A paragraph to describe objects consists of different parts as follows:

1- Function / Use
2- Components / Parts
3- Characteristics:
   - material
   - shape / figure
   - dimensions
   - property
   - color
4- Position
5- Connection between parts

Function / Use

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A drum set is ________________
_____________ music
A drum set is ________________
_____________ music

Components / Parts

A hammer \{ consists of
   \{ is made up of
   \{ is composed of
\}\} a handle and a head
A hammer includes a handle and a head
A hammer has two \{ parts:
   sections:
   components:
\}\} a handle and a head

Characteristics

- **Material**
  A chair is made of wood.
  Bread is made from wheat.
  This kind of car is made by a big company in Japan.

- **Shape / Figure**
  A coin is shaped like a circle.
  A coin is circular in shape.
  A coin is circular
Describing objects

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The rectangle has an area of .......... square meters
The circle has an area of .......... square meters

The cube has a volume of .......... cubic meters
The cylinder has a volume of .......... cubic meters

### Dimensions

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1 pouce (inch “in”) : 25,4mm  
1 pied (foot “ft”) : 304,8mm
1 yard (“yd”) : 0,9144 m  
1 gallon : 4,546l  
1 pound (livre “lb”) : 0,4536kg

### Property

Property is a special quality that belongs to the object.
The interior of a ping-pong ball is hollow.
This book is thick.
the glass bottle is fragile.
The edge of a table is straight.
The sides of a car are flat.
The middle of a bottle is curved.

### Colours

Black, white, green, orange, …
Fill in the blanks of the following sentences.

a) Long (adj.) and length (noun)
We can describe the length of this beam in four ways:
Q: How __________ is the beam? A: The beam is three metres __________
Q: What is the __________ of the beam? A: The beam is three metres in __________
- The beam has a __________ of three metres
- The __________ of the beam is three meters

b) Wide (adj.) (or broad) and width (noun) (or breadth)
Q: How ______ is the belt? A: The belt is sixty millimeters ______
Q: What is the ______ of the belt? A: The belt is sixty millimeters in ______
- The belt has a ______ of sixty millimeters
- The ______ of the belt is sixty millimeters

c) High (adj.) and height (noun)
Q: How ______ is the tower? A: The tower is a hundred metres ______
Q: What is the ______ of the tower? A: The tower is a hundred metres in ______
- The tower has a ______ of hundred metres
- The ______ has of the tower is a hundred metres

d) Thick (adj.) and thickness (noun)
This steel sheet is three millimetres ______
This steel sheet is three millimetres in ______
This steel sheet has a ______ of three millimetres
The ______ of the steel sheet is three millimetres

e) Deep (adj.) and depth (noun)
(In this case, Depth is measured vertically downwards from a surface. This surface is often ground level.)
The ditch is two metres ______
The ditch is two metres in ______
The ditch has a ______ of two metres
The ______ of the ditch is two metres
Position

If the objects to be described are complicated, consisting of many parts, or appearing in a set, positions must be given.

Example: inside, outside, at the top, on the left/right, in the middle, to the right/left (of), at the bottom, above, over, between, below, beside, at the end of, behind, in front of, near, by, ….

The Vespa scooter **COSA (1) 125/200 1988 - 1992**
The engine is inside the scooter with a headlight at the top. The spare wheel is at the back. There is a petrol cap under the seat. The directional Indicators are located on the sides.
Hydraulic linked brakes are actuated via the rear brake pedal

**Exercise:** label the different parts on the picture

Connection between parts

Connection is a relationship between two things or more. If the object has more than one part, we have to describe them part by part with a connection between them.

Verbs that signal the connection are: attach, detach, join, connected, support, fix, fit, lead, link, …
The head of a hammer is fixed to the handle.
The rubber tube is fitted over the glass tube.
The glass tube is fitted into the rubber tube.
The wire leads from the switch to the bulb.
The wire links between the switch and the bulb.
The wheels of a car are detached from the body of a car.
The wheels of a car are connected by the axles.

Use of language

Choose one picture below and work in pairs to make up a short report (50 to 100 words) describing the following pictures.
Make sure that your answer includes:
  Names of different parts
  Description of the general shape answering questions such as: How long…? How wide …? …
  Adjectives: round, square, rectangular …

Choose one item and explain what its function is.
(for example you can pick the licence plate, a side mirror, a wheel ..)

**Tips:** here are some useful sentences that you can put to good use:
A mixer is used for mixing food. The mixer is made of metal and plastic. It consists of five parts: a base, a stand, a motor housing, beaters and a bowl. The base is rectangular in shape. It is 12 cm wide and 15 cm long. The stand which is supported by the base is 30 cm in height. The motor housing which contains a motor is joined to the stand. The steel beaters are very hard and tough. They are fitted in the gearbox. The glass bowl is hard and brittle. The edge of the bowl is circular. The glass bowl is detached from the base.