

## VOCABULARY OF THE SENSES

### The Sense of Sound

babble	cry	jaw	preach	soundless	warble
bang		jeer	purr	speak	weep
bark	deaf	jingle		speech	whimper
bawl	deafening		quack	speechless	whine
bay	din	knock	quiet	splash	whiney
beat	drawl			splutter	whinny
bell	drone	laugh	racket	squall	whisper
bellow	dumb	laughter	rant	squawk	whistle
blab		lecture	rap	squeak	whoop
blabber-	eavesdrop	lisp	rasp	squeal	
mouth	echo	listen	rattle	stammer	yap
blare		loud	rave	stereophonic	yell
blast	fizz	low	recite	swish	yelp
blubber			rhythm		yip
boom	gab	melody	ring	tap	yodel
bray	gabble	melodious	ripple	tattle	yowl
buzz	giggle	mew	roar	thud	
	gobble	(meow)	roll	thump	
cackle	gong	moan	rumble	thunder	
caw	gossip	monotone	rustle	tick	
chant	groan	monotonous		tinkle	
chatter	growl	moo	say	tool	
cheep	gruff	mum	scream	tom-tom	
cheer	grumble	mumble	screech	tone	
chime	grunt	murmur	shriek	tongue-tied	
chirp	gurgle	mute	shrill	toot	
chuckle		mutter	shout	tread	
clack	harmony		silent	trill	
clamor	hear	neigh	silence	trumpet	
clang	hiss	noise	sing	tune	
clank	hoarse	noisy	singsong	twang	
clink	honk		siren	twitter	
cluck	hoot	overhear	sizzle		
converse	howl		slam	undertow	
coo	hubbub	pad	smack	uproar	
crackle	hullabaloo	patter	snarl		
crash	hum	peal	snort	vocal	
creak	hush	peep	snuffle	voice	
croak		pitch	song	volume	
croon	jabber	plunk	sonic boom		
crow	jangle	pop	sound	wail	
crunch		prattle			

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## **The Sense of Sound--Some Useful Classifications**

to hear - eavesdrop, hear, listen, overhear

to talk - blab, chat, chatter, converse, drawl, gossip, jabber, lecture, lisp, mumble, murmur, mutter, prattle, preach, rant, rave, recite, say, shout, speak, stammer, stutter, tattle, whisper

to express grief or sadness - bawl, blubber, cry, groan, moan, wail, weep, whimper

to express happiness - cackle, chuckle, giggle, laugh, roar, squeal, whoop

a loud or penetrating noise - bang, bellow, blare, blast, boom, bray, cheer, clamor, clang, crash, din, howl, racket, roar, scream, screech, shriek, shout, slam, squeal, thunder, uproar, wail, whistle, whoop, yap, yell, yelp

a soft or low noise - buzz, chirp, chuckle, creak, croon, drawl, fizz, giggle, groan, growl, gurgle, hiss, hoarse, hum, jingle, mew (meow), moan, mumble, murmur, purr, rumble, rustle, sizzle, snarl, squeak, swish, thud, tinkle, undertone, warble, whimper, whisper

animal noises - bark, bay, bleat, bray, cackle, caw, cheep, chirp, cluck, coo, croak, crow, gobble, growl, grunt, hiss, honk, hoot, howl, mew (meow), moo, neigh, peep, purr, quack, screech, snarl, squeak, squeal, twitter, whimper, whinny, yap, yelp, yip, yowl

a confused noise - babble, buzz, cackle, shatter, din, hubbub, hullabaloo, hum, racket, twitter, uproar

an angry noise - bellow, growl, grumble, grunt, jaw, jeer, mutter, roar, shout, snarl, snort, splutter, yell

a musical sound - chant, chime, harmony, hum, jingle, melody, peal, plunk, rhythm, song, trill, tune, volume, yodel

