WRITING TO DESCRIBE.

Read through the following piece of text and spot the techniques which are specific to descriptive writing.

CLIMBING CRYB GOCH

Anxiously I tug on my woolly socks. The sparkling peak of Snowdon looms like an iceberg above me. My skin tingles the air is so cold. Boots next, numb fingers fumble with the laces. Other walkers are getting ready too, chattering animatedly to one another, their voices seem amplified in the breathless, chilly air. Everyone is eagerly anticipating their day, but I am not so sure.

We set off along the Pyg track, our boots crunching through the snow, Cryb Goch looms above, an intimidating sight. A shiver of fear runs down my spine and the hair on the back of my neck prickles. Everyone else wants to go this way, but I’d rather take an easier route. Someone fell off last week!

A nerve- jangling scramble and Cryb Goch lies before me, a spiny white lizard’s back stretching into the distance. Was it a trick of the light or did I see it twitch, preparing to send me tumbling? A butterfly of panic flutters in my stomach and I struggle to quell it. Slowly I set off on my crawl while my companions trip like mountain goats along the craggy ridge. How do they do it? The next hour is a blur of scraped knees, glimpses of dizzying drops and mumbled prayers.

Ah! The top! Thank God! My prayers have been answered! I deserve a cup of tea. Is it just me, or does lukewarm tea poured from a flask you have lugged all the way up a mountain taste the best? I break off a chunk of milk chocolate- the rich smell fills my nostrils. Mmmmm! Now, how do we get down?

**Now… Identify the descriptive techniques used and give some examples**

**Descriptive technique Examples**

Looks like

Smells like

Feels like

Sounds like

Tastes like

Similes

Metaphors

Proper nouns

Adjectives

Adverbs

**Now your turn Write your story based on one of the following. Around 500 words please.**

You are on an outward bound course on the Menai Straits. You are going to meet new people for the first time and to have a new team building experience. How does it feel? Describe your feelings and what happens.

2. You find yourself lost in a forest on your way home from a friend’s house late at night on Halloween, describe your experience. Remember to use lots ADJECTIVES (to describe the creepy atmosphere)