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SENSORY DETAILS WORKSHEET

Adding Details adds Interest

Sensory details allow the reader to put themselves into your story mentally by forming a picture in his/her mind. Without sensory details, the reader becomes bored and cannot emotionally connect to the story. Sensory details include words that describe sights, sounds, and smells of the setting, characters, and interactions.

DIRECTIONS: Create powerful, image-creating sentences by taking the “Boring Sentence” and adding sensory details. Make up additional details to construct the new sentence. Label the sensory details you added.

EXAMPLE:

Boring Sentence: It was a cold morning at Arlington High School.

New Sensory details added: The frigid morning air and dense gray fog did not stop Jane from inhaling the fresh smell of rain from the damp concrete and yelling across the Arlington quad, “Good morning, Joe!”

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

1. Boring Sentence: English class is fun.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

2. Boring Sentence: The cookies were good.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

3. Boring Sentence: Mom cooked dinner last night.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

4. Boring Sentence: The park was pretty.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

5. Boring Sentence: Joe watched television all day.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

6. Boring Sentence: The mall was really busy.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

7. Boring Sentence: Rainsford was on an island.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

8. Boring Sentence: General Zaroff lived in a big house.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

9. Boring Sentence: Rainsford hid in the jungle.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____

10. Boring Sentence: Rainsford slept in Zaroff's bed.

Sensory details added: _____

- Sights: _____ Sounds: _____
- Smells: _____