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Taste/Food Words

- ~ **taste** (n) - sense of **flavour** or (v) to sample the flavour
- ~ **morsel, nibble, crumb, bite** (n) - a small amount of food
- ~ **mouthful** (n) - an amount of food in the mouth
- + **banquet, feast** (n) - large amount of food/ a formal dinner
- ~ **snack** (n) - a small amount of food eaten between meals
- ~ **grub, nosh** (n) informal terms for food

Eating words

- ~ **chew** (v) - bite & move food around the mouth
- ~ **munch** (v) - eat steadily & sometimes noisily
- ~ **nibble** (v) - take small bites
- ~ **devour** (v) - eat hungrily
- ~ **consume, ingest** (v) - to take in something or to eat
- **gobble** (v) - eat hurriedly and noisily
- **bite** (v) - to cut with the teeth
- **chomp** (v) - chew noisily (n) or a chewing noise
- **gnaw** (v) - nibble constantly until worn away
- **gorge** (v) - to eat a large amount greedily



Describing food & eating

- ~ **savoury** (adj) - not sweet, but **salty**
- ~ **spicy** (adj) - flavoured with a spice or **peppery**
- + **flavoursome** (adj) - full of flavour
- + **fresh** (adj) - recently made/ well-preserved/ new
- + **sweet** (adj) - **sugary**/ opposite of salty/ bitter/ sour
- + **delicious/ mouth-watering** (adj) - **tasty** and enjoyable
- + **succulent** (adj) - **tender** and **juicy**
- **rotten** (adj)-**decaying/ putrid/ spoiled/ mouldy/ rancid/stale**
- **tangy** (adj) - a strong **zesty/ tart/ acidic/ sour** flavour
- **tasteless** (adj) - lacking in flavour/ **bland**
- **bitter** (adj) - a **sharp/ tart** taste
- **poisoned/poisonous** (adj) - containing poison
- **ravenous/ starving/ famished** (adj) - extremely hungry
- ~ **peckish** (adj) - a tad hungry
- **greedily** (adv) - in a way that shows a strong appetite
- ~ **hungrily** (adv) - in a way that shows a need for food



Drinking words

- ~ **swallow** (v) - to take in liquid
- ~ **gulp, glug, guzzle, quaff, swig** (v) - swallow a large amount
- ~ **sip** (v) - to take in small amounts of liquid
- **slurp** - (v) eat/drink with a loud sucking noise



Synonyms for 'mouth'

- jaws
- (informal)
- gob trap cake hole
- chops kisser mush

Taste phrase/sentence ideas

...tickle the taste buds
 ...linger on the tongue
 ...leaves a _____ taste in the mouth
 A biting wind spread hungrily through the trees, devouring all in its path.
 Consumed by guilt, Raj decided to apologise.
 The gentle waves licked the shore.

TASTE



Non-fiction - Mouth parts

- ~ **oral** - of the mouth
- ~ **incisors, canines, molars, premolars** (n) - teeth
- ~ **gums** (n) - tissue surrounding the base of the teeth
- ~ **tongue** (n) - fleshy muscle used for licking, tasting/ talking
- ~ **tonsils** (n) - masses of tissue on each side of the throat
- ~ **taste buds** (n) - small points on the tongue
- ~ **lips** - (n) upper and lower fleshy parts of the mouth

Level of Intensity

Most		gorge	guzzle	+	banquet	mouth-watering		
		devour	gulp		feast	delicious		
		gobble	glug		mouthful	scrumptious		
		chomp	quaff		nibble	appetising		
		munch	swig		morsel	flavoursome		
		gnaw	slurp		snack	tasty		
		chew	swallow		scraps	bland		
		nibble	sip		crumb	tasteless		
		Least						

Taste sentences in famous stories

'You simply pinched your nose and swallowed hard, then glugged down a glass of water.'

Letters From the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll.

'Luckily, the other kids are concentrating on their own dinners, spooning their soup up hungrily...'

Once - Morris Gleitzman.

'Swallow the sky in one glorious gulp.'

Skycircus - Peter Bunzl

'She's tall and gangly and always chewing on her hair.'

The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Rauf

'...tearing the wire from the fence posts, rolling it up like spaghetti and eating it.'

The Iron Man - Ted Hughes

'A callused tongue licks my neck, making me shudder with disgust and horror.'

