



WRITING A 4-H FASHION SHOW NARRATION

The following are guidelines for writing an imaginative and informative 4-H fashion show narration. A fashion show narration helps both the model and the audience. It cues the model when to appear on stage, what fashion details to highlight and when to leave the stage. The narration tells the audience the 4-H'ers name, information about the garment, special features of the garment and other information that can help the audience identify with the model or garment.

Please keep the narration brief. A script of 30 seconds is great for most outfits. One word of caution – the commentaries should not be longer than the length of time the model is on stage.

In preparing the narration, **write light and lively descriptions that are highly informative.** Active words such as “stepping out ...”, “in the spotlight is ...”, and “ready for...” help keep the interest high.

Point out one or two highlights such as “detailed top stitching” or “combination of textures”, and leave the rest to the eyes. An audience can easily see that the model is wearing a navy dress with navy shoes and navy bracelet. One can tell the accessory story by using phrases like, “...worn with matching accessories” or “... a mono-chromatic look.”

Use descriptive and exciting coloring terms ... they vary from season to season, but blueberry, midnight, raspberry, wineberry, nutmeg, and cinnamon are lively terms for blue, black, red, wine, gold and brown.

What to put in the Commentary (*optional)

1. Lead sentence should introduce the model by name, town or 4-H club, and describe the outfit in general.
2. A brief outfit description. Analyze the garment. Give the details of the garment following a logical sequence such as the top of the garment to the bottom, front to back, outside to inside.
3. One new learning experience while selecting, constructing, or modeling the outfit
4. *Accessories selected.
5. *Original ideas the model has used, techniques, trim, etc.
6. *How the garment reflects the current fashion scene.
7. *Amount of money saved or why he/she decided to make this outfit or buy it.
8. *Special advantages or features of this particular garment such as where it will be worn, versatility, and ease of care.
9. *The 4-H background and special interests of the model.
10. *School and grade this fall.
11. *Awards won (school and 4-H).
12. *Other 4-H projects the 4-H'er enjoys.
13. Closing sentence.



4-H FASHION SHOW NARRATION EXAMPLES

Example 1:

Picnic baskets and straw-brimmed hats come to mind upon seeing Dunbar's Lisa Smith in this confectionary colored delight. Lisa's loose fitting dress of polyester and cotton features top stitching, a new skill learned for Lisa. An elasticized waistline is hidden by a self-belt that buttons in the back, which completes the "cake and frosting" appearance of this lovely outfit. Lisa is a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

Example 2:

Dan White wears this grey European-cut, double-breasted suit he made from 100% wool. Dan sewed with wool for the first time this year and learned how to press the seams. The fuller-cut, athletic fit is perfect for this high school junior, who will be a starter on the Palmyra football team this fall.

Example 3:

When Jennifer Snow goes to garage sales and auctions, she likes to collect handkerchiefs and old linens. For less than \$10, she gather enough 1930's and 1940's hankies to piece the fabric for this vest. Jennifer fused the handkerchiefs to the muslin vest pieces and then stitched along the edges to hold them permanently in place. Finally she assembled the vest. Isn't Jennifer's vintage vest a great heirloom treasure?

Example 4:

When the cold wind blows, Eric Jones will be warm and snug in these cozy clothes. The red sweatshirt and sweatpants are made of cotton. Eric enjoyed working for the first time with the heavier and thicker fabric. This will make a great outfit for those cool Nebraska football games!

Example 5:

"Plum-crazy!" might describe the reaction of Maria Gonzales's friends to her picture perfect pullover, poly-cotton print dress. Side skirt pockets, a ruffled bodice and full, banded, elbow-length sleeves accent this 4-H's creation. Maria of Talmage created balance in her outfit with a self-styled wrap belt for that "just right" finishing touch.

Example 6:

Short and sweet - that's the cool summery look of Otoe County's Wendy Moore. Wendy chose khaki sports-cloth for these elasticized shorts. The red-orange jungle print top looks cute and cool with its open neck and cap sleeves. Keeping things cool. . . that is what Wendy is all about!

