Taste/Food Words
~ taste (n) - sense of flavour or (v) to sample the flavour
~ morsel, nibble, crumb, bite (n) - a small amount of food
~ mouthful (n) - an amount of food in the mouth
~ banquet, feast (n) - a large amount of food/ a formal dinner
~ snack (n) - a small amount of food eaten between meals
~ grub, nosh (n) informal terms for food

Eating words
~ chew (v) - bite & move food around the mouth
~ munch (v) - eat steadily & sometimes noisily
~ nibble (v) - take small bites
~ devour (v) - eat hungrily
~ consume, ingest (v) - to take in something or to eat
~ gobble (v) - eat hurriedly and noisily
~ chomp (v) - chew noisily (n) or a chewing noise
~ gnaw (v) - nibble constantly until worn away
~ gorge (v) - to eat a large amount greedily

Describing food & eating
~ savoury (adj) - not sweet, but salty
~ spicy (adj) - flavoured with a spice or peppery
~ flavoursome (adj) - full of flavour
~ fresh (adj) - recently made/ well-preserved/ new
~ sweet (adj) - sugary/ opposite of salty/ bitter/ sour
~ delicious/ mouth-watering (adj) - tasty and enjoyable
~ succulent (adj) - tender and juicy
~ rotten (adj)-decaying/ putrid/ spoiled/ mouldy/ rancid/stale
~ tangy (adj) - a strong zesty/ tart/ acidic/ sour flavour
~ tasteless (adj) - lacking in flavour/ bland
~ bitter (adj) - a sharp/ tart taste
~ poisoned/poisonous (adj) - containing poison
~ ravenous/ starving/ famished (adj) - extremely hungry
~ peckish (adj) - a tad hungry
~ greedily (adv) - in a way that shows a strong appetite
~ hungrily (adv) - in a way that shows a need for food

Drinking words
~ swallow (v) - to take in liquid
~ gulp, glug, guzzle, quaff, swig (v) - swallow a large amount
~ sip (v) - to take in small amounts of liquid
~ slurp - (v) eat/drink with a loud sucking noise

Taste phrase/sentence ideas
...tickle the taste buds
...linger on the tongue
...leaves a _____ taste in the mouth
A biting wind spread hungrily through the trees, devouring all in its path.
Consumed by guilt, Raj decided to apologise.
The gentle waves licked the shore.

Non-fiction - Mouth parts ~ oral - of the mouth
~ incisors, canines, molars, premolars (n) - teeth
~ gums (n) - tissue surrounding the base of the teeth
~ tongue (n) - fleshy muscle used for licking, tasting/ talking
~ tonsils (n) - masses of tissue on each side of the throat
~ taste buds (n) - small points on the tongue
~ lips - (n) upper and lower fleshy parts of the mouth

Level of Intensity
Most
~ gorge    guzzle    banquet    mouth-watering
~ devour    gulp    feast    delicious
~ gobble    glug    mouthful    scrumptious
~ chomp    quaff    nibble    appetising
~ munch    swig    morsel    flavoursome
~ gnaw    slurp    snack    tasty
~ chew    swallow    scraps    bland

Least
~ nibble    sip    crumb    tasteless

Taste sentences in famous stories
‘You simply pinched your nose and swallowed hard, then glugged down a glass of water.’
Letters From the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll.
‘Luckily, the other kids are concentrating on their own dinners, spooning their soup up hungrily...’
Once - Morris Gleitzman.
‘Swallow the sky in one glorious gulp.’
Skycircus - Peter Bunzl.
‘She’s tall and gangly and always chewing on her hair.’
The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Rauf.
‘...tearing the wire from the fence posts, rolling it up like spaghetti and eating it.’
The Iron Man - Ted Hughes
‘A calloused tongue licks my neck, making me shudder with disgust and horror.’
The Maker of Monsters - Lorraine Gregory.