The Maker of Monsters - Lorraine Gregory

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Synonyms for 'smell'

- + **scent** (n) - a smell, particularly a pleasant one
- + **fragrance** (n) - a pleasant sweet smell
- + **bouquet** (n) - a particular scent in a perfume
- + **essence** (n) - an extract used to add to scent
- + **perfume** (n) a pleasant smell or a liquid scent
- + **aroma** (n) - a strong pleasant smell
- **stench/ pong/ whiff/ stink** (n) - strong unpleasant smell
- **odour** (n) - a particularly unpleasant smell



Describing smells

- ~ **pungent** (adj) - having a sharp strong smell
- ~ **persistent** (adj) - long-lasting/won't go away
- ~ **potent** (adj) - **intense**/ strong
- ~ **lingering** (adj) - staying in one place/slow to disappear
- + **floral** (adj) - smelling of flowers
- + **fresh** (adj) - unknown/ new/ different/ **crisp**
- + **fragrant** (adj) - having a pleasant or **sweet-smelling**
- + **intoxicating** (adj) - exciting to the senses
- + **aromatic** (adj) - having a pleasant smell
- + **zesty** (adj) - full of flavour/exciting
- + **perfumed** (adj) - scented with a sweet pleasant smell
- **musty** (adj) - a **stale, mouldy, damp** (slightly wet) smell
- **whiffy/ stinky** (adj) - having a strong unpleasant smell
- **revolting** (adj) - **disgusting/ foul**
- **suffocating** (adj) - causing difficulty in breathing
- **rancid** (adj) - **stale/ rotten/ putrid/ rotten/ mouldy**
- **nauseating** (adj) - causing someone to feel sick



Describing a nose

- **bulbous** (adj) - fat, round, bulging
- **prominent** (adj) - protruding/sticking out
- ~ **stubby** (adj) - short and thick
- **hooked/ crooked/ hawkish** (adj) - curved, bent, bird-like



Smelling words

- ~ **sniff** (v) - to take in air to detect a smell
- ~ **inhale** (v) - to take in air through the nose
- **snuffle** (v) - breathe noisily through the noise when crying or with a cold
- **reek** (v) - to smell strongly and unpleasantly
- **stink** (v) - to fill an area with a foul smell



Synonyms for 'nose'
(informal)

- hooter trunk muzzle snout
- beak conk

Smell phrase/sentence ideas

- ...lingering in the air
- ...floated/drifted on the wind
- a scent of/a stench of...
- hung in the air...
- The air became engulfed. by the ____ of...
- The stench of death hung to air, suffocating the city.
- Her delicate perfume floated on the breeze.

SMELL



Non-fiction - nose words

- ~ **nasal** - of the nose
- ~ **nostril** (n) - the holes in the nose leading to nasal cavity
- ~ **nasal cavity** (n) - the inside of the nose.
- ~ **sneeze** (n) - sudden release of air and mucus (snot)

Level of Intensity

Most		suffocate	stench	rancid
		choke	stink	putrid
		engulf	whiff	nauseating
		intoxicate	odour	potent
		linger	perfume	pungent
		waft	fragrance	aromatic
Least		float	scent	fragrant
		drift	aroma	fresh

Smell sentences in famous stories



'The smell of burnt porridge hung in the air.'

The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

'It smelled of the marshes: briny with a whiff of fish.'

'Beer-scented air hit Betty's nostrils.'
A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

"I could smell the city floating out to meet us."

A Spoonful of Murder - Robin Stevens

'...he imagined he could smell that now, in the quietness of the dark forest, a faint but definite stink of burning hair mixed with long-dead mice and a little kick of viper's venom; once smelled, never forgotten.'

The Wizards of Once - Cressida Cowell

'As the smoky, meaty aroma filled the air, he had to keep swallowing the saliva that flooded his mouth.'

A Long Walk to Water - Linda Sue Park

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Hearing words

- ~ listen, hear (v) - to give your attention to a sound
- ~ tune in (v) (informal) - to listen



Sound onomatopoeia

- Loud** - crash clang smash clatter smack bang boom moan cackle thud thump
- Quiet/dull** - clink jingle tick-tock buzz hum sizzle rustle hush groan crunch whisper fizz sigh
- Quick/short** - whoosh boo clap boink click zoom click snap hiccup clonk psst pop
- Water** - glug plop splash pitter-patter drip rumble
- Animal** - sizzle meow moo caw tweet baaa hoot screech shriek hiss growl bark quack

