

➤ Cue Card

Describe an object that you think is beautiful

You should say:

- **What it is**
- **Where you saw it**
- **What it looks like**
- **Why you think it is beautiful**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



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a saying = a sentence that people often say and that gives advice or information about human life and experience
the beholder = the person who sees something
subjective = based on your personal feelings
to differ from = to be different from
striking or **eye-catching** = beautiful
to waffle = to talk or write a lot without giving any useful information or any clear answers
to catch your eye = to notice; to get your attention

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hipster = very cool, retro, arty, minimalist style

arty = beautiful in an artistic way

back (informal) = ago

to catch your attention = to notice; to get your eye

I couldn't take my eyes off it = I couldn't stop looking at it

I'm addicted to = I need it like a drug

captivating = fascinating; interesting

stunningly beautiful = very beautiful

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commercial = used in a business
elegant = attractive because it's beautiful and simple
shiny = bright
chrome = a hard, shiny metal
I'm not entirely sure = I don't know
brand new = very new; completely new
glossy = shiny
knobs = things you turn/move on the machine
to complement = to make something else seem better or more attractive when combined with it

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twofold = there are two parts
heavenly = wonderful
a regular = a person who goes
to a bar, restaurant, café etc
regularly
exquisite = extremely beautiful

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