musical instrument - bell, chime, drum, gong, tom-tom, trumpet, whistle

bell sounds - boom, chime, clang, peal, ring, tinkle, toll

percussion sounds - bang, beat, boom, clang, rattle, rumble, thump, thunder

wind instrument sounds - blare, bleat, toot, trumpet

stringed instrument sounds - plunk, strum, twang

inexpressive sounds - drone, monotone, sing-song

pleasant sounding - harmonious, melodious

unpleasant sounding - deafening, monotonous, sing-song, whiney

not hearing - deaf

noiseless - dumb, mute, quiet, silent, soundless, speechless, still, tongue-tied

## The Sense of Sight

admire	dazzle	glow	perception	splotted
appear	dazzling	glowing	picture	spy
appearance	dim	goggle	pigment	squint
array	dingy	good-looking	pink	stain
attractive	dirty	gorgeous	polished	stained stare
auburn	discolor	gray	pretty	streak
	discolored	green	purple	streaked
beautiful	distinct	grimy		stripe
beauty	drab		radiance	striped
becoming	dusky	homely	radiant	sunny
binoculars	dye	hue	recognize	survey
black			red	
blank	eye	illusion	reflect	tarnish
blare	eyewitness	image	reflection	tarnished
blaze		indistinct	reflector	telescope
blazing	fade	invisible	reveal	tinge
bleached	faded		review	tint
bleary	faint	light		transparent
blind	fair	look	scan	twinkle
blindness	farsighted	looking glass	scene	twinkling
blink	flash		scrutiny	
blond	flashy	magnify	see	ugly
blot	flicker	microscope	shade	ugliness
blue	foggy	mirage	shadowy	unattractive
blur	freckled	mirror	sharp sighted	
blurred		misty	sheen	view
bright	gaudy	mottled	sheer	viewpoint
brighten	gawk	murky	shimmer	visible
brightness	gaze		shimmering	vision
brilliance	glance	nearsighted	shine	vista
brindle	glare	notice	shining	visual
brown	glasses	observe	shiny	visualize
brunette	gleam	observant	show	
	gleaming	observer	showy	watch
clean	glimmer	observation	sight	watchful
clear	glimpse	ogle	smeared	well groomed
color	glint	orange	smudged	white
colorful	glitter		soiled	witness
colored	glittering	pale	sooty	
colorless	glisten	pastel	sparkle	yellow
crystal	glistening	peek	sparkling	
	gloom	peep	speckled	
dappled	gloomy	peer	spectacle	
dark	gloss	periscope	spectator	
darken	glossy	perceive	spectrum	

### **The Sense of Sight -- Some Useful Classifications**

to see or look at - admire, eye, gawk, glance, glare, glimpse, goggle, look, notice, observe, ogle, peek, perceive, recognize, review, scan, see, sight, spy, squint, stare, survey, view, watch, witness

to show or reflect - glaze, brighten, dazzle, flash, flicker, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, glisten, glow, reflect, shimmer, shine, sparkle, twinkle

to alter or change color or clarity - blot, blur, brighten, darken, dim, fade, flicker, magnify

a look at something - glance, glimpse, look, observation, peek, peep, survey

color or an aspect of color - auburn, black, blond, blue, brunette, dye, gray, green, hue, orange, pastel, pigment, pink, purple, red, spectrum, tinge, tint, white, yellow

one who sees or looks - eyewitness, observer, spectator, spy, witness

brightness - blare, blaze, brightness, brilliance, dazzle, flash, flicker, glare, flint, gloss, glow, light, radiance, sheen, shimmer, shine, sparkle, twinkle

darkness - blindness, gloom, shade, tarnish

instruments of seeing - binoculars, glasses, looking glass, microscope, mirror, periscope, reflector, telescope

attractive looking - attractive, beautiful, becoming, good-looking, gorgeous, handsome, pretty, well-groomed

unattractive looking - homely, ugly, unattractive

easy to see - clear, distinct, transparent, visible

hard to see - bleary, blurred, dark, dim, indistinct, invisible, murky

unable to see well - blind, nearsighted, farsighted

able to see well - observant, sharp sighted, watchful

bright - blazing, bright, brilliant, dazzling, flashy, gaudy, gleaming, glittering, glistening, glossy, polished, radiant, shimmering, shining, shiny, showy, sparkling, twinkling

dark - black, dark, dim, dusky, gloomy, murky, shadowy, sooty

colorless - blank, bleached, drab, faded, pale

mottled - bleary, blurred, brindle, dappled, freckled, mottled, speckled, spotted,  
streaked, striped

discolored - dingy, dirty, discolored, grimy, speared, smudged, soiled, sooty, splotched,  
spotted, tarnished

### The Sense of Touch

alive	greasy	shudder
blush	gritty	shuddering
blushing	gummy	shuddery
bristly		shove
brush	hairy	silky
bumpy	handle	slap
	hard	slick
caress	heavy	slimy
chill	hit	slippery
chilly	hot	smooth
coarse	humid	soft
cold		solid
coldness	itch	spongy
contact		springy
cool	juicy	squashy
crawly	jumpy	squeeze
creepy		stiff
crisp	lifeless	sting
cuddly	light	stinging
	limp	stretchy
dab	lukewarm	strike
damp	lumpy	stroke
deadened		sweaty
downy	massage	
dull	maul	tag
dry	moist	tap
dusty		temperature
	numb	tepid
feathery		texture
feel	oily	thorny
feeling		tickle
feverish	pat	ticklish
firm	peck	tingle
flabby	pet	touch
flat	pinch	tough
fluffy	powdery	toughened
flush	prickly	
flushed	pull	uneven
fondle	push	
fumble		velvety
furry	rough	vibrate
fuzzy	rub	vibrating
gooey	sandy	warm
grab	scratch	warmth
grasp	scratchy	wet
grainy	sharp	woolly
	shiver	