Sound words

- ~ tune (n) - a sequence of notes/ a sound
- ~ song (n) - a set of words/ a poem set to music
- ~ jingle (n) sound of metal objects lightly clanging together or sort song designed to be easily remembered
- ~ ditty (n) - a short simple song
- ~ hum (n) - long 'm' sound/ buzzing noise
- ~ whisper, murmur, mumble (n) - speak softly and quietly
- + melody, harmony (n) - an pleasant sequence of notes
- racket, noise (n) - loud unpleasant sound
- siren (n) - a prolonged, loud warning sound
- call, shout, shriek, yell, bawl (n) - cry out
- scream, screech, wail, howl (n) - a loud piercing cry
- drone (n) - a low, dull tone or hum
- ~ symphony (n) - long piece of music of many instruments
- ~ orchestra (n) - a group of musicians playing altogether
- ~ band (n) a group of persons
- ~ duet (n) - music for two people/ a pair performing
- ~ choir (n) - group of people singing in church
- ~ chorus (n) - a simultaneous sound produced by a group



Sound phrase/sentence ideas

- The sound of ___ carried far and wide.
...floated on the breeze.
...drowned out by...*
- A deafening silence filled the void.*
- The orchestra of birdsong began at dawn.*

HEAR



Non-fiction - ear words

- ~ auditory - of the ear
- ~ ear (n) - the organ of hearing (lughole - informal)
- ~ pinna (n) - outer part of the ear
- ~ ear lobe (n) - lower fleshy part of the outer ear
- ~ eardrum (n) - sound waves make it vibrate
- ~ ossicles (n) - ear bones (amplify sound)
- ~ cochlea (n) - turns vibrations into electrical signals
- ~ ear canal - tube that helps sound travel within the ear.

Sound sentences in famous stories



'A murmur of uncertainty rippled through the crowd.'
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow - Jessica Townsend.

'Soon, a ripple of whispers fluttered through the audience with more people turning to look.'
Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure - Vashti Hardy

'His thoughts were shattered as a sudden cry split the air, loud and shrill - a call of triumph.'
The Star-spun Web - Sinead O'Hart

'My heart kerdunk-kerdunk-kerdunked under my T-shirt.'
The Middler - Kirsty Applebaum

'An eerie quietness settled over the street...' **I Cosmo** - Carlie Sorosiak

'He could only listen to the crooning voice that had made a home inside his head. It was hissing like a snake, burrowing deeper into his brain.'
The Lost Tide Warriors - Catherine Doyle

Describing sounds

- ~ audible (adj) - able to be heard
- + soulful (adj) - emotional
- + sweet, melodic, harmonious (adj) - pleasant sounding
- + tuneful (adj) - a pleasing melodic sound
- + catchy (adj) - instantly appealing/ memorable tune
- deafening (adj) - extremely loud unpleasant sound
- ~ muffled (adj) - quietened in some way



Level of Intensity

Most	deafening	orchestra	shriek
	piercing	choir	scream
	high-pitched	chorus	yell
	loud	band	drone
	quiet	duet	murmur
Least	silent	soloist	whisper

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Touch words

- ~ handle (v) - feel with the hands
- + caress, fondle (v) - a gentle or loving touch
- ~ grab, grasp, seize, snatch, clutch, clasp, grip (v) - hold
- ~ hug, cuddle, embrace, snuggle (v) - to hold close
- poke, prod, jab, nudge (v) - a short touch to get attention
- ~ tap, pat (v) - to lightly hit
- flick (v) - strike something suddenly with the fingers
- punch, strike, wallop, smack, slap, thump, spank (v) - to hit hard
- + brush, stroke (v) - gently touch in a sweeping motion
- ~ fiddle (v) - touch something nervously or for comfort
- ~ press (v) - apply pressure to



Describing touch

- + gentle (adj) gently (adv) - light and tender
- + tender (adj) tenderly (adv) - softly and with affection
- + affectionate (adj) affectionately (adv) - with affection
- + delicate (adj) delicately (adv) - carefully and softly
- + playful (adj) playfully (adv) - intending to be light-hearted
- + loving (adj) lovingly (adv) - with affection
- ~ loose (adj) loosely (adv) - not firmly or tightly
- ~ gingerly (adv) - cautiously
- ~ tight (adj) tightly (adv) - with a firm grip
- ~ firm (adj) firmly (adv) - with a tight grip
- aggressive (adj) aggressively (adv) - meant to cause harm
- violent (adj) violently (adv) - meant to cause harm
- rough (adj) roughly (adv) - firm
- forceful (adj) forcefully (adv) - strong and powerful

Texture words

- rough, uneven, bumpy, lumpy, wrinkly grainy, pitted, gritty
- smooth, velvety, silky soft furry fluffy
- waxy greasy oily slippery sticky gooey prickly spiky
- hard firm solid bouncy springy moist

Synonyms for 'hand'

- palm fist
- (informal)
- mitts paws hooks
- claws

TOUCH



Touch phrase/sentence ideas

- ...fiddled with...
- ...grasping _____ with both hands
- Embracing the _____
- ...caressing the...
- Gripping on for dear life, Jon prayed his fingers wouldn't buckle.
- The gentle wind caressed the branches of the trees.

