

Describing Smells - General

1. antiseptic – clean or pure smell
2. aroma – a smell that is strong but pleasant
3. comforting – pleasant aroma
4. delicate – subtle, faint, smell that is not overpowering
5. evocative – a smell that makes you think of something, often something that you experienced in the past
6. faint – a smell that is not strong
7. fragrance – a sweet or pleasant odor
8. heady – strongly aromatic, pungent, rich, intoxicating, spicy – not a mild smell
9. heavy – a sweet and strong smell
10. laden – a literary word that describes a strong smell
11. odor – a smell
12. odorous – a strong smell
13. odorless – with no smell
14. piquant – stinging, pungent, an aroma that tickles the nose
15. powerful – a strong smell
16. scent – a particular smell, especially a pleasant one
17. whiff – a slight smell of something

Describing Pleasant Smells

1. ambrosial – sweet smelling, fragrant, aromatic
2. aromatic – perfumed, fragrant, scented, sweet smelling, pungent, usually pleasing
3. bouquet – the particular smell of a flower
4. delicious – a pleasant smell

5. fresh – a pleasant, newly made smell that can be clean, clear, cool, crisp, refreshing, sweet, warm
6. fragrant – with a pleasant smell
7. perfumed – pleasant to smell because perfume has been added or used, or it has a natural perfume
8. rich – a smell that is strong in a pleasant way
9. savory – pleasant to taste – spicy, pungent, flavorsome, and aromatic, salty but not sweet
10. scented – a pleasant smell
11. sweet – a pleasant smell that is sweet
12. tangy – a smell or taste that is strong and bitter in a pleasant way

Describing Things that Smell like Something

1. citrusy – characteristic of citrus fruit in scent
2. coppery – smelling of copper
3. earthy – smelling like earth
4. fishy – smelling like fish
5. floral – smelling of flowers
6. flowery – a flowery smell reminds you of flowers
7. fruity – smelling like fruit
8. garlicky – smelling of garlic
9. leathery – smells like leather
10. lemony – smells like lemon
11. minty – smelling of mint
12. musky – similar to musk in smell
13. peachy – similar to a peach in color, taste, or smell
14. smoky – smelling of smoke
15. woody – an earthy smell, smelling of wood

Describe Specific Tastes and Flavors

1. acidic – very sour
2. astringent – an astringent taste is one that is strong and bitter
3. bitter – a strong sharp taste that is not sweet
4. bitter-sweet – tasting bitter and sweet at the same time
5. hot – contains a lot of spices that create a burning feeling in your mouth
6. mature – has been left to develop a pleasant strong flavor
7. mild – does not have a strong taste
8. ripe – has a strong flavor
9. robust – has a lot of flavor
10. savory – tasting of salt or spices and not sweet
11. seasoned – containing seasonings to improve flavor
12. sharp – has a strong and bitter flavor
13. sour – with a taste like a lemon
14. spicy – has a strong hot flavor
15. sweet-and-sour – contains both sweet and sour flavors
16. syrupy – thick, sweet, and sticky
17. tart – a slightly sour taste
18. unsalted – not flavored with salt
19. watery – pale, or not strong