

Name: _____

Five-Sense Poems

Date: _____ Pd: _____

Describe an emotion, idea, or attitude (something abstract) by using each of the five senses. First give the abstraction a color. Then in each subsequent line, show your readers how it smells, tastes, sounds, and feels.

Examples:

Loneliness is gray.

It sounds like the echoes of a vacant room.

It feels like a toothache.

It smells like the dust of an empty house.

It tastes like sand.

Success is red.

It sounds like claps of thunderous applause.

It feels like a pat on the back.

It smells like daisies in a summer field.

It tastes as sweet as a mother's kiss.

Your turn! Some suggested topics include embarrassment, fear, love, humor, boredom, hatred, fun, patriotism, racism, apathy, excitement, terror, victory, etc. Be as concrete and specific as possible—*always choose showing over telling!*

_____ is _____
(abstraction) (color)

It sounds like _____

It feels like (touch) _____

It smells like _____

It tastes like _____

Write another one below, following the same basic form:

Extra Credit: Write a third five-sense poem on the back!