

## Introduction: Tuning Into Our Senses (10 mins)

Let's talk about our amazing five senses! What are they? (Sight, sound, smell, taste, touch). How do they help us understand the world? Good writers use words that describe these senses to help readers feel like they are right there in the story. It's like painting a picture with words! Let's read a quick example:

*Read a short, sensory-rich paragraph from your chosen text, emphasizing descriptive words. Ask: What words helped you see, hear, smell, taste, or feel what was happening?*

## Activity 1: The Five Senses Taste Test Challenge (20-25 mins)

Get ready for a fun challenge! We're going to explore some mystery foods using ALL of our senses. You can wear a blindfold if you want an extra challenge!

1. **Set Up:** Arrange the food items, water, and napkins. Have paper and pencil ready.
2. **Procedure:** Present one food item at a time. Before tasting, guide the student through the other senses:
  - **Touch:** What does it feel like in your hand? Is it smooth, rough, bumpy, soft, hard, sticky, cold, warm? (Jot down words)
  - **Smell:** What does it smell like? Sweet, sour, fresh, strong, faint? Does it remind you of anything? (Jot down words)
  - **Sound:** Does it make a sound when you handle it? When you bite it? (Crunchy, squishy, silent?) (Jot down words)
  - **Taste:** Now, take a small bite. What are the main tastes? Sweet, sour, salty, bitter? What is the texture in your mouth? (Jot down words)
  - **Sight:** (If blindfolded, remove it now. If not, observe last). What does it look like? What colors, shapes, and textures do you see? (Jot down words)
3. **Repeat:** Repeat the process for each food item, taking sips of water in between. Keep notes for each item.

## Activity 2: Sensory Detective in Reading (10 mins)

Let's read another short part of our story/book. This time, be a 'Sensory Detective'. Listen or read along and raise your hand or point when you find a word or phrase describing sight, sound, smell, taste, or touch. We'll discuss how these words make the story more exciting or easier to picture.

## Activity 3: Writing a 'Sense-ational' Paragraph (15 mins)

Now it's your turn to be the author! Choose one of the foods you explored during the taste test. Look at the describing words you wrote down. Your mission is to write one paragraph describing that food as if someone else had never experienced it before. Try to use words that appeal to as many senses as possible – sight, sound, smell, taste, AND touch. Make me feel like I'm experiencing it too!

## Wrap-up: Celebrating Sensory Details (5 mins)

Let's read your paragraph aloud! Wow, listen to all those amazing descriptive words. How did using details from all the senses make your writing better? Remember, using sensory details is a superpower for writers – it brings stories to life! Great job exploring with your senses today!