

Paper Organization on Description of a Person

When writing a paper on someone you know, you can develop their character in four ways: description, actions, speech, and other people's opinions. Here are some examples:



Person

Description: six ft tall, greying hair always in a braid, loves animals, funny

Actions: laughs a lot, always has something in her hand, juggles, helped me make a mosaic

Speech: always says, "Somethin' 'll turn up" and "Heaven help us." Loves to recite poems

Other people's opinions: She's my brother's favorite aunt. Her neighbor calls her "a gift."

Notice a few things: Description can include physical attributes and personality traits. Actions can be things the person does regularly or a story of something they did once. Speech can be told as a quote or reported indirectly. The same is true of other people's opinions.

Your turn! Brainstorm ideas in each category for your person. I only have a few in this example; you should try to come up with many more.

Description: _____

Actions: _____

Speech: _____

Others' Opinions: _____

