

# Sensory Words

The following lists of words that refer to the senses of sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste can help you add realism to your writing.

## Sight Words-

Angular  
Bent  
Big  
Billowy  
Black  
Blonde  
Blushing  
Branching  
Bright  
Brilliant  
Broad  
Brunette  
Bulky  
Chubby  
Circular  
Clean  
Cloudy  
Colorful  
Colossal  
Contoured  
Craggy  
Crinkled  
Crooked  
Crowded  
Crystalline  
Curved  
Cute  
Dark  
Deep  
Dim  
Distinct  
Dull  
Elegant  
Enormous  
Fancy  
Fat  
Filthy  
Flat  
Flickering  
Fluffy  
Foggy  
Forked  
Fuzzy  
Gigantic  
Glamorous  
Gleaming  
Glistening  
Globular  
Glowing  
Graceful  
Grotesque  
Hazy  
High  
Hollow  
Homely  
Huge  
Immense

Light  
Lithe  
Little  
Long  
Low  
Misty  
Motionless  
Muddy  
Murky  
Narrow  
Obtuse  
Pale  
Petite  
portly  
Quaint  
Radiant  
Rectangular  
Reddish  
Rippling  
Rotund  
Shadowy  
Shallow  
Sheer  
Shimmering  
Shiny  
Short  
Skinny  
Small  
Soaring  
Spotless  
Square  
Steep  
Stormy  
Straight  
Strange  
Sunny  
Swooping  
Tall  
Tapering  
Translucent  
Ugly  
Unightly  
Unusual  
Weird  
Wide  
Wiry  
Wispy  
wizened

## Touch Words-

Breezy  
Bumpy  
Chilly  
Cold  
Cool  
Cuddly

Damp  
Dank  
Dirty  
Downy  
Dry  
Dusty  
Elastic  
Filthy  
Fluffy  
Frosty  
Goopy  
Greasy  
Gritty  
Hard  
Hot  
Icy  
Loose  
Lukewarm  
Melted  
Plastic  
Prickly  
Rough  
Searing  
Shaggy  
Sharp  
Silky  
Slick  
Slimy  
Slippery  
Slushy  
Smooth  
Sodden  
Soft  
Solid  
Sticky  
Stinging  
Sweaty  
Tender  
Tepid  
Tight  
Uneven  
Warm  
Waxen  
Wet  
Wooden

## Hearing Words-

Bang  
Bark  
Boom  
Buzz  
Coo  
Crackling  
Crash  
Crunching

Cry  
Deafening  
Echoing  
Faint  
Groan  
Growl  
Gurgling  
Harsh  
Haw  
Hiss  
Hoarse  
Howl  
Hushed  
Husky  
Lapping  
Loud  
Melodious  
Moan  
Muffled  
Mumble  
Murmur  
Mutter  
Noisy  
Peeling  
Pop  
Purring  
Quietly  
Raspy  
Reverberating  
Rumble  
Rustle  
Scream  
Screech  
Shriek  
Shrill  
Sloshing  
Snapping  
Snarl  
Snort  
Softly  
Splash  
Squeak  
Squeal  
Thud  
Thump  
Thundering  
Tinkle  
Wail  
Whimper  
Whine  
Whisper  
Whistling

## Smell Words-

Acrid  
Antiseptic  
Bitter  
Burning  
Choking  
Clean  
Delicious  
Fragrant  
Fresh  
Medicinal  
Musty  
Pungent  
Putrid  
Rancid  
Rich  
Rotten  
Salty  
Smoky  
Sour  
Spicy  
Stale  
Stinky  
Strong  
Sweet

## Taste Words

Acidic  
Bitter  
Cool  
Creamy  
Delicious  
Goopy  
Hot  
Juicy  
Mild  
Nutty  
Peppery  
Ripe  
Salty  
Savory  
Sour  
Spicy  
Stale  
Sticky  
Strong  
Sweet  
Tangy  
Tart  
Tasteless  
Tasty

## Sound Words

Sound words, also known as onomatopoeic words, imitate the sounds they describe. Bees buzz, telephones ring, and cat's meow. Effective use of sound words can enhance the imagery and realism of writing.

Ack- ack	Tick	Pleaded	Saunter	<b>Sorrowful</b>
Bang	Thud	Praised	Shuffle	Sorry
Beep	Thump	Prayed	Stagger	Unhappy
Bong	Tinkle	Promised	Step	Woebegone
Boom	Twang	Questioned	Stride	Woeful
Bowwow	Whack	Quoted	Stroll	wretched
Bray	Whiz	Ranted	Strut	
Buzz	Whoop	Reminded	Swagger	<b>Words For "Happy"</b>
Chirp	Zip	Replied	Totter	
Chug	Zoom	Requested	Trek	Blissful
Clack		Roared	Trudge	Blithe
Clink	<b>Words Used Instead of "Said"</b>	Sassed		Cheerful
Clomp		Sighed	<b>Words For "Laugh"</b>	Delighted
Cluck		Smiled		Ecstatic
Coo	Added	Smirked	Cackle	Exultant
Cough	Admitted	Snickered	Chortle	Gay
Crack	Answered	Stammered	Chuckle	Glad
Crackle	Argued	Stated	Crow	Gleeful
Crash	Asked	Stuttered	Giggle	Jolly
Creak	Babbled	Suggested	Grin	Jovial
Crunch	Bawled	Tempted	Guffaw	Joyful
Cuckoo	Bet	Wailed	Hoot	Jubilant
Ding-dong	Blurted	Wept	Howl	Lighthearted
Drip	Bragged	Whispered	Roar	Mirthful
Fizz	Bugged	Wondered	Smile	Overjoyed
Flap	Called	Yelled	Snicker	Sunny
Grate	Cautioned		Titter	Thrilled
Grind	Chatted	<b>Words For "Run"</b>		tickled
Growl	Cheered		<b>Words For "Cry"</b>	
Grunt	Chuckled	Bolt		
Hiss	Coaxed	Chase	Bawl	
Honk	Confessed	Dart	Blubber	
Howl	Corrected	Dash	Howl	
Hum	Cried	Flee	Moan	
Meow	Croaked	Gallop	Sniffle	
Moo	Crowed	Furry	Snivel	
Neigh	Dared	Jog	Sob	
Ping	Decided	Lope	Wail	
Plop	Declared	Race	Weep	
Pop	Demanded	Rush	Whimper	
Puff	Denied	Scamper	Whine	
Quack	Ended	Scout		<b>Words For "Sad"</b>
Rap	Exclaimed	Scramble		
Rev	Explained	Scurry		
Ring	Fretted	Scuttle	Cheerless	
Roar	Gasped	Speed	Crestfallen	
Rumble	Greeted	Sprint	Dejected	
Rustle	Hinted	Tear	Depressed	
Screech	Informed	Trot	Despondent	
Shriek	Insisted		Disheartened	
Sizzle	Laughed	<b>Words For "Walk"</b>	Dismal	
Slurp	Lied		Dispirited	
Smack	Murmured	Amble	Downcast	
Smash	Muttered	Ambulate	Downhearted	
Snort	Named	Lumber	Forlorn	
Splash	Nodded	Meander	Joyless	
Squeak	Nudged	Pace	Melancholy	
Squeal	Offered	Plod	Miserable	
Squish	Ordered	Prance	Mournful	
Swish	Panted	Ramble	Pitiable	