

Writing focus: Combining sentences containing adjectives

- 8 Look at the picture. With a partner, brainstorm a list of adjectives to describe the scene.



- 9 Read the following paragraphs. How are they the same? How are they different? Which paragraph seems better to you? Explain your choice to a partner. Then check your ideas below.

My Mother's Kitchen

1. My mother's kitchen is not big.
2. It is comfortable. 3. It is warm.
4. My mother cooks a lot. 5. Her kitchen smells spicy. 6. It smells sweet.
7. Sometimes she taught my brother and me how to cook. 8. We liked learning new things. 9. We liked working together.
10. We liked making delicious foods.
11. Now I live far away. 12. I often think about my mother's kitchen.

My Mother's Kitchen

1. *My mother's kitchen is not big, but it is warm and comfortable.*
2. *My mother cooks a lot, and her kitchen smells spicy and sweet.*
3. *Sometimes she taught my brother and me how to cook.*
4. *We liked learning new things, working together, and making delicious foods.*
5. *Now I live far away, but I often think about my mother's kitchen.*

The first paragraph is less interesting because many sentences are all the same type: noun + verb + adjective.

You remember from Unit 2 that sentences about similar topics can often be combined. One effective way to do this is by combining sentences with adjectives.