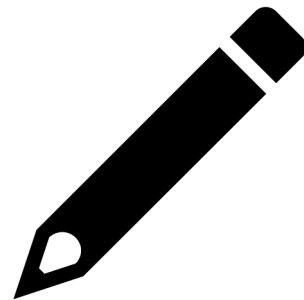
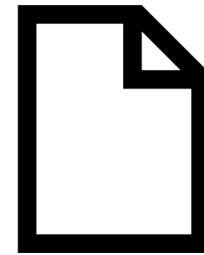


Sensory Language
Words



Colours

Red

Blush
Burgundy
Cardinal
Cerise
Cherry
Crimson
Claret
Coral
Garnet
Magenta
Maroon
Pink
Raspberry
Rose
Ruby
Russet
Salmon
Sepia
Vermillion
Wine

Green

Apple
Avocado
Celery
Chartreuse
Emerald
Forest
Grass
Kelly
Lawn
Lime
Mint
Olive
Pea green
Pistachio
Sea-Green

Blue

Aqua
Aquamarine
Azure
Baby blue
Bluish
Cobalt
Navy
Peacock
Royal
Steel
Sapphire
Sky
Teal
Turquoise
Ultramarine

Yellow

Beige
Buff
Butter
Buttercup
Butterscotch
Canary
Gold
Golden
Lemon
Mustard
Topaz
Umber

Brown

Almond
Amber
Bronze
Caramel
Cinnamon
Coffee
Copper
Ecru
Fawn
Hazel
Nutmeg
Walnut
Mahogany
Rust
Sandy
Tan
Taupe
Tawny
Terracotta

White

Alabaster
Cream
Chalk
Eggshell
Ivory
Marble
Milky
Oyster
Pearl
Platinum
Silver
Snow

Black

Ebony
Ink
Jet
Licorice
Midnight

Grey

Ash
Charcoal
Dove
Iron
Smoky

Orange

Apricot
Peach
Persimmon
Saffron
Tangerine

Purple

Amethyst
Eggplant
Indigo
Lavender
Lilac
Mauve
Orchid
Plum
Violet

General Colour Related Words

ablaze	mellow
bleached	multicoloured
bleak	opalescent
blotchy	pastel
bold	prismatic
brash	psychedelic
brilliant	pure
clean	rich
colourful	soft
dark deep	sombre
discoloured	splashy
electric	tinged
festive	tinted
fiery	two-tone
fluorescent	vibrant
fresh	violent
glistening	vivid
glowing	
iridescent	
jazzy	

Describing Lack of Colour

colourless
dotted
faded
flecked
light
monochromatic
monotone
muted
neutral
opaque
pale
primary
rustic
tinged
tinted
translucent
transparent
watery

Writing Hint

One of the best ways to describe what we see is through specific colour word choices.

Colours help set the mood and tone.



Sounds

Babble	Clash	Hiss	Pop	Slam	Wail
Bang	Clatter	Honk	Putter	Softly	Wheeze
Bawl	Cluck	Hoot	Racket	Speechless	Whimper
Beep	Clink	Howl	Rage	Snap	Whine
Bellow	Crack	Hubbub	Rasp	Snort	Whir
Blare	Crackle	Hum	Resonance	Stammer	Whisper
Blast	Crash	Hush	Roar	Still	Whistle
Bleep	Creak	Jangle	Ring	Stutter	Yell
Bleat	Crunch	Jingle	Riot	Stomp	Yelp
Bluster	Drawl	Melodious	Roar	Squawk	Yowl
Boom	Drone	Moan	Rowdy	Squeak	
Bump	Explode	Mumble	Rumble	Squeal	
Buzz	Faint	Musical	Rustle	Squee	
Chime	Fizz	Mute	Scream	Swish	
Chink	Giggle	Mutter	Screech	Thrum	
Chuckle	Groan	Neigh	Scrunch	Thud	
Clack	Growl	Peal	Shout	Thunder	
Clamor	Grunt	Peep	Sigh	Thump	
Clank	Gurgle	Piercing	Silently	Tinkle	
Clap	Harmony	Ping	Sing	Twitter	

Writing Hint

Try some alliteration combined with onomatopoeia to help you **SHOW NOT TELL**

Examples:

- The bees busily buzzed outside my window.
- The leaves crackled and crunched under his feet.

General Words Describing Sound

Audible
Broken
Emit
Grinding
Hushed
Inaudible
Monotonous
Muffled
Plaintive
Rhythmic
Staccato



Describing Pleasing Sounds



Lilting	Pure
Listenable	Rich
Mellow	Soft
Melodic	Sonorous
Musical	Sweet

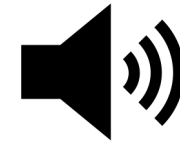
Writing Hint

Sounds help us "see the whole" picture. Rarely is a scene completely silent – but if it is let the readers know this too!

Examples:

"Muffled music pulsed from the car; booming out when the trunk opened."

"The eerie silence was broken by a single piercing scream."



