

Support for your ideas: Describing Someone

(Someone's appearance, habits, routines, plans, likes, dislikes etc.)

Exercise 1

- 1) Write **Enough Details** next to the paragraphs that have enough details to describe someone.
- 2) Write **Few Details** next to the paragraphs that do not have enough details to describe someone.

- Few Details 1. My classmate, Frank, was very boring. I didn't like to sit next to him because he was so boring.
- Enough Details 2. My classmate, Frank, was very boring. He often told us the details about his life, but they were never interesting. One time, he talked for 10 minutes about his shoes. I almost feel asleep.
- _____ 3. The thief was clever. He carried an ice cream cone in his hand and dropped some on a tourist's shirt. He apologized to the tourist and began to wipe the ice cream off the shirt. The tourist looked at his shirt and didn't think about his wallet. At that moment, thief carefully stole the wallet.
- _____ 4. The thief was clever. He could steal from tourists easily, so he made a lot of money that way. He had some clever techniques that he used. The tourists didn't know that he was a thief because he was fast.
- _____ 5. My sister is crazy about e-mail. She always thinks about her e-mail and sends messages to a lot of people.
- _____ 6. My sister is crazy about e-mail. She checks her e-mail box every 15 minutes to see if she has got any messages. She has 46 people in her e-mail address book, and she writes to each of them about once a week.

Exercise 2: In the paragraphs below (which describe people), fill in the blanks with words from the box.

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| • walks with | • doctor, but he | • in front of his house | |
| • and turns on | • physical | • always thinking about | |

1. My neighbor is _____ man. Every fall, he picks apples from his apple tree and puts them in a basket _____. He puts a sign in front of the basket that says, "Free apples. Help yourself."

2. Jack has a small _____ problem. When he was a child, he was climbing a tree, fell and broke his leg. Now, he _____ a little limp.

3. My brother _____ a lot. He hopes to become a _____
_____ doesn't think that his grades are good enough. Also, he doesn't have enough money for medical school. Lately, he is unable to sleep at night because he is _____ his grades and money.

4. Ann can study only under certain conditions. First, she turns off the ceiling light _____
_____ the small lamp on her desk. Next, she clears all extra books off her desk. Then she _____ she is studying. Beside the book, she places a yellow marking pen. Now she is ready to study.

Exercise 3

1) Choose 5 of the topic sentences below.

2) After each sentence, write a description of someone's appearance, habits, routines, plans, likes, dislikes, etc. (Write on other paper.)

1. Kevin is in great physical shape. He likes to exercise for an hour every day. Usually, he swims for 30 minutes, lifts weights for 20 minutes and runs for 10. Sometimes, he plays tennis for an hour, too.

2. My friend often gets into trouble.

3. Sara is a great dancer.

4. Tom is a wonderful roommate.

5. Nancy's parties are a lot of fun.

6. Joe has some bad study habits.

7. Almost everyone in my town thinks that Charlie is a strange guy.

8. _____ is my favorite actor.

9. The most unusual person in my family is _____

10. I do not want to get into a fight with Steve.