

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Sensory detail words add important, descriptive meaning to our writing. Consider the descriptions as you read through the text. Next, follow the instructions below the text.

MY MOTHER

During winter, Mother always wears a flannel grey and red plaid jacket. The jacket is vintage, a bit faded and has a faint, musky smell. She once told me that the antique cameo-brooch pinned to her collar was a reminder of her grandmother who had passed away when she was just a small child. A small, silver filigree button hangs loosely from her right wrist and sways slightly as she walks.

My mother hands are small and dainty. The rose-gold wedding ring she wears on the middle finger of her right hand sparkles brightly when the light hits it just right. Her hands are soft and neatly manicured. I love holding her hand and the feeling of comfort that comes when she squeezes mine warmly while we watch tv. Mom is a fantastic cook. Every Saturday morning, I wake to the sizzling sound of hickory-smoked bacon and smells of blueberry pancakes pleasantly wafting in the air.

5 SENSES

Good descriptive writing includes sensory details. Sensory details are words that stir any of the five senses: touch, taste, sound, smell, and sight. Search the text above for sensory detail words and list them in the appropriate column or columns below.

SIGHT	SMELL	HEARING	TASTE	TOUCH



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Now, brainstorm your own sensory detail words using the 5 senses chart below. Then, write your own description of a family member or a special person in your life.

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SIGHT	SMELL	HEARING	TASTE	TOUCH

Now, use the sensory detail words that you came up with to write at least one descriptive paragraph describing a family member or someone special in your life.
