

## SENSORY DETAILS CHART

### TEACHING NOTES

You can use the Sensory Details Chart for pre-writing activities related to the Writer's Workshop assignments and other writing projects. You can also use the transparency to teach students to identify sensory details in literary selections.

### Presentation

To show students how to use the Sensory Details Chart, place the transparency on the overhead projector. Ask students to suggest a topic and several sensory details related to the topic as you write them in the appropriate blanks.

Model Sensory Details Chart

<b>Event</b>	a day at the beach
<b>Visual details</b>	children playing in the sand
	people lying on the beach and swimming in the water
	sparkling sand with white-speckled shells
	water meeting the blue sky at the horizon
	lifeguard stand and hot dog stand
<b>Sounds</b>	chatter and laughter of children
	parents and children talking
	the lifeguard's warning whistle
	the lapping of the surf against the sand
	the splashing of swimmers
<b>Smells</b>	ocean air
	slight fishy smell
	whiff of roasting hot dogs
	scent of suntan lotion
<b>Tastes</b>	salt water
	hot dogs
<b>Feelings / Textures</b>	heat of sun on back
	sweat, cool water, and towel on skin
	sand between toes

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Event	
Visual details	
Sounds	
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**A few ideas...**

A day at the carnival

A tour through a haunted mansion

Looking for a car at a car dealership

The Houston Texans' locker room

Lunchtime in a school cafeteria

Standing in line for a ride at Disney World

Cleaning your room

One Direction concert

A day on the river

Exploring a jungle in Belize

Fishing on a pier

Ballet class

A boat ride on the lake

Shopping at the mall

Baseball practice