

description[dis'krɪpʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. описание; изображение

faithful [racy] description - правдивое [колоритное] описание

description of a storm [of smb.'s appearance] - описание бури [чьей-л. внешности]

description of a horse - спецификация на лошадь (*конный спорт*)

beyond description - не поддающийся описанию, неопиcуемый

to give a (detailed) description of smth. - дать (подробное) описание чего-л.

to answer (to) the description - подходить под описание; иметь указанные приметы

it baffles/beggars, defies/ description - это не поддаётся описанию

2. *разг.* вид, род

books of every description - всевозможные книги

people of all descriptions - люди всякого звания

a lecture of the poorest description - никуда негодная лекция

3. вычерчивание

description of a circle - описывание окружности

description of an arch - вычерчивание дуги

4. *лог.*, *лингв.* дескрипция

definite description - определённая дескрипция

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de-scrip-tion [description descriptions] *BrE* [dɪ'skrɪpʃn] ^u *NAmE* [dɪ'skrɪpʃn]^u noun1. **countable, uncountable** ~ (of sb/sth) a piece of writing or speech that says what sb/sth is like; the act of writing or saying in words what sb/sth is like

- to give a **detailed/full description** of the procedure
- a **brief/general description** of the software
- Police have issued a description of the gunman.
- 'Scared stiff' is an apt description of how I felt at that moment.
- a personal pain that goes **beyond description** (= is too great to express in words)
- the novelist's powers of description

2. **countable of some, all, every, etc.** ~ of some, etc. type

- boats of every description / all descriptions
- Their money came from trade of some description.
- medals, coins and things of that description

more at beggar belief/description **at** ↑ **beggar** *v.***Idiom:** ↑ **fit a description**Word Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **descriptio(n-)**, from **describere** 'write down'.Thesaurus:**description** noun **C, U**

- Police issued a description of the missing boy.

picture • • **portrait** • • **profile** • • **account** • • **report** • • **portrayal** • | **formal depiction** • | **written evocation** •an **accurate** description/picture/portrait/profile/account/report/portrayal/depiction/evocationa **vivid** description/picture/account/portrayal/depiction/evocation**give** a description/picture/account/reportExample Bank:

- A man fitting your description was seen entering the building.
- A report is generally an objective description rather than a statement of opinion.
- His face was so odd that it defies description.
- I realized to my horror that the description of the killer could fit me.
- Police have arrested two men matching the descriptions of the robbers.
- She gave us a lurid description of the birth.
- She was able to provide a description of the intruder.
- The catalogue gives a full description of each product.
- There was no mention of any cleaning in my job description.
- a vivid description of life in Ancient Rome
- a vivid description of life in the Wild West
- I experienced a personal pain that goes beyond description.
- In the bay were boats of every description.
- The trunk was full of medals, coins and things of that description.
- Their money came from commerce of some description.
- There were flying machines of all descriptions whizzing about.

descriptionde **description** **S2 W2** /dɪ'skrɪpʃən/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable and countable][**Word Family**: **adjective**: describable ≠ ↑indescribable, ↑nondescript, ↑descriptive; **verb**: ↑describe; **noun**: ↑description; **adverb**: ↑descriptively]

1. a piece of writing or speech that gives details about what someone or something is like

description of

- an accurate description of the event
- The booklet gives a brief description of each place.
- Berlin sounds fascinating from your description. ⇒ ↑**job description**

2. **be beyond/past description** to be too good, bad, big etc to be described easily:

- The death and destruction were beyond description.

3. **of every/some/any etc description** (also **of all descriptions**) people or things of every type, some type etc:

- People of all descriptions came to see the show.

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COLLOCATIONS**verbs**

- **give (somebody) a description** She was unable to give the police a description of her attacker.
- **provide a description** *formal* The diary provides a clear description of farming life in the 1850s.
- **issue a description** (=formally give a description of someone to the public) Police have issued a description of the two men they are looking for.
- **fit/match a description** (=be like the person in a police description) The first man they arrested did not fit the description given by the victim.
- **somebody answering a description** (=a person who looks like someone in a police description) A young girl answering this description has been seen in Spain.

adjectives

- **good** Her descriptions of the natural world are very good.
- **clear** He gave us a clear description of the situation in the city.
- **detailed** Some of his descriptions of the island are very detailed.
- **accurate** I don't think the hotel's description of its facilities was very accurate.
- **vivid** (=very clear and interesting) The book contains some vivid descriptions of his childhood.
- **perfect** We have a perfect description of the man we are looking for.
- **a full description** *formal* (=detailed) Please give a full description of your responsibilities in your present job.
- **a long/lengthy description** I didn't want to hear a lengthy description of their holiday.
- **a brief/short description** There's only a brief description of the hotel on the Internet.
- **a general description** (=not detailed) He started by giving us a general description of the manufacturing process.
- **a graphic description** (=very clear and containing a lot of details, usually about something unpleasant) The book has some graphic descriptions of life in the prison camp.

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- **account** a written or spoken description that says what happens in an event or process: He provided the police with a detailed account of what he saw.
- **description** something you say or write that gives details about what something or someone is like: The report gave a brief description of the problem.
- **story** an account of something that has happened which may not be true – used especially when people are telling each other about something: I don't think he was honest enough to tell us the full story. | Her parents did not believe her story.
- **report** a written or spoken account of a situation or event, giving people the information they need, especially after studying something as part of your job: The UN will issue a report on the incident. | Initial police reports suggest she was murdered.
- **version** a particular person's account of an event, which is different from the account that another person gives: Her version of events has been contradicted by other witnesses.

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