

# SETTING DESCRIPTION

## SENSORY MAT

Use your **5 senses** to describe a setting in detail.



### SIGHT

What does it look like?

**Words to try:**

bright, dark, colourful, dull, clear, shiny, shadowy, wide, narrow, ancient, modern, beautiful, ugly

**Your ideas:**

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### SOUND

What can you hear?

**Words to try:**

loud, quiet, noisy, silent, echoing, murmuring, buzzing, crashing, whispering, squeaking, howling

**Your ideas:**

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### SMELL

What can you smell?

**Words to try:**

fresh, musty, sweet, sour, smoky, spicy, flowery, earthy, salty, stinky, fruity, clean

**Your ideas:**

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### TOUCH

What does it feel like?

**Words to try:**

hot, cold, warm, cool, rough, smooth, soft, hard, wet, dry, bumpy, slippery, sharp

**Your ideas:**

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### TASTE

What can you taste?

**Words to try:**

sweet, sour, salty, bitter, spicy, tangy, bland, fruity, creamy, fresh, yummy

**Your ideas:**

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### DON'T FORGET

- ✓ Be specific and imagine you are there.
- ✓ Use interesting words and avoid repetition.
- ✓ Show how the setting makes people feel.



### PUT IT TOGETHER

Use your ideas above to write 3–5 sentences that describe the setting.

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### USEFUL WORDS

**PLACE**  
forest, beach, castle, city, cave, village, room, mountain

**TIME**  
morning, night, winter, summer, stormy, sunny, ancient times, the future

**WEATHER**  
rainy, windy, foggy, snowy, hot, cold, thunderous, calm

**MOOD**  
peaceful, eerie, exciting, lonely, mysterious, cheerful, frightening

**DESCRIBING**  
beautiful, gloomy, wild, serene, busy, ruined, magical, abandoned