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Guide to Test Essay #1: A Sensory Childhood

Come up with a **title** that is something more specific than “Childhood.”

To begin your introduction, use a hook technique to grab your reader’s attention. Narrow the focus of your essay.

The last sentence in your introduction should be a **thesis statement**. Choose one of the following thesis statements to guide your essay:

Childhood smells like _____, _____, and _____.

Childhood tastes like _____, _____, and _____.

Childhood sounds like _____, _____, and _____.

You will only use **ONE** sense for the entire essay (DO NOT use smell for a paragraph, taste for a paragraph, and sound for a paragraph.)

Then, you can use your 3-part thesis statement to guide you through the rest of your essay.

Sample Outline Example

(*Substitute “smells” for “taste” or “sounds” if you choose one of the other thesis options).

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Title

Thesis: Childhood smells like _____, _____, and _____.

- I. One smell that represents my childhood is _____.
 - A. Detail 1
 - B. Detail 2
- II. Another smell that reminds me of my childhood is _____.
 - A. Detail 1
 - B. Detail 2
- III. Finally, when I smell _____, I always think of my childhood.
 - A. Detail 1
 - B. Detail 2

In your **conclusion paragraph**, use different words to restate your thesis. You may use more than one sentence to do so.



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