My Five Senses
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I see

I hear

I taste

I smell

I touch

[Images of various objects representing each sense]
I can see! I see with my eyes.
I can hear! I hear with my ears.
I can smell! I smell with my nose.
I can taste! I taste with my tongue.
I can touch! I touch with my fingers.
I do all this with my senses.
I have five senses.

When I see the sun or a frog

or my baby sister,
I use my sense of sight. I am seeing.
When I hear a drum or a fire engine or a bird,
I use my sense of hearing.
I am hearing.

When I smell soap or a pine tree or cookies just out of the oven,
I use my sense of smell.
I am smelling.
When I drink my milk and eat my food, I use my sense of taste. I am tasting.

When I touch a kitten or a balloon or water, I use my sense of touch. I am touching.
Sometimes I use all my senses at once.
Sometimes I use only one.
I often play a game with myself.
I guess how many senses I am using at that time.

When I look at the moon and the stars,
I use one sense.
I am seeing.
When I laugh and play with my puppy,
I use four senses.
I see, hear, smell, and touch.
When I bounce a ball, I use three senses. I see, hear, touch.
Sometimes I use more of one sense and less of another. But each sense is very important to me, because it makes me aware.

To be aware is to see all there is to see...
Sometimes I use more of one sense
and less of another.
But each sense is very important to me,
because it makes me aware.

To be aware is to see all there is to see...
taste all there is to taste...

touch all there is to touch.
Wherever I go, whatever I do, every minute of the day, my senses are working. They make me aware.

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