

DESCRIPTIVE V. ANALYTICAL WRITING

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING:	CRITICAL WRITING:
Says what happened and the order of events	Identifies the significance of what happened and of the order of events
Says what something is like	Evaluates its strengths and weaknesses
Narrates the story so far	Weighs up each piece of information
Says how to do something	Assesses different ways of doing something
Explains what a theory says	Shows why the theory is relevant or suitable
Explains how something works	Indicates why something works best
Notes the methods used	Assesses the suitability and effectiveness of the different methods
Says when something has occurred	Identifies why the timing is important
States the different components	Weighs up the relative importance of the different components
States the options	Gives reasons for selecting or not selecting each option
Lists details	Evaluates the relative significance of each detail
Lists points in any order	Structures the points in a logical order
Gives information	Draws conclusions