Description

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Definition

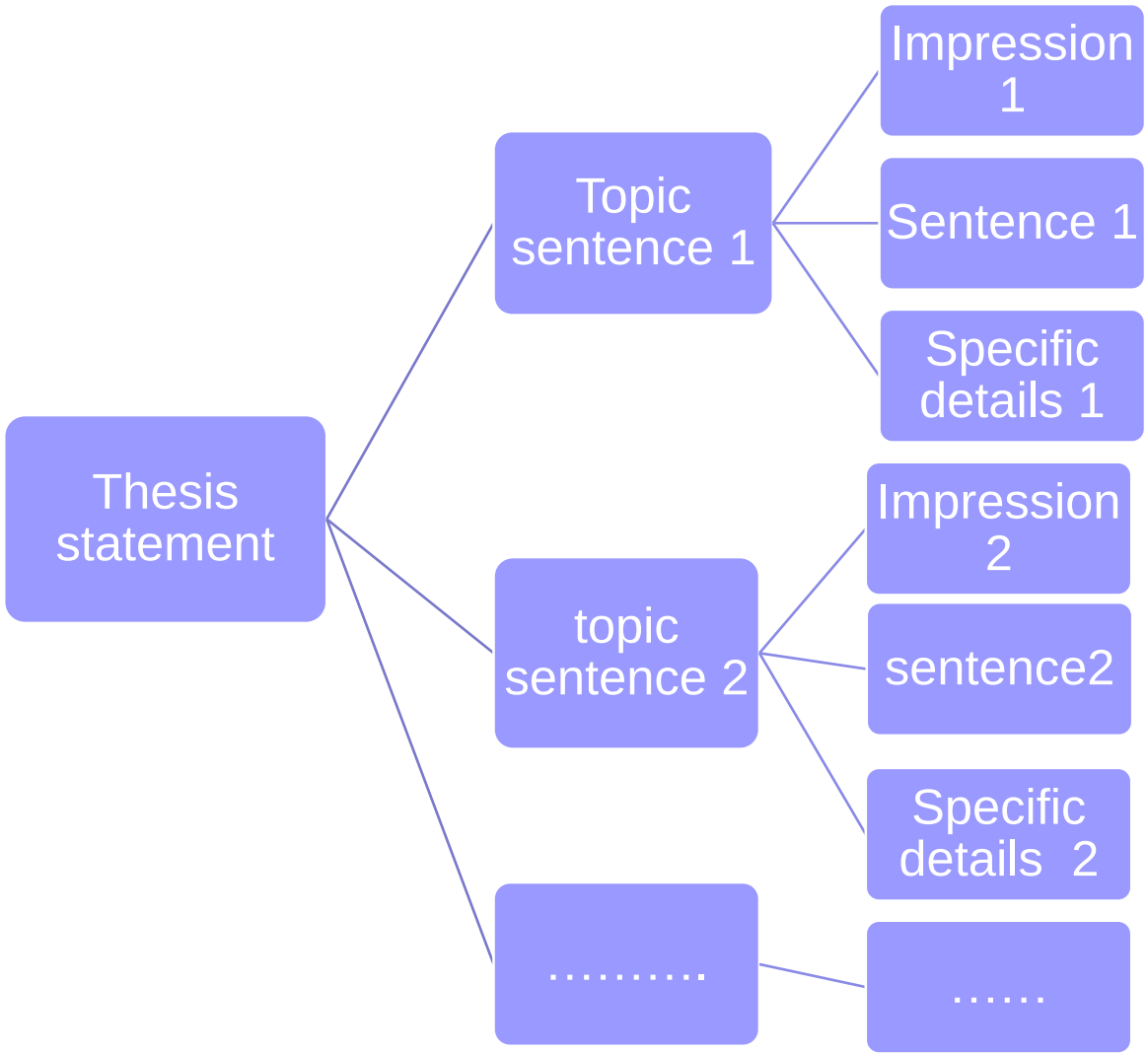
- Descriptive writing is writing used to describe someone or tell how something looks, tastes, feels, smells, sounds

Examples: a. A new building

b. A beautiful woman

c. A delicious food

General Structure



Tips on Good Descriptive Writing

(1) To enable readers to “sense”—to see, hear, smell, taste, and touch

e.g.

