

Vivid Sensory Language



Vivid sensory language is language that allows the reader to experience a text through their senses. Vivid sensory language can appeal to any of the five senses: sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. Sensory language is also called sensory imagery. There are five types of sensory imagery. Read about each type, then write a sentence that uses that type of vivid sensory language.

Visual imagery is language that describes what we can see. Visual imagery includes color, shape, size, and pattern.

Auditory imagery is language that describes what we can hear. Auditory imagery includes pleasant sounds, noise, and also the absence of noise.

Olfactory imagery is language that describes what we can smell. Olfactory imagery includes both pleasant and unpleasant smells.

Gustatory imagery is language that describes what we can taste. Gustatory imagery can include sweetness, sourness, bitterness, tartness, saltiness, spiciness, or savoriness.

Tactile imagery is language that describes what we can feel or touch. Tactile imagery includes temperature, texture, touch, and movement.