

Parent Guide to the

Vivid Descriptive Writing

Today's Standard

9-10.W.3d - Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a personal narrative that captures a memorable event.; Creating vivid descriptions in a fictional short story.; Crafting sensory-rich settings in a travel blog post.; Detailing a scientific observation with precise language.; Describing a historical event in a history essay.

Today | Learned

Today, we learned how to use precise words and sensory details to make writing more interesting. This means using words that help the reader see, hear, smell, taste, and feel what is happening in the story.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, students think that using a lot of describing words makes writing better, but it's better to use just the right ones. Also, they might forget to use all their senses, like smell or sound, in their writing.

Quiz Me

- What is a precise word?
- Can you name a sense we use in writing?
- Why is it important to use sensory details?
- What is one way to make writing more interesting?
- Can you describe something you saw today using sensory words?

Help Me

When writing, it's important to use words that help the reader see, hear, smell, taste, and feel what you are describing. For example, instead of just saying 'the cake was good,' you can say 'the cake was sweet, with a hint of vanilla and a soft, fluffy texture.' This makes your writing more interesting and real.