Potential Fashion Show Garment Terms and Color Descriptors

COLLARS/ BODICE

Boatneck
Button down
Cropped
Jewel neckline
Pleated
Princess lines
Stand up

POCKETS

In-seam
Patch
Concealed
Welt

TROUSERS

Ankle cropped
Bell bottom
Capri
Hip-pleated
Military

SKIRTS

A-line
Asymmetrical
Body skimming
Elegantly edged
Full
Gathered
Gracefully flared
Handkerchief hem
Knee-skimming
Pencil
Split

SLEEVES

Cap
Dolman
Gathered
Kimono
Pleated
Raglan
Ruffled
Set in
Three quarter

WAIST

Contoured
Draw-string
Dropped waist
Elastic
Empire/High
Gathered

ACTION PHRASES

Stepping into spring
Dancing into
summer
Diving into summer
Jumping into
summer

Warming up for
winter
Calling for
Looking for
Searching for
Going natural
Stepping out
Stepping up
Teamed with
Traveling through
Walking away

ACTION

VERBS

Act
Add
Avoid
Bank
Beat
Borrow
Brand
Build
Buy
Carry
Catalog
Classify
Combine
Compare
Complete
Compute
Construct
Color
Cool
Create
Craft
Dance
Define
Depart
Disarm
Discover
Dive
Divide
Dress
Enrich
Enhance
Exaggerate
Explore
Explode
Factor
Fence
Fiddle
Fish
Flash
Flow
Fly
Fold
Fraction
Give
Glide
Glitter
Glow
Goes
Handle

Hide
Hold
Indicate
Initiate
Inspire
Job
Jump
Keep
Know
Leave
Look
Love
Match
Mix
Models
Maximize
Move
Multiply
Offer
Outline
Overstate
Pad
Paddle
Play
Provide
Pull
Push
Put together
Read
Romance
Run
Sell
Separate
Sews
Shine
Slide
Shimmer
Slow
Spark
Speed
State
Steal
Step
Stop
Stress
Sum
Swim
Take
Team
Wears

ADJECTIVES

Active
Bold
Boxy
Breezy
Brief
Bright
Brilliant
Casual
Chic
Classic
Classy

Comfortable
Contoured
Cosmopolitan
Country
Creative
Deep
Definite
Detailed
Earthy
Embellished
Fall
Fancy
Fashionable
Fast
Fine
Flippy
Floppy
Fully
Fun
Gentle
Glitz
Graceful
Harvest
Heather
Heavy
High
Hushed
Innocent
Inventive
Jewel
Light
Luxurious
Medium
Mere
Mild
Military
Misty
Natural
Novel
Nice
Obvious
Ornamental
Over
Outrageous
Pale
Pearlized
Pagoda
Prestigious
Primary

ADJECTIVES

Proud
Pure
Refined
Regal
Relaxed
Retro
Rich
Romantic
Royal
Ruffled
Rugged
Seasonless

Serene
Silky
Simple
Smashing
Smoky
Soft
Solid
Special
Spicy
Spirited
Splendid
Spring
Sportive
Sporty
Stimulating
Straight
Streamlined
Suited
Summer
Superb
Tender
Terrific
Town
Trendy
Under
Unmistakable
Vested
Victorian
Vintage
Vivid
Wild
Winter
Wonderful

GENERAL DESCRIPTORS

Accent
Accessorize
Adds to
Appeal
Asymmetrical
Back to nature
Big, bold, & bright
Bling
Bright & breezy
Bright & swingy
Bright woven
accents
Casual
Challenge
Chic
Classic
Closure
Combo to inspire
Compliment
Construct
Coordinate
Country clothes
Country pattern
Creative
Dancing dream
Day to night
Daybreak fresh

