

SENSORY DETAILS CHART

TEACHING NOTES

You can use the Sensory Details Chart for pre-writing activities related to the Writer’s Workshop assignments and other writing projects. You can also use the transparency to teach students to identify sensory details in literary selections.

Presentation

To show students how to use the Sensory Details Chart, place the transparency on the overhead projector. Ask students to suggest a topic and several sensory details related to the topic as you write them in the appropriate blanks.

Model Sensory Details Chart

Event	a day at the beach
Visual details	children playing in the sand
	people lying on the beach and swimming in the water
	sparkling sand with white-speckled shells
	water meeting the blue sky at the horizon
	lifeguard stand and hot dog stand
Sounds	chatter and laughter of children
	parents and children talking
	the lifeguard’s warning whistle
	the lapping of the surf against the sand
	the splashing of swimmers
Smells	ocean air
	slight fishy smell
	whiff of roasting hot dogs
	scent of suntan lotion
Tastes	salt water
	hot dogs
Feelings / Textures	heat of sun on back
	sweat, cool water, and towel on skin
	sand between toes

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