

SENSORY DETAILS REFERENCE SHEET

Place: Fairground, seaside	Time/Date: Noon, summer	Weather: Sunny, hot
<p>Sights: Huge metal rides. Bright lights in the rides. Worn out grass. People - shorts, skirts, sundresses, shades and summer hats. Candyfloss. Wasps. People running from wasps. People swatting at wasps. Dogs playing. Children running. Cables under rubber tape. Hook-a-duck. Litter - empty bottles, cups, sweet wrappers and crisp packets. Birds - seagulls, crows - scavenging for dropped food.</p>		
<p>Sounds: Digital, tinny music from the rides. Screaming and laughing from the people in the rides. Children playing. Dogs barking. Seagulls squawking. A child crying - heat, injury, seagull-related theft? Hawkers selling chips or sweets. People touting rides. Cheers as prizes are won. Cars. Waves breaking against the pier.</p>		
<p>Smells: Chip fat from stalls. Burgers. Food. Baking litter as you walk past a bin. Barbecue smoke. Cut grass. Salt water and dried seaweed.</p>		
<p>Taste: Barbecue smoke in the air. Sweat. Cool, refreshing water. Cut grass. Sun cream.</p>		
<p>Touch: Food on sticks. Smooth safety bars on rides. Sticky, hot and sweaty from sun. Headache from heat? Sand or stones kicked up from the beach.</p>		
<p>Notes: Very busy.</p>		

Don't forget that time, weather and season can have a big effect on the way a place feels/looks etc. Making a note of this can be useful when applying weather to similar scenes in a story.