“The homemade cookies fill the air with the sweet strawberry scent of summer.”

"The silk garment feels smooth, puff away. It glides over my skin and brings a gentle breeze."

(2) To use ***adjectives*** and ***adverbs*** to modify your nouns

e.g.

He walked very slowly, which gave him an appearance of great dignity.

He peered around with large, staring eyes, which gave him an air of tremendous importance.

(3) To give ***human characteristics*** to inanimate objects

e.g.

"The tree silently stood out against the destiny.“

“The tree, with her stretching arms to the sky, seems to pray to God.

(4) To use ***similes*** and ***metaphors***

- Simile直喻;明喻: (like, as)

  e.g. *She is like a rose.*

- Metaphor隱喻；暗喻:

  e.g. She is a rose.

Sample

The Sounds of Home

The things I always look forward to when I return home from college on holidays are the sounds: Together tell me that I am truly home. The first place I go when I come home is always the kitchen. The sound of coffee brewing tells me that all is well and that my mother is waiting to hear about my year away from home. Afterwards, I listen for the sound of the TV in the living room. Whenever I hear it, no matter what program is on, I know my father is home and waiting to watch it with me. It may sound strange, but even the sound of my brother and sister's constant arguing fighting is inviting. Their bickering tells me nothing has changed, and I hope it never does. It is always good to come home.

Source: John Baker

Sample

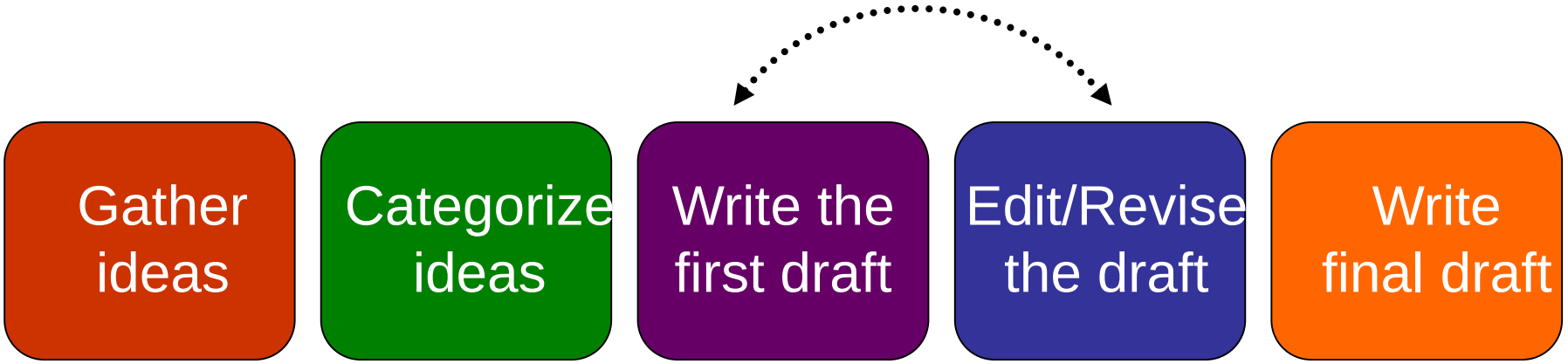
Nobody seemed to care about Mary. She was born in India, where her father was a British official. He was busy with his work, and her mother, who was very beautiful, spent all her time going to parties. So an Indian wowan, Kamala, was paid to take care of the little girl. Mary was not a pretty child. She had a thin angry face and thin yellow hair. She was always giving orders to Kamala, who had to obey. Mary never thought of other people, but only of herself. In fact, she was a very selfish, disagreeable, bad-tempered little girl.

Source: The Secret Garden

Start Writing!

Topic: My Friend, Sion

Steps in Writing



Brainstorming



Handsome?

cute?

Shy?

Short?

Outgoing?

Tall?

Considerate ?

Selfish?

light skin

Student

dark skin

singer ?

Sings song

Play the piano

CEO?

