

Sensory Details Word List

Keep the following lists of words to help you improve your writing. Using sensory words can help you provide more details and examples in your writing. Add to this list as you learn more sensory words.

Sight	Sound	Touch	Taste	Smell
bleary blurred brilliant colorless dazzling dim dingy faded faint flashy gandy glance gleaming glimpse glistening glittering gloomy glossy glowing grimy hazy indistinct	bellow blare buzz cackle cheer clamor clang crackle creak grumble gurgle hiss howl hush jabber mumble murmur mutter rant rave roar	balmy biting bristly bumpy chilly coarse cold cool crawly creepy cuddly dusty feathery feverish fluffy furry fuzzy gooey greasy gritty hairy hot	appetizing bitter bland creamy delectable delicious flavorful flavorless gingery luscious nauseating palatable peppery piquant refreshing ripe rotten salty savory scrumptious sharp	acrid aroma sweet aromatic fetid scent foul-smelling fragrant moldy musty scented odiferous spicy
misty peer radiant shadowy shimmering shiny smudged sparkling streaked striped tarnished twinkling	rumble rustle screech shriek shrill sizzle snarl squawk squeal swish thud thump whimper yelp	icy limp lumpy moist oily powdery prickly scratchy shivery silky slimy slippery spongy springy squashy sticky sweaty velvety	sour spicy spoiled stale sugary sweet tangy tasteless tasty unappetizing unripe vinegary yummy zesty	old perfumed whiff pungent putrid rancid rank reeking

See also APPENDIX 1 ----Sensory Words



LIST OF SENSORY WORDS

Sight Words					
Colors					
<i>red</i>	rose	cardinal	crimson	vermilion	
<i>green</i>	lime	kelly	emerald	pistachio	
<i>blue</i>	azure	turquoise	aquamarine	cobalt	
<i>brown</i>	cinnamon	hazel	bronze	mahogany	
<i>yellow</i>	straw	citron	canary	sulfur	
<i>black</i>	jet	ebony	licorice	raven	
<i>white</i>	milky	ivory	pearl	bleached	
<i>orange</i>	apricot	carrot	red-yellow	titan	
<i>gray</i>	ash	lead	drab	silvery	
Movements					
<i>Fast</i>	careen	zoom	fly	swat	
	bolt	hurl	whisk	plummet	
	scamper	scramble	dart	gallop	
<i>Slow</i>	creep	slouch	waddle	amble	
	plod	lumber	tiptoe	lope	
	saunter	loiter	slink	droop	
<i>Shapes</i>	oval	portly	tufted	scalloped	
	wavy	flared	shapely	irregular	
	domed	tapered	jutting	triangular	
	rotund	swollen	angular	proportioned	
Appearance					
arid	supple	sturdy	freckled		
frail	glossy	serene	muscular		
stout	shabby	fragile	shimmering		
rigid	bruised	slender	ramshackle		
opaque	flushed	blotched	flamboyant		

Touch Words					
icy	waxy	fuzzy	mushy	gritty	rubbery
cool	damp	satiny	sandy	sticky	fragile
oily	silky	spongy	velvety	steamy	slippery

Taste Words					
sour	tart	sweet	lemony	salty	fruity
oily	spicy	tangy	mellow	sugary	buttery
ripe	burnt	fishy	bitter	gingery	bittersweet

Hearing Words				
Loud	thud	yowl	blare	screech
	boom	rasp	shriek	piercing
	roar	grate	raucous	caterwaul
	bray	whine	whistle	deafening
Soft	hum	mute	faint	mutter
	sigh	murmur	chime	tinkle
	hiss	rustle	clink	silent
	buzz	patter	gurgle	inaudible
Speech	yell	drawl	giggle	stutter
	sing	snort	bellow	chatter
	growl	laugh	scream	whimper
	blurt	stammer	guffaw	whisper

Smell Words			
briny	gaseous	spoiled	acidic
sweet	minty	acrid	rancid
fragrant	scented	fresh	flowery
aromatic	spicy	stench	reeking
earthy	piney	odorous	gamey
sharp	musty	dank	stale

Dictionary/Thesaurus Resources

- www.thefreedictionary.com
 - thesaurus.com
 - www.merriam-webster.com
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A List of Character Traits



active
adventurous
affectionate
afraid
ambitious
angry
annoyed
anxious
argumentative
astonished
attentive
babyish
bewildered
bored
bossy
brave
brilliant
busy
calm
capable
careful
cautious
charismatic
charming
cheerful
childish
clever
clumsy
cold-hearted
compassionate
competitive
conceited
concerned
confident
confused
conscientious
considerate
cooperative
courageous
cowardly
critical
cross
cruel
curious
dangerous
daring
dependable
determined
discouraged
dishonest
disrespectful
doubtful
eager
easygoing
efficient
embarrassed
energetic
enthusiastic
exciting
fair
faithful
fidgety
fierce
foolish
friendly
frustrated
funny
generous
gentle
glamorous
gloomy
greedy
grouchy
happy
hateful
helpful
hopeful
hopeless
humorous
ignorant
imaginative
immature
impatient
impolite
impulsive
inactive
independent

insistent
intelligent
jealous
jovial
lazy
logical
lonely
loving
loyal
lucky
mature
mean
meticulous
moody
mysterious
nervous
noisy
obedient
obnoxious
observant
optimistic
peaceful
persistent
pessimistic
picky
pleasant
polite
popular
precise
proud

puzzled
quick
quiet
reliable
relieved
respectful
responsible
restless
rowdy
rude
sarcastic
satisfied
scared
secretive
selfish
self-reliant
sensitive
silly
sincere
skillful
sly
smart
sneaky
snobbish
sociable
stingy
strange
strict
stubborn
studious

sweet
tactful
talented
talkative
tasteful
tenacious
terrified
thankful
thoughtful
thoughtless
thrifty
timid
tolerant
touchy
trusting
trustworthy
uncontrolled
unfriendly
unselfish
upset
useful
valiant
versatile
vivacious
vulgar
warm-hearted
weak
wise
witty
worried

