



Prior Knowledge

Activity: Activate Your 5 Senses

Purpose: To activate prior knowledge of topic that students will be reading about.

1. Teacher creates a *5 Senses Chart* for an identified topic that corresponds to the text that the students will be reading. In the example below, students were reading *At the Seashore*.
2. Teacher thinks aloud about what he knows about the topic referring to his 5 senses and records his ideas on the *5 Senses Chart*.
3. Students brainstorm what they know about the topic referring to their 5 senses. Teacher records student responses on the *5 Senses Chart*.
4. After a thoughtful discussion, the text is read.
5. Discuss with students how thinking about the topic and their 5 senses before reading helped them understand the text and make the text a more enriching read.

At the Seashore...

I see	I hear	I feel	I smell	I taste
blue water white gulls sand dunes shiny rocks driftwood broken shells tiny pebbles	crashing waves children splashing people yelling motor boats seagulls cawing	warm sand cold breeze hot sun wet water cold water slippery seaweed	dead fish seaweeds suntan lotion barbecue	salt air hot dogs lemonade popsicles taffy