

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
Unsightly
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	Sorrowful
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	Words For "Happy"
Chirp	Zip	Replied	Totter	
Chug	Zoom	Requested	Trek	Blissful
Clack		Roared	Trudge	Blithe
Clink	Words Used Instead of "Said"	Sassed		Cheerful
Clomp		Sighed	Words For "Laugh"	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	Words For "Run"		tickled
Growl	Cheered		Words For "Cry"	
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		
Rap	Exclaimed	Scramble	Words For "Sad"	
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	Words For "Walk"	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	