

Synesthesia

Senses gone wild!



Imagine that when you see a city's skyline, you taste blackberries. Or maybe when you hear a violin, you feel a tickle on your left knee. Perhaps you are completely convinced that Wednesdays are light red. If you have experiences like these, you might have synesthesia. Synesthesia is a condition in which one sense (for example, hearing) is simultaneously perceived as if by one or more additional senses such as sight. Another form of synesthesia joins objects such as letters, shapes, numbers or people's names with a sensory perception such as smell, color or flavor. The word synesthesia comes from two Greek words, syn (together) and aisthesis (perception). Therefore, synesthesia literally means "joined perception." (from Neuroscience for Kids, Melissa Lee Phillips, consultant)

If you want to peruse some fascinating web sites, just Google synesthesia.

Synesthesia is also a figure of speech. [sin-es-thee-zia] a blending or confusion of different kinds of sense impressions in which one type of sensation is referred to in terms more appropriate to another. Common synesthetic expressions include such terms as loud or warm colors, smooth sounds.

Incorporating synesthesia details can produce some eye-popping, mind blowing writing, so add this to your "bag of tricks."

As warm up, complete each of these stems as creatively as you can to produce synesthesia details:

Happiness tastes like _____

Happiness feels like _____

Happiness sounds like _____

Happiness smells like _____

Happiness looks like _____

Fear tastes like _____

Fear feels like _____

Fear sounds like _____

Fear smells like _____

Fear looks like _____

Work tastes like _____

Work feels like _____

Work sounds like _____

Work smells like _____

Work looks like _____

Play tastes like _____

Play feels like _____

Play sounds like _____

Play smells like _____

Play looks like _____