

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Something that comes up in part 2 speaking is talking about objects, talking about things that you own like *a watch, a smartphone, a motorbike, etc* . When we talk about an object, we need to describe its appearance.

How do we describe its appearance? We describe it by using adjectives . But you know, there are a lot of things you can say about objects. We can talk about what we think about it. *Is it beautiful? Is it lovely? Is it ugly?* ...We can talk about *its size* , we can be general, we can say *big , small , tiny* ...we can be specific (3 centimeter long, 2 feet long...). We can talk about *its age* like new , old , brand-new , twelve years old ; we can talk about *its shape, color* ; we can also talk about *its pattern* ; we can talk about *its origin (where is it from?)* ; we can talk about *its material (wood, bamboo, metal..)*

Made of & made from : these prepositions are very important.

We use **made of** when we can still recognize the material that is used to make the object.

For example: *the house is made of wood.*

We use **made from** when we don't know what material is used to make the object.

For example: *Plastic is made from oil.*

When we are talking about the description about where we got something, or how we found something, we are going to talk about the past, but we don't just stick with past simple, and past simple. We should be saying something like “*I was visiting my family when my brother surprised me with a new watch*” or sorts of reasons (ways to talk about **why** or **what** was your object is used by using *infinitive of purpose “to; in order to; so as to”*), and then we can talk about when was the first time , when was the last time we saw or used something. For example “*the first time I used this computer when I was 10 years old*” , “*the last time I saw the watch is when I was at my parents' home*” ; “*the last time I played the video game was with my brother at Christmas 4 years ago*” , and then we will talk about how this object made us or other people feel? You might talk about the birthday present you received or you might talk about the birthday present you gave. Either way, there will be interested how you feel about giving it or how the other feels about getting it. In this case, you should talk about what

the object looks like , but you also talk about what other people feel, and why other people do things by using adjectives of evaluation “*people watch TV because it’s relaxing*” , “*people like to read because it’s enjoyable*” we use adjectives of evaluation to talk about what we feel , and how we feel .

USEFUL ADJECTIVES FOR DESCRIBING OBJECTS

Opinion: good, wonderful, splendid, pretty, fantastic, awful, ugly, dirty, comfortable, uncomfortable, wasteful, valuable, worthless, worthy, useful, useless, important, scarce, rare, lovely, disgusting, amazing, loathsome, surprising, usual, unusual, etc.

Touch: hard, silky, soft, smooth, polished, grainy, rough, glossy, glassy, etc.

Size, weight: heavy, small, tiny, little, light, big, tall, fat, short, slender, thin, underweight, wide, enormous, vast, giant, huge, great, slim, etc.

Smell: perfumed, smelly, noxious, aromatic, fragrant, scented, etc.

Temperature: hot, cold, icy, freezing, frigid, etc.

Age: old, young, baby, teenage, adolescent, antique, ancient, youthful, old-fashioned, elderly, mature, modern, recent, etc.

Shape: round, circular, triangular, square, oval, spherical, sleek, straight, wavy, etc.

Brightness: light, bright, dark, shining, dull, pale, glowing, gleaming, luminous, etc.

Color: blue, black, purple, white, red, pink, orange, dark green, yellowish, gray, silver, brown, transparent, colorless, etc.

Material: cloth, fabric, concrete, ceramic, metal, china, cotton, glass, plastic, wooden, steel, leather, silicon,...

OBJECT DESCRIPTION MODEL ANSWER

Describe a product you bought that you were (or, are) happy with.

You should say:

What you bought

How you bought it

Why you bought it

And explain why you were (or are) happy with it.

MODEL ANSWER 1:

I would like to talk about a household appliance which plays an integral part of my daily life, and makes me very satisfied with ; that is a washing machine.

Thanks to the simple instructions , and this machine is very easy to use , my family members and I use it every day to wash our laundries such as clothing or sheets.

Personally, I think this machine is quite beneficial to me due to its convenience . To be specific , instead of spending nearly an hour on cleaning clothing by hand, it takes me only 5 minutes to put all the clothing in a washing machine.

Moreover , my clothes washer has a large capacity up to 15kg so I can run a load of clothing through it at one time in order to save both water and time. As a result , I can save a huge amount of time in order to do other household chores or even learn new things that I'm interested in ; for example , I can learn foreign languages or cooking.

In addition , a washing machine can dry clothing automatically; therefore , I don't have to worry about my clothing will be wet in the rainy season or winter.

As a final point, I would say that the washing machine is one of the greatest inventions of the industrial revolution that brings various benefits for me and other people using it .

MODEL ANSWER 2:

I would like to talk about a Samsung smart phone which I bought last summer

and I was really satisfied with it . This cell phone was the latest product from Samsung , so there were various useful applications such as video calling, camera, Zalo chat, emails, games, music players, and so on. I would use this smart phone to listen to music, make phone calls, send messages and check emails. I must say that this portable device helps me a lot no matter where I am .

There were various reasons why I loved this product. Firstly , I would use it for entertainment purposes. What I mean is I could refresh myself after a long hard day at work by listening to my favorite music or enjoying action movies online. Moreover , thanks to this smart phone, I was able to keep in touch with my old friends whom I didn't often have a chance to meet in person. In addition , this mobile phone helped me to handle my workload effectively . For example , I could check and send emails or write my essays when waiting for the bus, which saved a huge amount of my time.

At present , I still use this smart phone every day for my work, study, and entertainment purposes. I think that this is an indispensable product in my daily life routines.

MODEL SENTENCES FOR OBJECT DESCRIPTION

....I love it because it can release my stress, relieve my pressure and put me in a good mood

....It was super thin and incredibly light

....I was totally impressed by

....It is a photo of my whole family sitting around the table having New Year's Dinner....

....The photo always reminds me of the meal my mom cooked and the words my father said before the dinner....

....I love it not only because of the toy itself, but also the sentimental value it has to me

....Its color is super eye-catching

....It was an original oil painting on canvas....

....I remember that the first time I read the book was around October 2010....

....I am interested in this vehicle for a number of reasons

....This vehicle is quite fashionable and trendy

....The quality is reliable and trustworthy

....Its price is affordable

....The one I choose is my baby girl doll, which was one of my favorite toys as a child....

....I didn't actually buy this smartphone because it would be too expensive for me to afford . It was a gift from my uncle....

....The church is made of red brick, and the architecture, as I said before, is in the old French style....

....A folding chair **is convenient for me because** my room is small and I don't have space for a lot of furniture....

....When **I first saw the bicycle** I was very excited....

....It **was a birthday present from** my parents....

....It **has various applications** like video chat, digital camera, wireless Internet, and games. **It's easy to share photos and music**

....I **use this smartphone for almost everything** , it even has a calendar that **reminds me about** appointments....

....This smartphone **is an essential part of my life** . I **couldn't live without it**

....This Lego car **was a birthday present from** my parents....

....Last summer I bought a new smartphone and **I am very satisfied with it**

....**The most important thing is that** this smartphone is very easy to use....

....There **were numerous reasons why** I took an interest in this smartphone. **Firstly** , I would like to use it for entertainment purposes....

....This household appliance **plays an important role in my daily life**

....The coat **is made of** cotton only and by a Japanese clothes brand....