

# Sensory Words

Sensory words are those that appeal to our senses—touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing. Using strong sensory words helps a writer convey vivid sensations to the reader by appealing to all the ways the brain can interpret meaning. Good writers always try to use strong sensory language.

## Sensory Words for Describing Objects

Size/Weight			
bulky	colossal	enormous	gigantic
huge	tiny	immense	massive
minute	towering	light	
Shape			
broad	crooked	curved	deep
shallow	square	round	oblong
tapered	many-sided	indiscriminate	
Color			
flaming	dark	bright	glowing
flashing	dull	pale	flickering
glaring	dazzling	radiant	colorful
shiny	multicolored		
Sound			
thumping	squeaking	tinkling	ringing
clanging	sizzling	screeching	hissing
humming	rustling	buzzing	popping
splashing	thudding	snapping	crashing
Odor			
antiseptic	burning	clean	fresh
fragrant	medicinal	musty	pungent
putrid	strong	sweet	
Texture			
bumpy	crinkled	fluffy	muddy
murky	rippling	shear	wispy
cold	icy	hot	warm
smooth	rough	grainy	sandy
moist	dry	satiny	silky
velvety	oily	slippery	hairy
uneven	jagged	prickly	elastic
shaggy	cool	cuddly	greasy
tickly	gooey	gritty	slushy
earthy	lukewarm	rubbery	