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Describing smells

- pungent (adj) - having a sharp strong smell
- persistent (adj) - long-lasting/won’t go away
- potent (adj) - intense/strong
- lingering (adj) - staying in one place/slow to disappear
- floral (adj) - smelling of flowers
- fresh (adj) - unknown/new/different/crisp
- fragrant (adj) - having a pleasant or sweet-smelling
- intoxicating (adj) - exciting to the senses
- aromatic (adj) - having a pleasant smell
- zesty (adj) - full of flavour/exciting
- perfumed (adj) - scented with a sweet pleasant smell
- musty (adj) - a stale, mouldly, damp (slightly wet) smell
- whiffy/stinky (adj) - having a strong unpleasant smell
- revolting (adj) - disgusting/foul
- suffocating (adj) - causing difficulty in breathing
- rancid (adj) - stale/rotten/putrid/rotten/mouldy
- nauseating (adj) - causing someone to feel sick

Describing a nose

- bulbous (adj) - fat, round, bulging
- prominent (adj) - protruding/sticking out
- stubby (adj) - short and thick
- hooked/crooked/hawkish (adj) - curved, bent, bird-like

Synonyms for ‘smell’

+ scent (n) - a smell, particularly a pleasant one
+ fragrance (n) - a pleasant sweet smell
+ bouquet (n) - a particular scent in a perfume
+ essence (n) - an extract used to add to scent
+ perfume (n) - a pleasant smell or a liquid scent
+ aroma (n) - a strong pleasant smell
- stench/pong/whiff/stink (n) - strong unpleasant smell
- odour (n) - an extract used to add to scent

Synonyms for ‘nose’

(informal)

hoeter trunk muzzle snout

Smell sentences in famous stories

‘The smell of burnt porridge hung in the air.’

The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

‘It smelled of the marshes: briny with a whiff of fish.’

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

“I could smell the city floating out to meet us.”

A Spoonful of Murder - Robin Stevens

‘...he imagined he could smell that now, in the quietness of the dark forest, a faint but definite stink of burning hair mixed with long-dead mice and a little kick of viper’s venom; once smelled, never forgotten.’

The Wizards of Once - Cressida Cowell

‘As the smoky, meaty aroma filled the air, he had to keep swallowing the saliva that flooded his mouth.’

A Long Walk to Water - Linda Sue Park

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Describing sounds
~ audible (adj) - able to be heard
~ soulful (adj) - emotional
~ sweet, melodic, harmonious (adj) - pleasant sounding
~ tuneful (adj) - a pleasing melodic sound
~ catchy (adj) - instantly appealing/ memorable tune
~ deafening (adj) - extremely loud unpleasant sound
~ muffled (adj) - quietened in some way

Sound onomatopoeia
Loud - crash clang smash clatter smack bang boom moan cackle thud thump
Quiet/dull - clink jingle tick-tock buzz hum sizzle rustle hush groan crunch whisper fizz sigh
Quick/short - whoosh boos clap boink click zoom click snap hiccup clonk psst pop
Water - glug plop splash pitter-patter drip rumble
Animal - sizzle meow moo caw tweet baa hoot screech shriek hiss growl bark quack

Sound phrase/sentence ideas
The sound of ____ carried far and wide.
...floated on the breeze.
...drowned out by...
A deafening silence filled the void.
The orchestra of birdsong began at dawn.

Non-fiction - ear words ~ auditory - of the ear
~ ear (n) - the organ of hearing (lughole - informal)
~ pinna (n) - outer part of the ear
~ ear lobe (n) - lower fleshy part of the outer ear
~ eardrum (n) - sound waves make it vibrate
~ ossicles (n) - ear bones (amplify sound)
~ cochlea (n) - turns vibrations into electrical signals
~ ear canal - tube that helps sound travel within the ear

Level of Intensity
Most
deafening orchestra shriek
dramatic piercing choir scream
high-pitched chorus yell
loud band drone
gentle quiet duet murmur

Least
silent soloist whisper

Sound sentences in famous stories
‘A murmur of uncertainty rippled through the crowd.’
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow - Jessica Townsend.

‘Soon, a ripple of whispers fluttered through the audience with more people turning to look.’
Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure - Vashti Hardy

‘His thoughts were shattered as a sudden cry split the air, loud and shrill - a call of triumph.’
The Star-spun Web - Sinead O’Hart

‘My heart kerdunk-kerdunk-kerdunked under my T-shirt.’
The Middler - Kirsty Applebaum

‘An eerie quietness settled over the street…’ I Cosmo - Carlie Sorosiak

‘He could only listen to the crooning voice that had made a home inside his head. It was hissing like a snake, burrowing deeper into his brain.’
The Lost Tide Warriors - Catherine Doyle

