

STARTER UNIT 9

writing a description

speakout WRITING TIP

We write descriptions to give information about an object, a person or a place. Descriptions can talk about the way something looks or the way something makes us feel.

The countryside is beautiful.

Jazz music makes me happy.

When we write descriptions we often give reasons using *because*.

I like the countryside because it is beautiful.

I like jazz music because it makes me happy.

We often use adjectives in descriptions to make them more interesting for the reader.

I live in a house = I live in a beautiful, big, old house.

1 Read the description below of Pete's favourite object. Answer the questions.

One of my favourite objects is my pen. It's a Mont Blanc. My girlfriend gave it to me after our first year together. I like it because it writes very well, and because it is special to me. I always have it on my desk at home.

1 What is Pete's favourite object?

3 Where is it now?



2 Match the descriptions to the photos.



A
My most useful object is my *****. It's got lots of different knives, a bottle opener and scissors. My brother gave it to me when I went travelling. I like it because it can do lots of things and it's small and easy to carry. I keep it next to my passport in my desk so I never forgot it!

B
One of my favourite objects is my *****. It was my grandmother's, so it's very old. I like it because it's big and very comfortable. I keep it next to the window in my living room and I like sitting there, reading a good book and looking out at the world.

C
My favourite object is my *****. It's silver and has a white face. My father gave it to me for my 21st birthday. I like it because it looks great and keeps good time, and because my dad gave it to me. I wear it every day.

3 Write a text about one of your favourite objects. Include as much detail as possible. Write 60-80 words.

Plan your writing

- Think about the object.
 - What is the object?
 - Where did you get it?
 - Why do you like it?
 - What do you do with it?
 - Where do you keep it?

Check your writing

- Did you explain why it's one of your favourite objects (using *because*)?
- Did you use adjectives to make the description interesting?
- Did you check your grammar and spelling?
- Did you make any mistakes?