### **The Sense of Touch -- Some Useful Classifications**

to touch something - brush, caress, dab, feel, grab, grasp, handle, hit, pat, pinch, rub, scratch, smooth, squeeze, strike, tag, tap, tickle

to respond to a stimulus - blush, chill, cool, flush, itch shiver, shudder, tingle, warm

a touch - brush, caress, contact, dab, hit, pat, pinch, rub, scratch, squeeze, sting, strike, stroke, tag, tap, tickle

a feeling (as a result of being touched or affected by something) - blush, chill, coldness, feeling, flush, itch, shiver, shudder, tingle, warmth

warm or hot feeling - blushing, feverish, flushed, hot, humid, lukewarm, sweaty, warm

cool or cold feeling - chilly, cold, cool, crisp, shivering shuddering

dry feeling - dry, dusty, hot, powdery

wet feeling - damp, humid juicy, moist, squashy

sticky feeling - gooey, gummy, sticky, sweaty

oily feeling - greasy, oily, sharp, silky, slick, slippery, smooth, velvety

smooth feeling - flat, greasy, oily, sharp, silky, slick, slippery, smooth, velvety

rough feeling - bristly, coarse, dull, grainy, gritty, hairy, lumpy, rough, sandy, scratchy, uneven

soft feeling - downy, feathery, flabby, fluffy furry, fuzzy, limp, powdery, silky, soft, spongy, squashy, velvety, woolly

hard feeling - crispy, firm, hard, solid, stuff, tough

springy feeling - alive, flabby, jumpy, shuddering, spongy, springy, squashy, stretchy, vibrating

solid feeling - firm, hard, solid, tough

light feeling - downy, feathery, fluffy, light, powdery

heavy feeling - heavy, solid

feeling full of movement - alive, jumpy, shivering, shuddering, vibrating

feeling without movement - chilly, cold, dead, lifeless

unclean feeling - greasy, gritty, gummy, slimy, sticky, sweaty

uneasy or uncomfortable feeling - chilly, cold, crawly, creepy, feverish, flushed, jumpy,  
shivery, shuddery

unable to feel - cold, deadened, numb, toughened

responsive to touch - jumpy, ticklish



### The Sense of Taste

acid	high-seasoned	salty	tart
appetizing	honeyed	savor	taste
	hot	season	tasteless
biting		seasoned	tasty
bitter	insipid	seasoning	
bland		sharp	unappetizing
	luscious	sip	unflavored
curdled		sour	unpalatable
	mellow	spice	unripe
delicious		spiced	unseasoned
distasteful	nauseating	spicy	untainted
		spoiled	
flavor	palatable	stale	vinegary
flavored	peppery	sugary	
flavorless		sweet	yummy
flavorsome	ripe		
	rotten	tainted	
gingery		tangy	
green			

### **The Sense of Taste -- Some Useful Classifications**

to taste something - savor, sip, taste

to give taste to something - flavor, season, spice

a taste - flavor, savor, taste

an agent to alter taste - flavor, seasoning, spice

sweet tasting - acid, curdled

sharp tasting - bitter, salty, sharp, tangy, tart, vinegary

hot or spicy tasting - biting, gingery, hot, peppery, spiced, spicy

bland tasting or tasteless - bland, flavorless, insipid, tasteless, unflavored, unpalatable, unseasoned

ripe tasting - mellow, ripe

unripe tasting - green, unripe

spoiled tasting - curdled, rotten, spoiled, tainted

good tasting - appetizing, delicious, flavorsome, luscious, tasty, yummy

bad tasting - biting, bitter, distasteful, nauseating, rotten, sour, spoiled, stale, tainted, tasteless, unappetizing, unpalatable, unripe, unseasoned, vinegary

having a taste - flavored, high-seasoned, seasoned, spiced

## The Sense of Smell

aroma  
aromatic

bouquet

deodorant  
deodorize  
deodorized  
deodorizer

fragrance  
fragrant  
fumes

incense

moldy  
musty

odor  
odorless

perfume  
perfumed  
pungent  
putrid

rancid  
rank  
reek

scent  
scented  
smell  
smelly  
sniff  
snuff  
spice  
spicy  
stench  
stink  
stinky  
strong-scented  
strong-smelling  
sweet-scented  
sweet-smelling

whiff

### **The Sense of Smell -- Some Useful Classifications**

to smell something - scent, smell, sniff, snuff, whiff

to give out a smell - perfume, reek, smell, stink

to add to or disguise a smell - to deodorize, perfume, scent, spice

a smell - aroma, bouquet, fragrance, fumes, odor, perfume, scent, smell, stench, stink, whiff

an agent to add to or disguise a smell - deodorant, deodorizer, incense, perfume, scent

sharp or spicy smelling - moldy, musty, putrid, rancid

bad smelling - rank, smelly, stinky, strong-scented, strong-smelling

lacking in smell - deodorized, odorless