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Touch words
- handle (v) - feel with the hands
- caress, fondle (v) - a gentle or loving touch
- grab, grasp, seize, snatch, clasp, grip (v) - hold
- hug, cuddle, embrace, snuggle (v) - to hold close
- poke, prod, jab, nudge (v) - a short touch to get attention
- tap, pat (v) - to lightly hit
- flick (v) - strike something suddenly with the fingers
- punch, strike, wallop, smack, slap, thump, spank (v) - to hit hard
- brush, stroke (v) - gently touch in a sweeping motion
- fiddle (v) - touch something nervously or for comfort
- press (v) - apply pressure to

Describing touch
+ gentle (adj) gently (adv) - light and tender
+ tender (adj) tenderly (adv) - softly and with affection
+ affectionate (adj) affectionately (adv) - with affection
+ delicate (adj) delicately (adv) - carefully and softly
+ playful (adj) playfully (adv) - intending to be light-hearted
+ loving (adj) lovingly (adv) - with affection
~ loose (adj) loosely (adv) - not firmly or tightly
~ gingerly (adv) - cautiously
~ tight (adj) tightly (adv) - with a firm grip
~ firm (adj) firmly (adv) - with a tight grip
- aggressive (adj) aggressively (adv) - meant to cause harm
- violent (adj) violently (adv) - meant to cause harm
- rough (adj) roughly (adv) - firm
- forceful (adj) forcefully (adv) - strong and powerful

Level of Intensity
Most
- violently
- aggressively
- firmly
- gently
- touch

Least
- tenderly
- hold

Texture words
rough, uneven, bumpy, lumpy, wrinkly
- grainy, pitted, gritty
- waxy, greasy, oily
- sticky, gooey
- prickly, spiky
- hard, firm, solid
- bouncy, springy
- moist

Non-fiction - hand words
~ palm (n) - the inner part of the hand
~ knuckles (n) - the finger joints
~ fingers (n) - attached to the hand/ used for touching

Touch phrase/sentence ideas
...fiddled with...
...grasping _____ with both hands
Embracing the ________
...caressing the...

Gripping on for dear life, Jon prayed his fingers wouldn't buckle.
The gentle wind caressed the branches of the trees.

Synonyms for ‘hand’
- palm
- fist
- mitts
- paws
- hooks
- claws

Synonyms for ‘hand’ words
~ dermo/derma - of the skin
~ palm - the inner part of the hand
~ knuckles - the finger joints
~ fingers - attached to the hand/ used for touching

Touch sentences in famous stories
‘Mist hung like a veil over the sea, clinging to her skin as she broke the surface’
The Lost Tide Warriors - Catherine Doyle

‘With one stiff finger he is jabbing the button of my bell like he's stabbing it with a knife.’
Malamander - Thomas Taylor

‘...he ran his fingers through his oil-coated hair and shook the mass of worm-like tendrils.’
Shadow Jumper - J M Forster

‘In the winter’s fifth year, its grip still tightened on the southern river towns...’
The Way Past Winter - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

‘...her hands clasped so tightly that the veins in her wrist stuck out.’
Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure - Vashti Hardy
Words for ‘sight’
~ vision (n) - the ability to see/ something seen
~ observation (n) - the ability to notice/ something observed

Describing appearance (People/ Places/ Objects)
+ beautiful, gorgeous, pretty (adj) - attractive
~ ugly, hideous (adj) - unpleasant to look at
+ fresh, new, pristine (adj) - unspoiled
~ old, ancient, ageing, mature (adj) - been around for long
+ tidy, clean, spotless, immaculate (adj) - free from dirt
~ soiled, grubby, filthy, mucky, grimy (adj) - dirty
+ smart, well-groomed - (adj) - tidy in appearance
~ dishevelled, tatty, ragged (adj) - unkempt/not looked after
+ welcoming, warm, inviting (adj) -
~ foreboding, unwelcoming (adj) - creates a sense of unease
+ bright, dazzling, radiant, shimmering (adj) - shiny/light
~ dark, dingy, gloomy, drab (adj) - dull/poorly lit or unlit
~ thin, narrow, slender (adj) - opposite of fat, wide
~ plump, stout, chubby (adj) - fat/over-weight
~ bustling, busy (adj) - full of activity/energetic
~ empty, bare, barren (adj) - devoid of life/not full
~ scorching, tropical, balmy, blistering, muggy, humid - hot
~ icy, frosty, blister, freezing (adj) - cold
~ horrifying, shocking (adj) - an awful sight
~ dangerous, hazardous, menacing (adj) - likely to harm

Non-fiction - eye words
~ optic - of the eye
~ iris (n) - the coloured part of the eye
~ pupil (n) - the hole in the centre of the eye
~ cornea (n) - transparent layer covering the eye
~ sclera (n) - the white of the eyes
~ lens (n) - focuses the light onto the retina

Level of Intensity
Most glare - foreboding - filthy
~ stare - uninviting - mucky
~ spy - unwelcoming - grimy
~ observe - inviting - grubby
~ glimpse - welcoming - spotless
~ glance - alluring - immaculate

Least

SEE

’See’ sentences in famous stories
‘Sometimes Fionn could feel their gazes pricking on the side of his face.’
‘A vision unfurled in the blackness of his mind.’

