

Describe an Event

In these questions, you are asked to describe an event such as a celebration or festival. Here are some examples:

Describe a recent event that made you happy.

Describe a party that you enjoyed.

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

Read these two answers and note the key vocabulary.

Describe a recent event that made you happy.

You should say:

when and where it was

who was involved

what happened

and explain why it made you happy.

My friend's birthday party, last Saturday evening, we went for a meal at an Italian restaurant. There were about ten of us, he invited some close friends and work colleagues, most of them were people I've known since university. It was great to get together with old friends.

We met at the restaurant, I gave my friend a present and a birthday card, and we ordered some food. While we ate dinner everyone chatted, after the main course the waiter brought out a cake and we sang 'Happy Birthday'. Everyone went home quite late.

It was a good opportunity to catch up with what my friends had been up to. I had some interesting conversations. It was a nice way to wind down after a hard week at work, and the food was delicious. I went home feeling full after a fantastic meal.

I've known since: a phrase used to state when you first met someone.

Get together: an informal party or meeting.

Catch up: to learn or discuss the recent news.

Have been up to: what they have been doing recently.

Wind down: to gradually relax after doing something that has made you tired

Describe a festival that is important in your country.
You should say:
when the festival occurs
what you do during it
what you like or dislike about it
and explain why this festival is important.

Christmas is an annual holiday that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It takes place on December 25th. This is an ideal time because England is cold and dark in winter, and Christmas helps us to forget the bad weather and have fun.

Popular customs of the holiday include gift-giving and an exchange of greeting cards. We also put a Christmas tree in our home and have a special dinner of roast turkey and vegetables. And, of course, Father Christmas is a popular figure and children believe that he brings them gifts.

My most treasured memories are of Christmas. It is the one time of year when my whole extended family gets together. I see all of my grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins in one place. In addition, my most exciting childhood memory is waking up on Christmas morning and opening my presents.

Annual: happening or produced once a year.

Commemorate: to do something to show you remember an important person or event in the past with respect.

Custom: a habit or tradition.

Treasured: if you treasure something, it is very important to you and gives you a lot of pleasure.

Practice Question

Describe a party you have attended.
You should say:
what type of party it was
where the party was held
who attended the party
and explain what you did at the party.