Potential Fashion Show Garment Terms and Color Descriptor - Continued

Decorate	Touch of	COLORS &	Tan	Coral
Design	sophistication	COLOR PHRASES	Tropical tan	Cotton candy pink
Dressed up to go	Trendy	Blues	Walnut	Country rose
Effortless grace	Unique	Aqua		Cranberry
Elegant	Unmistakably	Aquamarine	Greens	Crimson
Embellish	feminine	Azure	Acid	Fire engine
Enchant	Unusual	Baby	Apple	Fuschia
Enduring look	Upbeat spirit	Blueberry	Army	Garnet
Enhance	Varsity victory	Cobalt	Avocado	Geranium
Fashion	Warm & natural	Enamel	Blue-green	Magenta
components		Indigo	Cactus	Oxblood
Fashion package	PATTERNS &	Lapis	Celery	Paisley pink
Fashionable	FABRICS	Navy	Curry	Pink
Fast moving colors	Abstract	Peacock	Emerald	Plum
Festive	Batiste	Persian	Forest	Raspberry
Flatter	Braided	Royal	Grass	Rocket red
Flounce	Brocade	Teal	Jade	Rose
Gleaming	Buffalo checks	Turquoise	Jasper	Ruby
Gracefully flared	Chambray	Sky	Kelly	Shocking pink
High flying style	Checks	Wedgwood	Lime	Strawberry
Highlight	Chiffon		Lowden	Tea rose
Jazz age	Color-blocked	Black/Gray	Malachite	Watermelon
Jazz up everything	Country garden	Anthracite	Mint	Wine
Jewels of fashion	Crocheted	Basic	Moss	
Legacy of elegance	Denim	Charcoal	Olive	White
Light as silk	Embroidered	Coal	Pea-green	Alabaster
Lighthearted outlook	Fleece	Coffee	Sea-green	Almond
Masterpiece of detail	Floral	Dusty	Sage	Antique
Modeling	Gauze	Gunmetal	Shamrock	Bleached
Modern	Georgette	Jet	Spruce	Bright
Modern romantic	Herringbone	Matte	Tealeaf	Cotton
One of a kind	Knitted	Midnight	Wintergreen	Frosted
Outfit	Lacy	Misty gray	Yellow-green	Ivory
Pastel	Paisley	Pewter		Lily
Polished	Plaid	Raindrop silver	Orange	Milk/Milky
Preppy	Polka dot	Silver	Apricot	Pearl
Pulled together look	Printed	Slate	Burnt	Snowflake
Rare	Silky	Taupe	Carrot	Snow
Reflection of good	Striped		Flame	Vanilla
taste	Stylized	Browns	Peach	
Rough & ready	Tapestry	Allspice	Pumpkin	Yellow
combo		Auburn	Rust	Amber
Sassy	COLOR	Autumn	Tangerine	Bronze
School girl look	DESCRIPTIONS	Bay		Brass
Sense of rhythm	Chromatic	Bark	Purple	Buttercup
Set for action	Color sliced	Beige	Amethyst	Camel
Shades that conquer	Color spliced	Camel	Blackberry	Cream
Shimmering	Cool	Caramel	Eggplant	Crocus
Silhouette of	Crayon bright	Chestnut	Grape	Dandelion
Simple &	Crisp	Chocolate	Iris	Gold
straightforward	Deep	Cinnamon	Lavender	Honey
Slimmest of slim	Dynamite color	Copper	Lilac	Lemon
Smashing look	Fresh	Ecru	Mauve	Mustard
Soft, natural, &	Jewel tone	Ginger	Orchid	Saffron
luxurious	Light	Khaki	Plum	Spun-gold
Spanning the	Lively	Mahogany	Plum wine	Sunshine
seasons	Pastels	Mocha	Prune	Tiger-eye gold
Sparkly	Plaid	Nut	Violet	Topaz
Special	Preppy colors	Nutmeg		
Spice of the season	Stimulating	Pecan	Reds/Pinks	
Stitched	Striped	Pumpkin	Brick	
Stunningly bold	Stripes	Rust	Burgundy	
Stylish	Subdued pastels	Sand	Cherry	
Timeless quality	Warm	Spice brown	Cherry blossom	
			Claret	