Non-fiction - hand words ~ dermo/derma - of the skin

- ~ palm (n) - the inner part of the hand
- ~ knuckles (n) - the finger joints
- ~ fingers (n) - attached to the hand/ used for touching

Level of Intensity

Most	violently	cling	-	thump
	aggressively	clasp		smack
	roughly	grasp		poke
	firmly	grip		brush
	gently	hold		stroke
	Least	tenderly	touch	+

Touch sentences in famous stories



'Mist hung like a veil over the sea, clinging to her skin as she broke the surface'

The Lost Tide Warriors - Catherine Doyle

'With one stiff finger he is jabbing the button of my bell like he's stabbing it with a knife.'

Malamander - Thomas Taylor

'...he ran his fingers through his oil-coated hair and shook the mass of worm-like tendrils.'

Shadow Jumper - J M Forster

'In the winter's fifth year, its grip still tightened on the southern river towns...'

The Way Past Winter - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

'...her hands clasped so tightly that the veins in her wrist stuck out.'

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure - Vashti Hardy

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Synonyms for 'see'

- ~ notice/ spot (v) - see something without trying
- ~ spy/ peek/ peep (v) - look without wanting to be seen
- ~ glance/ glimpse (v) - a fleeting look
- ~ scan/ survey (v) - to look around
- ~ observe/ watch/ witness (v) - to see something at length
- ~ stare/ glare/ gawk/ gaze/ peer (v) - to look intensely
- ~ inspect/ study (v) - to closely observe



Words for 'sight'

- ~ vision (n) - the ability to see/ something seen
- ~ observation (n) - the ability to notice/ something observed

Describing appearance (People/ Places/ Objects)

- + beautiful, gorgeous, pretty (adj) - attractive
- ugly, hideous (adj) - unpleasant to look at
- + fresh, new, pristine (adj) - unspoiled
- gross, disgusting (adj) - unpleasant
- ~ old, ancient, ageing, mature (adj) - been around for long
- + tidy, clean, spotless, immaculate (adj) - free from dirt
- soiled, grubby, filthy, mucky, grimy (adj) - dirty
- + smart, well-groomed - (adj) - tidy in appearance
- dishevelled, tatty, ragged (adj) - unkempt/not looked after
- + welcoming, warm, inviting (adj) -
- foreboding, unwelcoming (adj) - creates a sense of unease
- + bright, dazzling, radiant, shimmering (adj) - shiny/light
- dark, dingy, gloomy, drab (adj) - dull/poorly lit or unlit
- ~ thin, narrow, slender (adj) - opposite of fat, wide
- plump, stout, chubby (adj) - fat/over-weight
- ~ bustling, busy (adj) - full of activity/energetic
- empty, bare, barren (adj) - devoid of life/not full
- ~ scorching, tropical, balmy, blistering, muggy, humid - hot
- ~ icy, frosty, blistery, freezing (adj) - cold
- horrifying, shocking (adj) - an awful sight
- dangerous, hazardous, menacing (adj) - likely to harm



Describing sight

- ~ conspicuous/ noticeable (adj) - can be seen
- ~ obscure/ unclear/ indistinguishable (adj) - not easily seen
- blurred/ blurry/ hazy/ foggy (adj) - not easily seen
- ~ camouflaged/ concealed/ hidden (adj) - covered/unseen



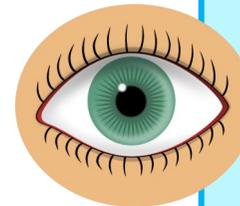
Things that aid/ capture sight

- spectacles/ glasses/ monocle/ goggles
- telescope - for viewing things far away
- microscope - for viewing things closely
- camera - for taking photographs

SEE

'Seeing' phrase/sentence ideas

- In the distance, I noticed...*
- After careful observation...*
- Upon closer inspection...*
- Scanning the area, I spotted...*



- What a hideous sight to behold!*
- His well-groomed appearance made him look important.*

Non-fiction - eye words

- ~ optic - of the eye
- ~ iris (n) - the coloured part of the eye
- ~ pupil (n) - the hole in the centre of the eye
- ~ cornea (n) - transparent layer covering the eye
- ~ sclera (n) - the white of the eyes
- ~ lens (n) - focuses the light onto the retina

Level of Intensity

Most	glare	- foreboding	- filthy
	stare	- uninviting	- mucky
	spy	- unwelcoming	- grimy
	observe	- inviting	- grubby
	glimpse	- welcoming	- spotless
Least	glance	+ alluring	+ immaculate

'See' sentences in famous stories



- 'Sometimes Fionn could feel their gazes prickling on the side of his face...'*
- 'A vision unfurled in the blackness of his mind.'*

The Storm Keeper's Island - Catherine Doyle

'He looms over the desk like a crooked monolith, his face a dismal crag, his eyes hidden beneath the peak of a ruined cap.'

