

Lesson 8

Welcome to the New Library

Last year our school built a new library. Tall wooden shelves line the walls. The shelves are filled with so many books! There are novels, biographies, and encyclopedias. Shiny metal racks hold magazines and newspapers. The library has many new computers, too. The computers are linked to the Web. The computers hum softly. They sound like a hive of busy bees. After school, I sit in a soft, comfortable chair in the corner. The sun warms my face as it shines through the windows. The library smells so good! There are sweet smelling flowers on the librarian's desk. And the smell of new wooden furniture and shelves is everywhere. On my way out, I always take a mint from the librarian's candy dish. It tastes delicious! There's no place I'd rather be to do my homework.

Follow the instructions to identify parts of a paragraph that describe a setting.

1. Underline the things that appeal to the reader's sense of touch.
2. Put a star next to the things that appeal to the reader's sense of smell.
3. Put a box around the thing that appeals to the reader's sense of taste.

Describing a Setting

- Descriptive words or details tell what something or someone is like. They often appeal to the five senses. Some examples are: *big, loud, hard, fragrant, and sour.*
- **Metaphors** and **similes** can add colorful images to your sensory descriptions. They show how two things are alike. A **simile** uses the word *like* or *as*: "The old chair in the corner feels *like* sandpaper!" A **metaphor** states that one thing is another thing: "The pillow was a cloud under my head."

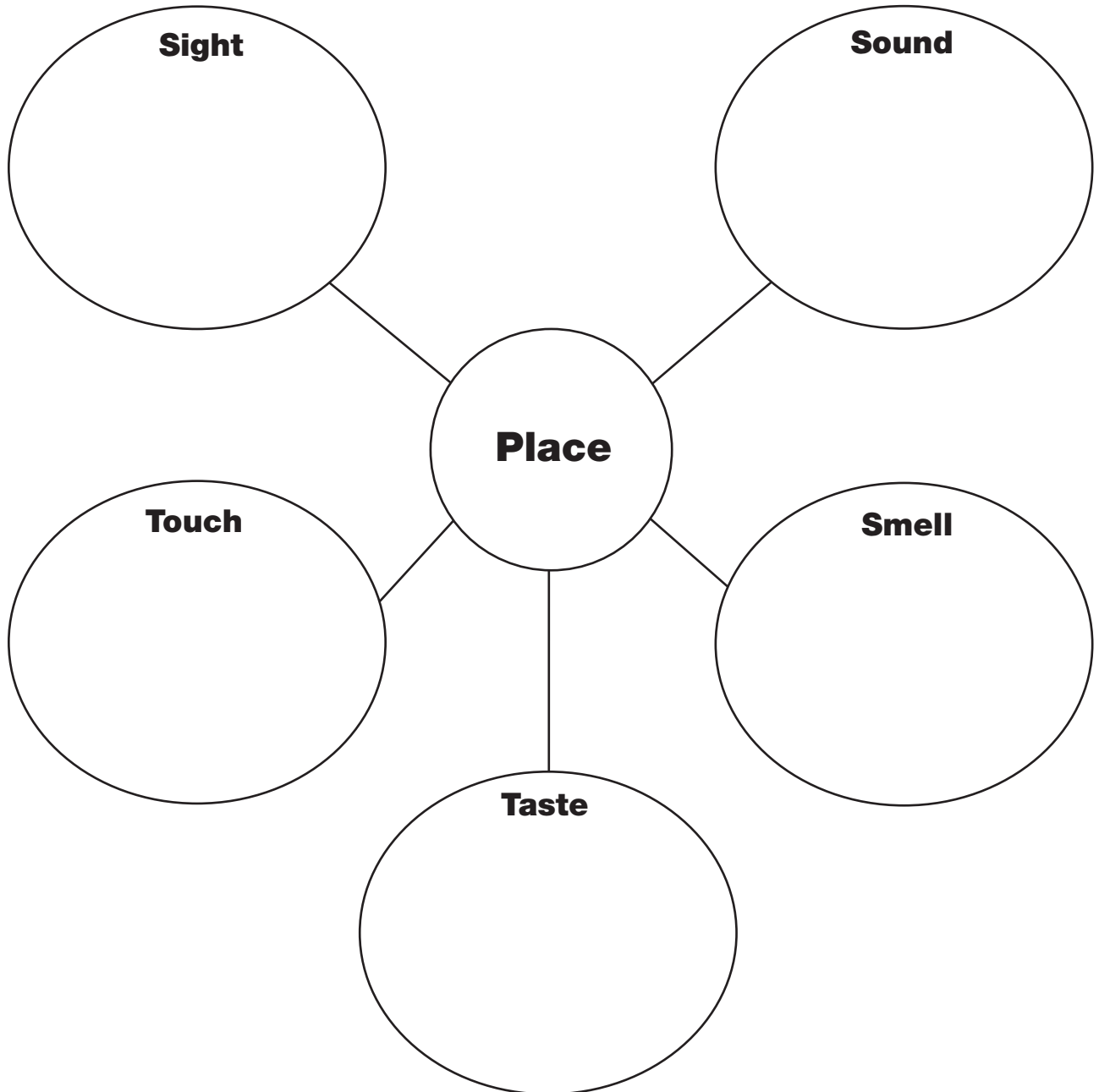
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Plan: Describing a Setting

Use this organizer to plan a paragraph describing a setting.



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