

Narrative Writing: Add Sensory Details

Sensory details are words that evoke the reader's **five senses** to interest the reader and provide precise details. Try a new approach to your writing by adding sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely. *(Student answers will vary.)*

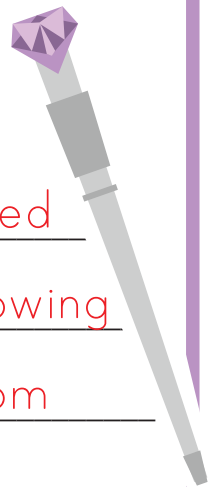
Simple, straight-forward writing:

Henry looked up and saw a phoenix. He was shocked.

Precise, descriptive writing:

Henry **glanced** up to see a **flaming, red-orange** phoenix **hovering** in the air. He stood **frozen** in place, **stunned** and unsure.

Directions: Read the sentences. Rewrite the sentences by adding sensory details.

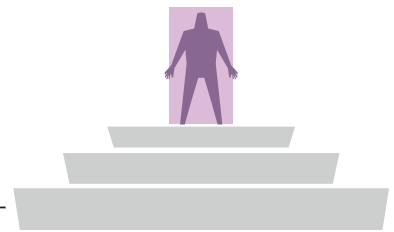


1. Antonio took the scepter and put it into his pocket. He left the room.

Balancing a candelabra in one hand, Antonio snatched the scepter with his other, and shoved it into his flowing robes. He quickly blew out the candles and slunk from the room.

2. Farah walked up the stairs. She saw the intruder.

The wooden stairs creaked as Farah tentatively walked up to the second floor. Suddenly, the dreaded intruder stood in her path, his eyes trained on her black purse.



Revise your writing!

Review a recent piece of your mystery or suspense writing. Add sensory details to some of the scenes. Use some of the descriptive words from this page as inspiration.