

Marking

To gain full marks your description must demonstrate imagination, inventive vocabulary and correct use of punctuation, spelling and grammar.

It must make sense and be written in correct English, and it should make use of some of the details in the passage, and not contradict any of them.

You will lose up to 8 marks if you make a lot of mistakes in grammar, spelling or punctuation, so be careful to avoid basic errors. For example, don't use a comma to separate two sentences.

The mark scheme below illustrates how the 24 marks are likely to be awarded.

If your answer meets all the criteria for the first range of marks, move onto the next, and so on. If it meets just one or two of the criteria for a marks range it will be at the bottom end of that range. If it meets all the criteria, it will be at the top of that range.

### 1–6 Marks

#### Content

- You have used some of the details supplied in paragraph 5.
- You have used descriptive language.
- You have included simple vocabulary and used simple techniques, e.g. similes – *The books were like houses in a row.*

#### Organisation

- There is some sense of development from the opening.
- You have followed an order of description that makes some logical sense.
- There is no paragraphing or there is random paragraphing.

#### Technical Accuracy

- You have written some clear sentences and occasionally used correct punctuation.
- You have used a simple range of sentence forms, e.g. simple and compound sentences.
- You have mostly used Standard English.
- Your basic spelling is accurate.
- You have used simple vocabulary.