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Practice #1

Images are mental pictures created with words or phrases that may appeal to any of our senses – sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch.

The use of these sensory images in writing is called *imagery*. Writers use imagery to bring life and meaning to their writing.

Following is a list of words and phrases containing vague expressions. Rewrite the words that are underlined using imagery that appeals to the senses. Imagery is about showing, not telling. Bring your words to life!!!

 The view was nice.

*As I sit on top of the rocky cliff, I am met with a burst of color. The trees are painted with a mixture of red, orange and green. The cold crisp air bites at my cheeks and I pull my coat up, creating a shield against the chill. I am pulled away from the color bursts by the chirping of a baby bird waiting impatiently for his mother’s return. I slowly sip my water, preparing for my return down the mountain. I take one more deep breath and can smell the damp soil. I pull myself away, knowing that the picture before me will soon be shimmering in a blanket of white.*

*Ex:*

Choose two from below and write a sensory paragraph. It is your job to create a mental image.

1. It is a hot day.
2. When I do well on a test, I feel happy.
3. I love to play outside in the spring.
4. She is beautiful/ or He is handsome.
5. My shoes are smelly.
6. My room is a mess.

Your paragraph

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