

Writing Ex:

One Morning Moment

Discussion: Go over the five senses with your students. Ask them to offer up examples of the five senses from their morning before school, maybe at the bus stop or at the breakfast table. Point out how they invite the reader/listener in.

Pre-Writing: Ask students to write five sentences, each one using a different sense. The beach would make a good focus topic for this practice session. You might do this on the board together. Ex: I smell coconut suntan lotion. I hear waves washing along the sand.

Writing: This exercise will help students learn to focus their writing and to sharpen their observation skills. Ask them to write about one moment from their morning. Talk with them about a small moment. It could be at the bus stop, the breakfast table, or just getting out of bed. Have them focus on the five senses and perhaps one thought:

I see

I hear

I smell

I feel

I taste

I wonder

Revision: When students are finished, ask them to try omitting the first two or three words of each line, *I see the...* etc. Revise the poem.

A Morning Moment

The green leaves on the trees.

The soothing breeze on the grass

and a new day's light hits my eyes.

Fresh grass and morning dew.

The sunbeams splashing on my face.

Blueberry pancakes sizzling on the stove.

The waterfall calling my name.

I wonder what the new day will bring!

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