

Water Sense Adventure

LEARNING GOALS

To appreciate our natural environment.

To learn about the five senses and practice creative writing skills.

BACKGROUND

Water affects all five of our senses: touch, taste, sound, sight and smell. In this activity, your students will discover the importance of water and how we use all our senses to identify and appreciate it. They will also use their creative thinking skills to describe various situations in which we can sense the presence of water. For additional reinforcement, groups of students can use their water sense droplets to play the game as an extension of the activity.

MATERIALS

- copies of "Water Sense Adventure" Student Page
- pens or markers
- scissors
- blue crayons
- paper

DIRECTIONS

1. Discuss the five senses with your students. Try to give an example of each sense without using its name. You may want to use the following examples:
Touching — "The cool lake water tickles my toes."
Tasting — "The bird approached the river for a drink of water."
Smelling — "The water near the pond had a fishy odor."
Hearing — "The hail banged on our windshield during the storm."
Seeing — "The foamy waves rolled up onto the beach."
2. Brainstorm with your students to create other examples for each of the senses.
3. Emphasize that we experience water with all of our senses.
4. Have students use the pattern on the next page to trace and cut out five water droplets.
5. Students should color the front side of each droplet blue and label it with one of the five senses. Continue until all droplets are colored and labeled.
6. Ask students to turn each droplet over and create a water-related description about the sense labeled on the front.
7. Have students share their descriptions and let others try to guess which sense is associated with it.

EXTENSION

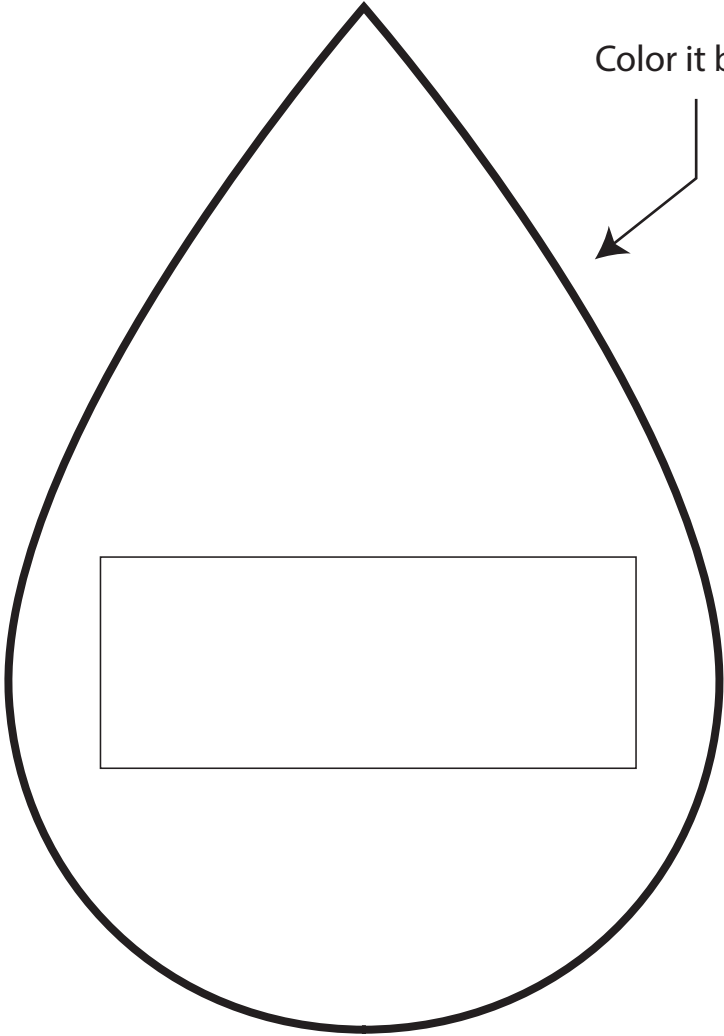
Organize students into groups. Have each group mix up their cards and place them in a pile with the blue side facing downward. Ask students to take turns reading the description and deciding which of the five senses it matches. The student keeps the cards for all correct matches. When the pile of cards is gone, the student with the most cards wins.

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Water Sense Droplets

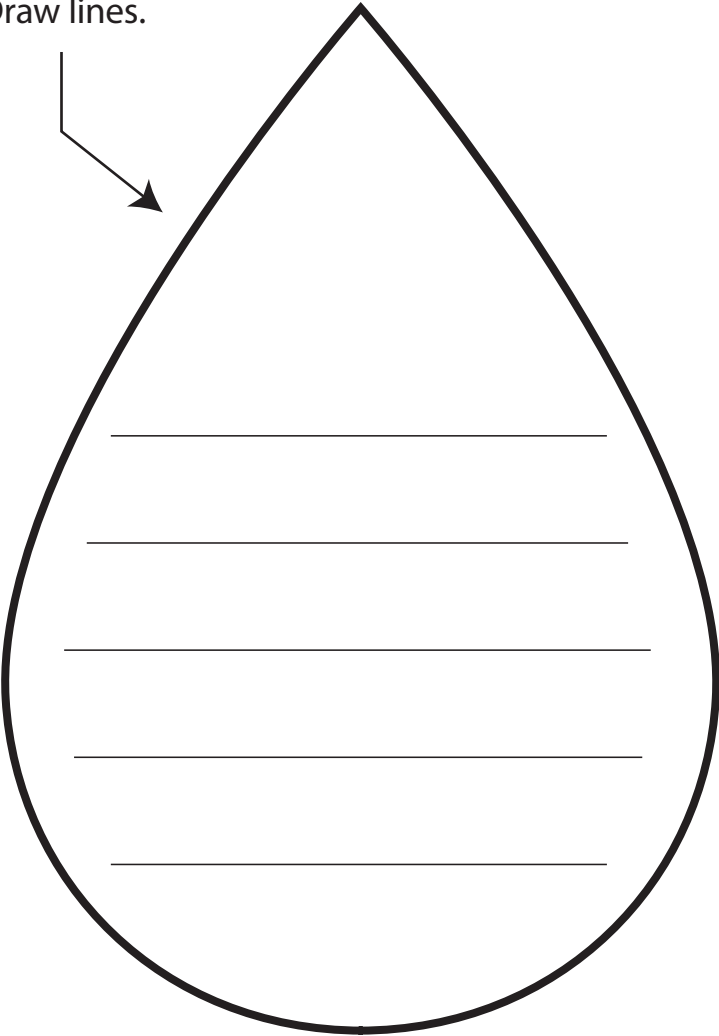
Let's get ready to play the "Water Sense Adventure." Before you can play the game, you will need to make a set of five water sense droplets. Trace the water drops below on a sheet of paper. You'll need five water drops total. Cut them out and color them blue. Write one of the five senses on the front of each water drop. On the backside, write a sentence about the sense using water.

SIDE 1



Write the name of the sense.

SIDE 2



Write your sentence on this side.