

Lesson 5: Tools for Writing

Take a look through these tools as a reminder before you get started on your rough draft.

You may want to review these during your writing process as well.

Adding Details

Let's take a look at the sentence below:

I love snow.

vs.

I love snow. When it snows, I always do dance because I am so happy.

I am a soccer player.

vs.

I am a soccer player. I play on a team called The Ravens. We are going to win this year!

Adding details make the sentences much more interesting and make the reader want to keep reading.

Similes

To refresh your memory from unit 1, similes are when you compare two things that are not very alike. Similes connect these two things with "as" or "like".

He was as angry as a grizzly bear.
The cloud was fluffy like cotton candy.
Busy as a bee.
As cold as ice.

Metaphors

To refresh your memory from unit 1, a metaphor is when two things are compared by saying one is the other without using "as" or "like".

Apples are nature's candy.
He was a busy bee.

6 Senses

The 6 senses are: sight, sound, taste, smell, touch, and feeling emotions.

How might something taste?

Sour, sweet, delicious, bitter, horrible, tasty, spicy, chewy, soft.

So instead of writing:

"John ate soup and bread."

vs.

"John ate the hot, delicious soup with a piece of soft, yummy bread."

As good writers, you want to include all the senses for the reader can make the story more interesting!

Using Your 6 Senses

Write 2-3 words that describe what you would experience for each sense.

Taste: Even if you aren't eating it, you will have a taste in your mouth. Describe that taste the best you can.

Smells: What do you smell if you are eating popcorn, or standing in a rainforest

Looks: What are you seeing? **Sound:** What can you hear? **Touch:** What does it feel like when you touch it? Soft, pointy, sharp?

Emotions: How do you feel? Does standing in a rainforest make you scared? Does it make you feel free like a bird? Are you happy when you eat popcorn?

I can describe popcorn...

Tastes	Smells	Looks	Sounds	Touch	Emotions

I can describe a rainforest...

Tastes	Smells	Looks	Sounds	Touch	Emotions

Voice

Giving your character their own voice can make your story more interesting! But when your character is talking, good writers will make it interesting!

Jack has his own voice:

I am Jack. I have dark hair and brown eyes. Hockey is favourite sport.

Jack still has his own voice, but notice the added details:

My name is Jack, but everyone calls me JJ. Don't ask me why because my last name is Renny. I have brown eyes and hair that is trying to be black but didn't quite make it. Hockey is the most awesome sport in the world, and I don't know what I would do without it.

See which story is more interesting to read. Try to remember the voice you use when you write your story!

Writing in the Third Person

Writing in the third person means you are writing about other characters and you are not using your own voice in the story.

First Person Voice

"I didn't want to go with them because I felt scared"

Third Person

"They didn't want to go with them because they felt scared."

*The second sentence is using third person. Instead of using "I" you would use pronouns such as **they, she, he**.*

Vocabulary & Triple Scoop Words

Writers use triple scoop words to make their writing juicy! When you add more interesting words, the readers are more interested in the story." . It is also a great way to expand your own vocabulary.

We call simple words "single scoop" and interesting words "triple scoop"

Single Scoop	Triple Scoop
Sad	Devastated, depressed
Mad	Furious, livid
Good	Amazing, fantastic

Dialogue

Dialogue is when characters talk to each other. Adding dialogue makes the story more interesting because it shows the readers what the characters are like.

For example:

Instead of just writing ...

The witch was mean to Olivia.

You can add dialogue to prove that the witch was mean...

The witch was mean. She turned to Olivia and said, “You are not my friend,” in her crackly voice.

Notice how the dialogue helps provide evidence that she is mean.

Don't forget to add quotation marks!

Triple Scoop Words

Using a thesaurus and/or dictionary, complete the ice cream scoops for each cone. Each scoop should have 1 triple scoop word for the word under the cone. The first cone is done for you.



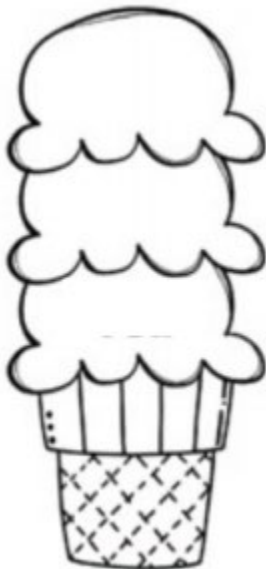
Good



Said



Yummy



Sad



Mean



Happy