

Teaching A Descriptive Writing Lesson

When teaching students about descriptive writing there are two important components that you have to make them aware of. The first is appealing to the five senses and the second is to be specific. If they learn these skills and apply them when they write they will be very effective descriptive writers.

A great activity to start with is “The Lifesaver Descriptive Writing Lesson.” Students use descriptive writing and explore their senses while eating a Lifesaver.

Materials:

Individually wrapped lifesavers

Activity:

1. Students are instructed to observe all of their senses while eating a lifesaver.
2. They must write silently for about 2-3 minutes. Once they open the wrapper they are to pick up their pens/pencils and write until time is called.
3. They are not allowed to bite the Lifesaver, only suck on it and continuously write about all that they are tasting, smelling, hearing, etc. until the candy is finally gone

If you would like to make this a whole lesson you can give the students more objects to describe. You could use pickles, chips, M&M's, and marshmallows. They cover all shapes, colors, and textures. You can have the students work on it separately or in cooperative groups.