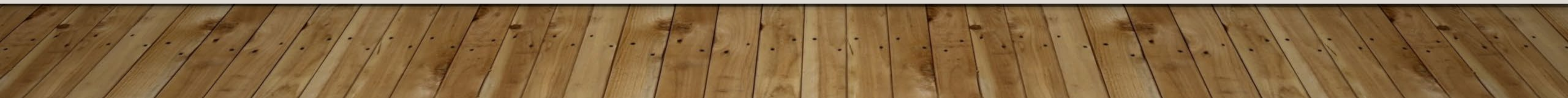
DO'S

- NEUTRAL, OBJECTIVE - what you SEE
- General FIRST then SPECIFIC
- Clear and Concise
- PRESENT tense; ACTIVE voice; Imaginative Language
- Describe the Physical Features of the Face– NOT its meaning





AVOID

- *“We see...” or “The picture shows...”.*
 - *Aesthetic judgments of the photo or what it shows. “Beautiful... Awesome”*
 - *Censorship.*
 - *Interpreting facial expressions...Any other assumptions.*
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INSIGHTS FROM LORI AND DAVE

AND SHARE OUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS



LET'S TRY IT



TAKE A MOMENT

WRITE YOUR DRAFT

AND THEN WE WILL SHARE

Sample Description: In the photo-

“A crowd of around of a dozen people stand looking at a flat-panel TV on a wall. Several children stand in front, with adults behind. All in the crowd have hands raised and open-mouthed smiles. Two in the crowd hold small Indian flags. The TV displays a crowd of adults in a control room who are smiling and clapping.”



Associated Press

Schoolchildren cheer Wednesday as they watch the successful landing of a spacecraft at the Nehru Planetarium in New Delhi, India.

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Sample Description: In the photo

“In a nighttime scene, a broad wildfire blazes bright orange on a mountainside. The fire engulfs hundreds of tall trees. Below the line of the fire’s advance stand several multi-story houses, some with lights on inside. More trees surround the houses.”



Associated Press

The McDougall Creek wildfire burns Friday on the mountainside above houses in West Kelowna, B.C. Thousands have fled northwest Canada amid the country's worst fire season on record.

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Sample Description:

“On a wide, paved plaza, a man performs a BMX bicycle stunt. A crowd of adults and children look on from the background. The man holds the handlebars of the bicycle as he balances with one foot on a peg on the rear wheel. The bicycle balances vertically on its rear tire. He wears a bicycle helmet and clothing and has a wide, open-mouthed smile.”

Taking skills for a spin at Open Streets



Photos by Mike Durbin | The Journal/Gazette

Bill Nitschke, owner of Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Team Worldwide, performs bike stunts before a crowd at Indiana Michigan Power Center Plaza on Sunday during Open Streets Fort Wayne.

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Sample Description: In the photo

“A small group of people stand outside near the blacksmith shop at Fort Wayne’s Old Fort. They wear 1800s period clothing. Those in the foreground hold muskets.

A flash and a cloud of smoke emerge from the muzzle of one of the muskets, while a smaller cloud of smoke emerges from the musket’s firing mechanism, near the trigger. Another member of the group carries a pistol and a curved sword.

A kneeling figure in the background holds a flag on a pole.”

‘It goes ... to reality very quickly’



Reenactors emerge from the blacksmith shop and fire their muskets during a Napoleonic Days battle demonstration Sunday at the Old Fort.

Photos by Mike Durbin | The Journal Gazette



PRACTICE WITH YOUR OWN IMAGES

NEXT TIME YOU ARE ON FACEBOOK AND POST A PICTURE TRY DESCRIBING IT

