

Vacation View Answer Key

Answers will vary. Look for:

- A complete paragraph with one main idea about the vacation place.
- Use of **sensory details** that show, not just tell.
- Clear, age-appropriate descriptive vocabulary.
- Logical sentence order and a focused description of one setting.

Example acceptable response: A student writing about a beach might include details like warm sand, bright waves, salty air, rolling surf sounds, and the taste of cool lemonade. Any paragraph that uses sensory details to paint a clear picture is acceptable.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the purpose of sensory details and model a short example paragraph before students begin.
- Encourage students to close their eyes and imagine the place. Ask quick questions to help them think: What colors do you notice? What sounds would you hear? What might the air smell like?
- Provide differentiation by offering sentence starters or graphic organizers for students who need structure.
- Increase engagement by allowing students to choose places that matter to them. Imaginative locations are allowed as long as they use descriptive sensory language.
- For extra support, create a sensory word wall with bold words such as bright, echoing, salty, breezy, crisp, and earthy.
- Offer extensions by having students add a second paragraph describing what they do in that place or write a postcard using similar sensory descriptions.