

Two Contrasting Descriptions of the Same Place

Sitting on the silky, soft grass by the serene lake in my favourite place near my home was a wonderful spot to do some of my school work this afternoon. The temperature was set perfectly at 23 degrees with a light breeze, I could not have imagined wasting away my precious hours sitting indoors. The air smelled crisp and clean like laundry dried on a line outdoors. The clear blue skies were reflected on the gorgeous lake like a mirror. The lake not only appealed to me, but it also attracted many friendly ducks and geese, ready to enjoy themselves in the water. Painted turtles also rested on rocks, basking in the sun. The smell of the fresh water and the nearby blossoms added to the soothing environment. All of this blended together to create a perfectly positive experience, during which I was able to get all of my work completed, as well as some relaxation.



Negative Description

You would think that taking advantage of the beautiful lakeside scenery I was "privileged" to have near my home would be a great experience. However, I sometimes dread going there. What should have been a relaxing school work time sitting by the serene lake this afternoon only made me never want to go outside again! The sun was blinding, even with sunglasses on. The farmers had been spraying nearby fields, so the air smelled like a fertilizer factory. Though the weather was a very comfortable temperature, the light breeze blew some of my school papers into the water. In addition, the "pleasant" weather attracted some of the noisiest creatures ever placed on this planet. I have never heard so many obnoxious geese and ducks in my life; it was almost as if they were honking directly at me to get off their territory. The nearby blossoms triggered allergic sneezes and runny eyes the entire time I was there. My nose ran like a faucet. Not one moment of my afternoon allowed for relaxation, just constant frustration and fury because of a stupid decision on my part to "enjoy nature."