

Style

Style is the quality that makes one piece of writing different from others. There are many features that give each piece of writing a unique style.

- word choice
 - length of sentences
 - kinds of sentences
 - details, including facts, sensory details, and colorful comparisons
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Directions Use one of the words below to describe the style of each paragraph.

factual imaginative

1. Once upon a time a family of sky-blue fish lived deep in the ocean. One day they set out on a journey. Imagine their surprise when they came upon another fish family. These fish were the coral color of a sunset. Both families traveled on together in bright, shimmery waves. They came upon a sunny yellow fish family. These fish glistened like gold. Someday the fish will invite you to visit their ocean. You will see not only blue or coral or yellow fish. You will see a traveling rainbow!

2. A desert is a place that gets less than 10 inches of rain each year. Sand may cover about 10 to 20 percent of a desert. Some of the sand blows into tall dunes. Deserts are dry, but many kinds of plants and animals live there. Plants include cactuses and mesquite trees. Some desert animals are snakes, lizards, and foxes.

Directions Write two or three sentences about a setting such as your neighborhood, an ocean, a zoo, or a rain forest. Use a style that is factual, imaginative, or funny. Write the name of the style that you choose.
