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Quiet Mountain Trail Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct response should include:

- One detail for each of the five senses that fits the setting.
- A paragraph of 5 to 6 sentences.
- Sensory descriptions that work together to create a vivid setting.
- Logical flow and strong descriptive language.

Example: tall pine trees

Sound: distant birds calling

Smell: sharp pine scent

Taste: dry, cool air

Touch: rough dirt path

Paragraph Example: Tall pine trees lined both sides of the mountain trail, stretching high into the sky. Birds called from somewhere far above, their voices echoing through the still air. The sharp scent of pine filled every breath I took. The cool air tasted dry as I climbed higher along the path. My hands brushed against the rough bark of a fallen log as I stepped over it. Everything felt peaceful and quiet on the trail.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: Help Grades 5 to 7 students build richly detailed settings by planning with all five senses before writing a descriptive paragraph.

How to Use

- Walk students through each sense and have them pause to imagine the setting carefully.
- Remind them that not every setting will naturally fit all five senses, but creative thinking can help them make connections.
- Encourage them to use the sensory list as a planning tool before drafting.