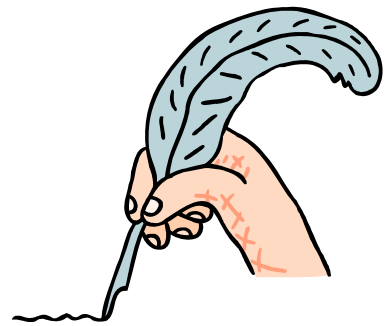


## Writing Activity at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Discuss the importance of using descriptive words in written stories. Share some examples of how descriptive words make stories clearer and more interesting.

When visiting the Garden:

- Have students listen as one person describes an object in the garden.
- Ask students if they think they know what the object is.
- List the descriptive words that helped them identify the objects.
- Would they have known the object if you had not used the descriptive words?



Ask students to choose a flower, an insect or other object. Instruct them to write a descriptive paragraph about the item.

The paragraph should be at least 5 sentences and describe details of the item's appearance. How heavy might it be, what color, does it move on its own, could be appropriate descriptions.

When students have finished writing their paragraphs, have them switch with a partner who then tries to identify the item described. What descriptive words were used that enabled the reader to identify the item?

