



01 – VOCABULARY: THE FIVE SENSES



The five senses are: **sight**, **hearing**, **taste**, **touch** and **smell**.

He **looks** dreadful. The trip **sounds** marvellous. The cake **tastes** good. It **felt** strange. The soup **smells** delicious.

Sight

Yesterday I **glanced** out of the window and **noticed** a policeman **observing** a house opposite through binoculars.

I thought I **glimpsed** a man inside the house. Then I **saw** that there was a man **peering** into the window of the same house.

I **gazed** at them wondering what they were doing. Suddenly the policeman stopped **staring** through his binoculars.

He went to arrest the other man as he started to climb into the house through the window. I realised that I had **witnessed** a crime.

Hearing

Scale of loudness: **noiseless** - **silent** - **quiet** - **noisy** - **loud** - **deafening**

Taste

sweet (honey) **salty** (crisps) **bitter** (strong coffee) **sour** (vinegar) **spicy** or **hot** (**indian food**). If a curry, say, is not particularly hot, then it is **mild**.

Food can be **tasty**, but **tasteful** refers to furnishings, architecture or a style of dressing or behaviour. The opposite of both is **tasteless**.

Touch

She **poked** me in the ribs with her elbow to wake me up.

He **stroked** the cat and **patted** the dog.

She **tapped** him on the shoulder. He **grasped** my hand and we ran.

She **grabbed** her phone and ran to the bus stop.

Press the button. Please **handle** the goods with great care.

Smell

Here are some adjectives to describe smells:

Very unpleasant: **stinking**, **foul-smelling**, **putrid**, **musty** [smelling unpleasantly old and slightly damp], **pungent** [smelling very strong, often unpleasantly so]

Pleasant: **fragrant**, **aromatic**, **sweet-smelling**, **perfumed/scented**