



# Describing using your senses

sight, sound, smell, taste, touch



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In order to show your reader what is happening describe sensory details from the image.

Let's examine a descriptive text. What is seen, heard, felt, smelt or tasted?



## Arashiyama

The heat was fierce and took away all of my energy. The bus ride had been cool, but busy and long. Now finally I stood in the sanctuary of the towering bamboo. A breeze moved the tips of the bamboo with a 'swish swish' sound. The hot beam of the sun couldn't reach me within the grove. Only occasionally did I see another tourist. Otherwise I was alone with the shifting shades of green. I reached out and touched the soft brushes along the smooth bamboo rail. Trailing my fingers between the smooth and feathery textures. Finally, the smell of mochi and miso lured me from the

trees and out into the real world. I could almost taste the salty tang on my tongue as I joined a queue to buy my snack.



## Think about:

What you can see.

What you can hear.

What you can feel.

What you can smell.

What you can taste.





## Answer key:

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the trees and out into the real world. I could almost **taste the salty tang** on my tongue as I joined a queue to buy my snack.





## Suggestions:

see: different shades of blue in the sea and sky; white sand; grey shadows; green and gold palm leaves; the weave of the chair; a friend swimming in the sea...

hear: the repetitive ebb and flow of the tide; the breeze in the palm fronds; the gentle creak of the chair swinging...

feel: the breeze on your feet; the sway of the chair moving; the soft cushion under you...

smell: sunscreen; salt; a piece of fruit you are eating

taste: sweet fruit; salt

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