The Storm Keeper’s Island - Catherine Doyle
‘He looms over the desk like a crooked monolith, his face a dismal crag, his eyes hidden beneath the peak of a ruined cap.’

Malamander - Thomas Taylor
‘…Simon had enormous bushbaby eyes, tender trusting pools which seemed to hold tears, just ready to fall from beneath stupidly curled lashes.’

The Girl Savage - Katherine Rundell
‘But further along the coast, where the cliffs turn ragged and shards of rock jut into the water, strewn like broken gravestones, the current is stronger.’

The Shadow Keeper - Abi Elphinstone
Emotion words

~ proud (adj) - happy with your/someone else’s achievements or a high opinion of self and importance
~ overwhelmed (adj) - a strong emotional affect
+ sympathetic (adj) - showing sympathy for others
+ excited, exhilarated, elevated (adj) - very enthusiastic
+ courageous, fearless (adj) - brave
+ optimistic, hopeful (adj) - confident about the future
+ confident, inspired (adj) - showing certainty in ability
+ passionate (adj) - strong feelings or beliefs
+ joyful, elated, ecstatic, gleeful, content (adj) - happy
- anxious, nervous (adj) - easily agitated or alarmed
- frightened, afraid, terrified, petrified, uneasy (adj) - scared
- jealous, envious (adj) - yearning for something someone else has
- morose (adj) - ill-tempered and gloomy
- annoyed, irate, cross, vexed, aggrieved (adj) - angry
- guilty, ashamed (adj) - feeling responsible for & ashamed
- depressed, gloomy, miserable, melancholy, wretched, downhearted, heart-broken, sorrowful, sullen (adj) - sad
- humiliated, embarrassed (adj) - made to feel a fool

Describing feelings

~ all consuming (adj) - filling one’s thoughts/ obsessive
~ overwhelming (adj) - very strong
~ fleeting, momentary, brief, temporary (adj) - not long-lasting/ short-lived
~ sudden (adj) - quick
~ intense, powerful, profound (adj) - very great/high impact
~ unshakeable (adj) - strongly felt and unchangeable
~ unforgettable (adj) - very memorable/ impossible to forget
~ permanent, enduring - long-lasting
~ devastating (adj) - highly damaging

Feeling phrase/sentence ideas

gripped with fear...
full of...
My heart burst with...
an overwhelming sense of...
Awash with pride, a smile spread across her face.
Fear overwhelmed him, poisoning his once calm mind.

Non-fiction - heart words
~ heart (n) - muscle that pumps blood around the body
~ veins (n) - tubes that carry oxygen-depleted blood around the body in the circulatory system
~ arteries (n) - tubes that carry oxygenated blood
~ blood cells (n) - cells found in the blood (red, white, platelets)

Level of Intensity

Most - ecstatic, petrified, wretched, elated, terrified, heart-broken, over-joyed, frightened, sorrowful, joyful, afraid, melancholy, happy, scared, miserable
Least - content, uneasy, down-hearted

‘Feeling’ sentences in famous stories

‘Betty felt as though her life was a corset tightening around her, with granny pulling one string and now Fliss yanking the other, lacing her in so she couldn’t breathe.’
A Pinch of Magic - Michelle Harrison

‘A knot of worry tightened in Pip’s stomach.’
The Umbrella Mouse - Anna Fargher

‘...her whole body jangled as an electric shock of nerves jolted through her.’
The Midnight Hour - Benjamin Read

‘I knew it in the chill of my bone marrow and the crawling of my skin.’
Our Castle by the Sea - Lucy Strange

‘This is when your heart hardens in your chest, like petals turning to stone.’
The Island at the End of Everything - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

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Synonyms for ‘feel’
~ sense (v) - an awareness or feeling
~ experience (v) - to undergo (in this case, an emotion)
~ suffer, endure (v) - experience something unpleasant

Synonyms for ‘heart’
ticker (n) (informal)