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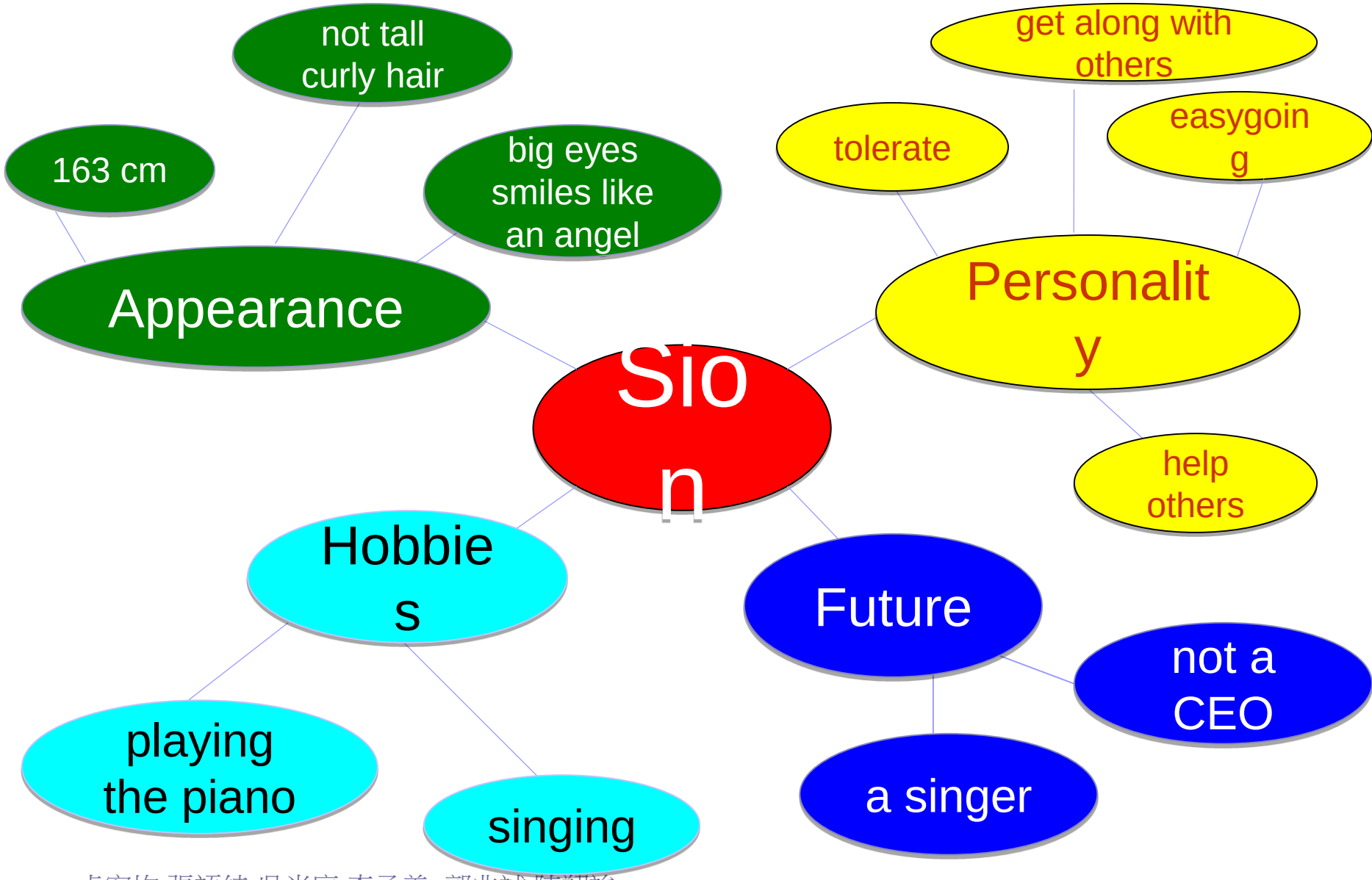
Idea Categorization Map



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My friend Sion

Sion is one of my friends at college. He is also one of my friends.

Sion is a cute boy. He is around 163 cm He has short curly hair. He has big eyes and he smiles like an angel.

Sion has wonderful personality. He is an easygoing and tolerate boy. He always helps others and gets along with everybody well.

Sion is interested in music. He likes singing and playing the piano. He even joined a singing contest and got a good grade.

Sion talks a lot about his future. Because he wants to be a singer, he rejected his father to become a CEO. Besides, he plans to join the next season of the Xing Guang TV program. We think, with this experience, he would become a good singer in the future.

Let’s try!

My Hometown

