

Effective writers use details of sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste to make their readers feel as if they are sharing an experience. Sensory words, such as those listed below, can bring a description or narration to life.

Sight Words

Shape	flat domed	circular curved	triangular wavy	square oval
Color	cardinal crimson maroon lime	emerald olive turquoise navy	beige gold silver milky	ivory pearl
Appearance	slender swollen lumpy chubby muscular	shadowy steep glistening glowing graceful	crooked dull cluttered shabby muddy	freckled wrinkled striped
Fast Movements	scamper dart spring streak trot	gallop dash zoom hurl flick	whisk rip swerve dive swoop	plunge twirl
Slow Movements	creep crawl	amble saunter	slink stalk	waddle drift

Sound Words

Loud Sounds	crash thud roar screech whistle	whine squawk blare rumble	grate slam jangle clash	racket thunderous deafening piercing
Soft Sounds	sigh murmur whisper whir	rustle twitter patter hum	hiss peep buzz gurgle	swish chime tinkle clink
Speech Sounds	stutter stammer	giggle whimper	coo chatter	growl snort

Touch Words

slimy dusty steamy slippery	spongy mushy oily waxy	rubbery leathery silky velvety	woolly prickly gritty fuzzy	sticky damp sandy
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Taste and Smell Words

buttery salty bitter smoky sugary	sour vinegary fruity tangy medicinal	fishy spicy peppery burnt rotten	perfumed earthy piney briny	reeking musty nutty sour
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