

Narrative Sensory Upgrade Answer Key

Answers will vary. Example for teacher reference:

Sample Revised Excerpt

Jordan stepped into the old greenhouse as a wave of humid air settled on his skin. Damp soil filled the space with an earthy scent, and the faint creak of the wooden frame echoed through the stillness. He moved toward the center table, brushing past wilted leaves that crackled at his touch, and the musty warmth reminded him of the last time he had stood in that very spot.

Sample Reflection Responses

1. **Senses added:** touch, smell, sound, sight.
2. **Emotional effect:** The sensory additions create a heavier, more reflective mood by slowing the moment down and grounding Jordan in physical sensations.
3. **Theme/character impact:** The sensory imagery highlights themes of decay, memory, and return while revealing how the space affects Jordan internally.

Teacher's Guide

- Begin with a review of **narrative sensory integration**, emphasizing how sensory details can reveal emotion and theme without direct explanation.
- Read the excerpt aloud and ask students what they imagine, then show how limited the original detail is.
- For differentiation, provide a list of sensory verbs and adjectives or model one revised sentence before releasing students to write.
- For engagement, allow students to choose a tone before revising, such as hopeful, eerie, nostalgic, or tense.
- For extension, have students continue the scene with a paragraph of their own or revise a passage from their independent reading by adding sensory imagery that supports theme or character development.