

Writing with Vivid Words

Writers use vivid words to tap into the five senses: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. These descriptive details paint a picture in the reader's mind and make writing more interesting!

Examples of Vivid Words

SIGHT	SOUND	SMELL	TASTE	TOUCH
color, size, shape	volume, pitch	pleasant, bad	sour, sweet	texture, temperature
twinkling	silent	floral	cinnamon	slippery
golden	calm	earthy	salty	wet
bright	noisy	clean	spicy	damp
glowing	murmur	fresh	bitter	silky
dark	buzz	smoggy	delicious	rough
mysterious	rustling	old	cold	smooth
camouflaged	voices	fruity	warm	bumpy

Directions: Describe each scene below in one or two sentences. You may choose words from the example box or use your own vivid words!

recess The sun was beaming down on the large blacktop and birds were chirping in the distance. Happy sounds filled the air as kids skipped out of their classrooms.	the morning time
the sky at night	your favorite meal
the winter	your favorite pet or stuffed animal
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