



Writing Worksheet

A Woodland of Words

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You can use any words you want to for your writing.

Synonyms

Here are just a few in case you need them. They are synonyms, which means words that can be used similarly. So, if you get stuck, you can use these words. Or you can use them just because you like them.

Joyous, happy, jubilant, excited

Calm, peaceful, serene

Wonder, awe, inspiring

Green, emerald, chartreuse

Brown, rusty, chocolate

Red, coral, copper

Free, lighthearted, upbeat

Earth, soil, loam,

Hug, embrace, enfold

Sunny, golden, yellow

Wet, moist, damp

Rough, gnarly, scratchy

Scent, smell, aroma, fragrance

Song, melody, tune

Senses and Feelings

In your journal, write about your experience here. Use as many of these senses and feeling as you can. You can use any order you like.

I see

I hear

I smell

I taste

I feel

I sense

I wish

I want

Comparisons

If you want a challenge, try using a comparison in your writing. For example, you could say that the bark of a river birch is as “rough as an old man’s beard.” Comparisons are kind of fun, so feel free to experiment.

Rough as sandpaper/ an old man’s day old beard
Peaceful as still water/ a leaf falling gently
Happy as the sunshine/ a bird returning in springtime
Awesome as a May day/ a huge forest
Delicate as seedling/ a baby bird in its nest

Here’s an example:

Today I feel so free to be outside. I am happy as the sunshine. The trees are green and golden. I smell fresh air. The pine tree smells really good. When I touch it, its rusty bark feels like sandpaper. The birds are singing cheerfully. I feel peaceful when I hear the birds and see the trees. The ground is still moist and there are new things beginning to grow. I wish I could spend more time here! I want the trees and birds to be my friends.

Personification

Here’s another idea for your writing. You can pick your favorite tree or plant, and write as if you really were that tree or plant. That’s called personification, and it can be fun.

If I could be any tree or plant, I’d like to be.....

Here’s an example:

If I were a pine tree, I would weather all the seasons. I’d be green no matter what the weather. I could tough it out! My roots are so long and strong you can’t even find them. I smell better than my big brother on a date. I am a magician for I can make pine cones that drop to the earth when no one is looking. Some people will collect those cones, and there I will be on their dining room table on Christmas day. If I were a pine tree, I could grow so tall that even Michael Jordan couldn’t touch me. I’d grow so tall that only the birds could find the top of my branches. Wonderful nests of sparrows, hummingbirds, and crows are tucked in my arms, where I provide safety and shelter. I would be so happy because everyone loves a pine tree, and sometimes I might even be a Christmas tree, all decorated and twinkling.