

DESCRIPTIVE AND SENSORY LANGUAGE EXAMPLES AND NON-EXAMPLES

For each of the following writing excerpts, determine whether descriptive and sensory language is present. Then, rate the effectiveness of the piece of writing in regard to its use of descriptive and sensory language. If you rate an excerpt as low, rewrite it to make it more descriptive.

1. I like to go to the beach. There is a lot of sand and even some trees there. People play games on the beach, and some people like to swim. I used to go to the beach very often.
2. The sweet smell of sugar seems to call me in the evenings. The lure of its deliciousness is hard to resist. When the temptation is too much to handle, I tiptoe into the kitchen, past the judgmental eyes of the photos hanging on the wall, and over the cracking sounds of the hardwood floors. The sight of those beautifully rounded treats only increases the pounding of my heart and salivating in my mouth. “M” means *mine*; all mine! The taste of its succulent, melting goodness on my tongue causes all my senses to celebrate. Mmm, good!

3. As daylight breaks, restless winds sneak into my room causing little bumps to form on my arms. I have no choice but to wake from my dream. The bright reflection caused by the white, fluffy substance blanketing my backyard forces my eyes to squint, as I throw open the window curtains. Squeals and muffled laughter from the playful kids next door catch my attention. I rush down the stairs to put on my gear, and I run out into the bitter cold to join them. But after playing for an hour, I'm persuaded to come back inside. The brisk air that grabs at my lungs, and the numbness of my toes in my boots have won. But the delicious aroma of Mom's hot chocolate comforts me. It is soothingly warm as it melts down my throat and tastes like heaven on my lips.

4. The weather outside is changing now that fall is here.