Describing weather

The following are words and phrases that we associate with the weather. Sort them into a table depending on how effective you think they are as a description.

light snowflakes	a beaming golden sun	dark, grey, malevolent clouds	a weak, pale yellow sun
a clear, azure blue sky	a thick blanket of fog	a grey overcast sky, like milky porridge	a gentle breath of light breeze
a sky dotted with wispy white clouds	a teeming thunderstorm of torrents of water	a light dusting of frosty dew upon the ground	hailstones like tiny white bullets
a cooling gust of wind	a strong, cold, breeze	icy cold gusts of chilling wind	droplets of summer rain

Very effective	Effective	Not so effective!

The five senses

Make a list of the five senses. Close your eyes and imagine you are standing on top of a hill looking over a city on a snowy, wintery day. Write a description for each sense of what you might see, hear, smell etc. Some examples have been completed to help you.

See: Curling clouds of smoke from factory chimneys.

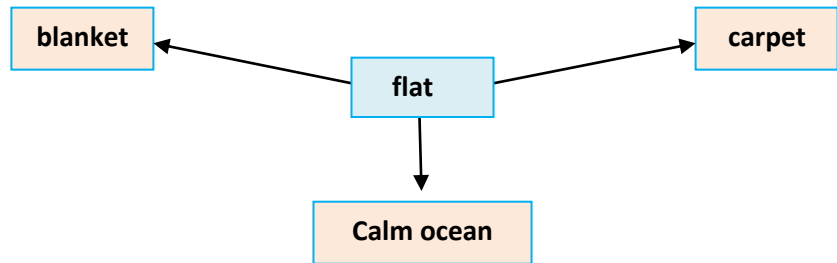Smell: The faint smoky smell of factory chimneys, burning coal.

Taste:

Feel:

Hear: Happy screams of children sledging and slipping on the hillside.

You may wish to use these adjectives in your descriptive writing. For each one, make a spider diagram, as below, and think of three objects that are known for having that quality:

1. flat *(see example)*
2. smooth
3. shiny
4. cold
5. white
6. shaky
7. bright
8. sharp.

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Now complete this simile table.

object I want to describe:	the quality that I want to describe:	another object which is famous for this quality:	my simile in full:
the snow on the ground	*smooth, flat*	*blanket*	*The snow lies on the ground like a neatly spread, freshly washed, white blanket.*
the icicles hanging from the buildings			
the breath from my lungs			
the colours worn by sledging children			
the rosy cheeks of people nearby			