

# SWEET AND SAVORY LANGUAGE

Read each of the following excerpts below and identify examples of descriptive and sensory language. For each example, complete the following:

1. Underline or highlight examples of descriptive and sensory language.
2. Rate the effectiveness of the sensory language in each example as high, medium, low, or none. Write the rating above or next to the example.
3. Choose two examples that you scored as “low” or “none.”
4. In the boxes below, record the rating of the two low-scoring examples and re-write them using more effective sensory language.

## Excerpt 1

Apples are a crisp and refreshing fruit, often enjoyed raw or in desserts. Pasta can be served in a variety of sauces, making it a versatile staple in many cuisines. Bread, typically made from flour and water, is a common side dish for meals around the world.

Rate the effectiveness of the example (high, medium, low, none)	Rewrite the example with more effective sensory language

## Excerpt 2

The savory aroma of roasted chicken filled the air, rising from the entrée’s golden skin glistening with herbs and spices. A pile of vibrant green asparagus, lightly drizzled with olive oil, added a fresh crunch to the plate. Creamy mashed potatoes, perfectly whipped and topped with a pat of butter, invited indulgence in the savory side dish. For dessert, a slice of warm apple pie, with flaky crust and sweet cinnamon filling, offered a comforting sweetness that lingered long after the meal.

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**Excerpt 3**

As I strolled through the bustling food court, the vibrant colors of various stalls caught my eye. The sizzle of stir-fried noodles filled the air, mingling with the sweet aroma of freshly baked pastries from a nearby café. I paused to watch a chef toss pizza dough high into the air, the sight as enticing as the smell of melting cheese and zesty tomato sauce. Nearby, a bubble tea shop displayed its colorful array of drinks, each one beckoning to passersby with the promise of chewy tapioca pearls. The scents and colors of the many food options danced across my senses, inviting me to indulge in just one more bite.

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**Excerpt 4**

I walked into the ice cream shop, greeted by a variety of flavors displayed in bright tubs. After browsing for a moment, I chose a scoop of chocolate chip cookie dough in a waffle cone. The server handed me my treat, and I stepped outside to enjoy it under the afternoon sun.

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