

Color, Feelings and Mood

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The mood of a story is the feeling(s) you think about (or feel) when you listen to, watch, or read the story. Look for words authors have in their stories that have to do with emotions or feelings, the events that happen, and the setting of a story to help you figure out the story's mood. You can even use color!

A. Colors or color words can help to set the mood in a story.

- "He felt blue." In this sentence, blue means that he was feeling sad or unhappy.
- "She saw red," can mean that the person was quite angry.

B. An author writes the words "It was a dark and stormy night" What colors do you think you might see on a dark and stormy night?

- Black skies?
- White flashes of lightening?
- Gray clouds when the lightening flashed?

Find crayons labeled with the same color words listed below. Color each square using the color given in front of it. Make each color strong so that each looks like the color of the crayon you used.

White Red Blue Gray
 Yellow Green Purple Black

C. What colors do you think an artist or illustrator might use to help show the mood for each of the following events? Choose one (or two) of the colors for each sentence.

1. A wizard is casting a spell that will cause deadly, giant flying insects to come to life and attack the hero (or heroine).

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

2. A child is walking through a forest with his/her parent. They spot the river where they will fish and enjoy some quiet time with nature and with each other.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

3. A child is walking through a forest alone when s/he sees a magical fox using a computer.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

4. A small, nervous mouse carefully watches a grassy field before it inches out to look for food.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

5. A family celebrates their move into a beautiful, new home.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

6. A child is walking home from school when his/her grandfather drives up. The grandfather tells the child that they have to go to the hospital right away because the child's mother has been in an accident.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

7. A wild horse is standing at the top of a hill as the wind whips by. The horse is young and strong. Soon it will race down the hill enjoying its freedom and power.

White Yellow Red Green Blue Purple Gray Black

D. Choose one of the seven sentences above. Create a setting that uses some or all of the colors you chose for that sentence. Add your name and the number of the sentence you choose.