

POETRY

Sensory Details



Sight: Silver, sparkling, drizzly

Taste: Clean, cool, refreshing

Touch: Wet, cold, light

Smell: Earthy, fresh, damp

Sound: Pattering, splashing, dripping



Sight: Shiny, red, round

Taste: Sweet, tangy, crisp

Touch: Smooth, firm, cool

Smell: Fresh, fruity

Sound: Crunchy



Phenomenal Woman

BY MAYA ANGELOU

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman



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The Red Wheelbarrow

BY WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS

so much depends
upon

a red wheel
barrow

glazed with rain
water

beside the white
chickens



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Write a Descriptive Poem About a Favorite Place or Memory:

Choose Your Subject

- Think of a favorite place or memory that makes you feel happy, calm, or inspired. It could be a special trip, a cozy spot at home, or a moment with loved ones.

Use Your Five Senses

- Write down what you remember seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling in that place or moment. For example, “the salty breeze,” “the warm sand,” or “the sound of laughter.”

Decide on a Mood

- Choose the feeling you want your poem to create, like peacefulness, joy, or nostalgia. Let this mood guide the tone of your words.

Organize Your Ideas

- Arrange your sensory details in an order that flows well, like starting with sights, moving to sounds, and ending with emotions.

Write Vivid Lines

- Turn your notes into lines of poetry, focusing on descriptive words that make your reader imagine being there. Use metaphors or similes to add depth, like “the waves curled like ribbons.”



Poetry Spotlight



Maya Angelou was a celebrated American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. Born in 1928, she became widely known for her autobiographical series, starting with *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, which details her early life and struggles with racism and identity. Angelou was also a talented performer, singer, and dancer before focusing on writing and activism. Her powerful poetry, like *Phenomenal Woman* and *Still I Rise*, inspires confidence and resilience. Throughout her life, she received numerous awards and honors, including over 50 honorary degrees.