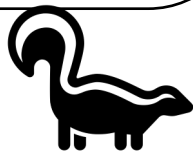
Describing Noisy Sounds

Almighty	Resounding
Brassy	Riotous
Deafening	Roaring
Ear-splitting	Rowdy
Explosive	Sharp
Howling	Shrill
Insistent	Thundering
Loud	Thunderous
Noisy	Tumultuous
Percussive	Uproarious
Piercing	
Pulsating	
Raucous	

Smell



Aroma
Aromatic
Comforting
Delicate
Faint
Fragrance
Heady
Heavy
Intoxicating
Odor
Odorous
Odorless
Piquant
Reek
Scent
Stagnant
Whiff



*Smells evoke memories!
Smell is intimately connected with breathing. If a smell is not pleasant we will hold our breath. If it is pleasant it may evoke hunger or make us smile.*

Describing Unpleasant Smells

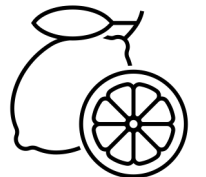
Acrid	Rancid
Dank	Rank
Damp	Ripe
Fetid	Rotten
Funky	Sharp
Fusty	Sickly
Mildewed	Smelly
Musty	Spoiled
Nasty	Sour
Nauseating	Stale
Overpowering	Stench
Pungent	Stuffy
Putrid	

Describing Pleasant Smells

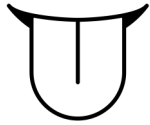
Aromatic
Bouquet
Delicious
Fresh
Fragrant
Perfumed
Rich
Savory
Scented
Sweet
Tangy

Words that Smell!!

Citrusy
Coppery
Earthy
Fishy
Floral
Flowery
Fruity
Gamy
Garlicky
Leathery
Lemony
Medicinal
Minty
Musky
Peachy
Salty
Smoky
Woody



Taste!



Acidic	Raw
Astringent	Ripe
Bitter	Robust
Bitter-sweet	Rotten
Bland	Salty
Burnt	Savory
Buttery	Sharp
Creamy	Smooth
Delectable	Sour
Delicious	Spicy
Dryness	Spoiled
Crisp	Sugary
Fishy	Sweet
Greasy	Sweet and Sour
Hearty	Syrupy
Hot	Tangy
Medicinal	Tart
Mellow	Unripe
Mild	Unsalted
Oily	Vinegary
Peppery	Watery

Writing Hint

Taste is unique to each one of us, and as such can be hard to get across in our writing.

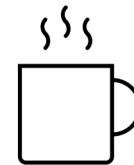
Try using taste words as adjectives:

"the salty sweat dripped down her face"

"the acidic aftertaste of his morning coffee, still lingered at the back of his throat"

Using a simile when explaining taste often helps the reader experience this sense.

"The undercooked bacon felt like a wet, yet greasy sponge placed on my tongue."



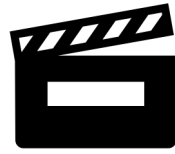


Touch



Abrasive	Corrugated	Fuzzy	Irregular	Ragged	Soft	Waterlogged
Angular	Cratered	Furry	Itchy	Rasped	Solid	Wavy
Bald	Cushioned	Gelatinous	Jagged	Razor-sharp	Spiky	Waxy
Barbed	Damp	Glassy	Knitted	Ribbed	Spiny	Wet
Bendable	Dehydrated	Glazed	Layered	Ridged	Spongy	Wiry
Blemished	Dented	Glossy	Leathery	Rigid	Springy	Wooley
Blistered	Dirty	Goosey	Level	Rough	Stiff	Wrinkled
Bloated	Distorted	Grainy	Limp	Rubbery	Sticky	Zig Zag
Bristly	Doughy	Granular	Lukewarm	Rusty	Stubbly	
Broken	Drenched	Greasy	Lumpy	Rutted	Sweaty	
Bubbly	Dry	Grimy	Malleable	Sandy	Swollen	
Bulging	Dusty	Gritty	Metallic	Satiny	Tender	
Bumpy	Elastic	Grooved	Moist	Scalding	Thick	
Bushy	Embossed	Hairy	Mushy	Scored	Thin	
Caked	Engraved	Hard	Oily	Shaggy	Thorny	
Carved	Etched	Harsh	Padded	Sharp-edged	Tough	
Chunky	Even	Hollow	Pliable	Silky	Uncomfortable	
Clammy	Feathery	Hot	Pointy	Slimy	Uneven	
Clean	Filmy	Icy	Polished	Slippery	Varnished	
Coarse	Firm	Impenetrable	Pot-holed	Smooth	Velvety	
Cold	Flat	Indented	Prickly	Soaked	Vibrating	
Cool	Fleecy	Inflated	Pulpy	Soapy	Warm	

Actions



Advance	Dive	Guide	Plunge	Skip	Struggle	Withdraw
Amble	Drift	Heave	Prickle	Slash	Stumble	Wreck
Attack	Drive	Hobble	Race	Slide	Surge	Wrestle
Batter	Droop	Hover	Recoil	Slink	Sway	Yank
Blast	Engage	Hurl	Retreat	Slip	Swell	Zap
Bolt	Engulf	Hurry	Reveal	Smash	Swerve	Zing
Boost	Ensnare	Inspect	Revitalize	Snag	Swipe	Zip
Burst	Envelop	Instruct	Rip	Snarl	Swoon	Zoom
Canter	Erase	Jostle	Rise	Sneak	Tiptoe	
Capture	Expand	Journey	Run	Soar	Transform	
Catch	Explode	Lash	Rush	Sparkle	Trim	
Charge	Explore	Launch	Saunter	Speed	Trip	
Chase	Extend	Leap	Scamper	Spin	Trot	
Climb	Extract	Locate	Scan	Spring	Trudge	
Crawl	Fast	Loiter	Scramble	Sprint	Uncover	
Creep	Fight	Lumber	Scratch	Stagger	Untangle	
Crush	Fling	Lurch	Seize	Stalk	Waddle	
Dangle	Fly	Lurk	Shatter	Stare	Weave	
Dart	Gallop	Mimic	Shine	Storm	Whisk	
Dash	Glare	Multiply	Shock	Stray	Whip	
Discover	Grasp	Plummet	Shrivel	Stroll	Wind	