

Writing with Sensory Details

Writing that “Shows” not “Tells”

The writing below has many sensory images that enhance the personal style and voice in the writing.

Directions: Find and underline all of the sensory images in the following colors:

<u>The Five Senses</u>				
Sense of Sight	Sense of Smell	Sense of Hearing	Sense of Touch	Sense of Taste
<u>Red</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Blue</u>

Blast of the Morning

The thick, burnt scent of the roasted coffee tickled the tip of my nose just seconds before the old, faithful alarm blared a distorted hip-hop song through its tiny top speaker. Wiping away the grit of the last night's sleep, the starch white sunlight blinded me momentarily as I slung my arm like an elephant trunk along the top of the alarm, searching for the snooze button. While stretching hands and feet to the four posts of my bed, my eyes opened after several watery blinks. I crawled out of the comforter, edging awkwardly like a butterfly from a cocoon, swinging my legs over the side of the bed. The chilled wood floor sent ripples of goose bumps from my ankles to my neck when my feet hit the floor. Grabbing the dark blue, terry cloth robe, recently bathed in fabric softener, I knotted it tightly at my waist like a coat of armor and headed downstairs to battle morning.