Malamander - Thomas Taylor

'...Simon had enormous bushbaby eyes, tender trusting pools which seemed to hold tears, just ready to fall from beneath stupidly curled lashes.'

The Girl Savage - Katherine Rundell

'But further along the coast, where the cliffs turn ragged and shards of rock jut into the water, strewn like broken gravestones, the current is stronger.'

The Shadow Keeper - Abi Elphinstone

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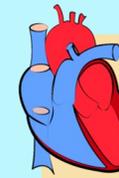
Emotion words

- ~ proud (adj) - happy with your/someone else's achievements or a high opinion of self and importance
- ~ overwhelmed (adj) - a strong emotional affect
- + sympathetic (adj) - showing sympathy for others
- + excited, exhilarated, elevated (adj) - very enthusiastic
- + courageous, fearless (adj) - brave
- + optimistic, hopeful (adj) - confident about the future
- + confident, inspired (adj) - showing certainty in ability
- + passionate (adj) - strong feelings or beliefs
- + joyful, elated, ecstatic, over-joyed, gleeful, content (adj) - happy
- anxious, nervous (adj) - easily agitated or alarmed
- frightened, afraid, terrified, petrified, uneasy (adj) - scared
- jealous, envious (adj) - yearning for something someone else has
- morose (adj) - ill-tempered and gloomy
- annoyed, irate, cross, vexed, aggrieved (adj) - angry
- guilty, ashamed (adj) - feeling responsible for & ashamed
- depressed, gloomy, miserable, melancholy, wretched, downhearted, heart-broken, sorrowful, sullen (adj) - sad
- humiliated, embarrassed (adj) - made to feel a fool



Synonyms for 'feel'

- ~ sense (v) - an awareness or feeling
- ~ experience (v) - to undergo (in this case, an emotion)
- suffer, endure (v) - experience something unpleasant



Synonyms for 'heart'

ticker (n) (informal)

Feeling phrase/sentence ideas

FEEL



- gripped with fear...*
- full of...*
- My heart burst with...*
- an overwhelming sense of...*
- Awash with pride, a smile spread across her face.*
- Fear overwhelmed him, poisoning his once calm mind.*

Non-fiction - heart words

- cardiac - relating to the heart
- ~ heart (n) - muscle that pumps blood around the body
- ~ veins (n) - tubes that carry oxygen-depleted blood around the body in the circulatory system
- ~ arteries (n) - tubes that carry oxygenated blood
- ~ blood cells (n) - cells found in the blood (red, white, platelets)

'Feeling' sentences in famous stories



'Betty felt as though her life was a corset tightening around her, with granny pulling one string and now Fliss yanking the other, lacing her in so she couldn't breathe.'

'She ignored the prickle of shame...'
A Pinch of Magic - Michelle Harrison

'A knot of worry tightened in Pip's stomach.'
The Umbrella Mouse - Anna Fargher

'...her whole body jangled as an electric shock of nerves jolted through her.'

The Midnight Hour - Benjamin Read

'I knew it in the chill of my bone marrow and the crawling of my skin.'
Our Castle by the Sea - Lucy Strange

'This is when your heart hardens in your chest, like petals turning to stone.'

The Island at the End of Everything - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

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Describing feelings

- ~ all consuming (adj) - filling one's thoughts/ obsessive
- ~ overwhelming (adj) - very strong
- ~ fleeting, momentary, brief, temporary (adj) - not long-lasting/ short-lived
- ~ sudden (adj) - quick
- ~ intense, powerful, profound (adj) - very great/high impact
- ~ unshakeable (adj) - strongly felt and unchangeable
- ~ unforgettable (adj) - very memorable/ impossible to forget
- ~ permanent, enduring - long-lasting
- devastating (adj) - highly damaging



Level of Intensity

Most	ecstatic	petrified	wretched
	elated	terrified	heart-broken
	over-joyed	frightened	sorrowful
	joyful	afraid	melancholy
	happy	scared	miserable
Least	content	uneasy	down-hearted