

Lesson
6

Sharpen Your Senses

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be associated with seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, or smelling.

acrid (AK rid) ADJ. sharp or bitter in taste or odor; irritating (*The acrid smoke seared our lungs.*)

aromatic (AR uh MAT ik) ADJ. fragrant (*The forest floor was covered with aromatic pine needles.*)

bland (bland) ADJ. mild; soothing; not irritating (*Bland foods are best when you have an ulcer.*)

blare (blair) N. noisy, loud sound (*The blare of trumpets awakened us.*)

bleat (bleet) V. to make the noise of a sheep or goat (*During the night, we were startled to hear a sheep bleat outside our window.*)

din (din) N. continuous mixture of loud and discordant noises (*The screaming children made an incredible din.*)

drone (drohn) V. to make a dull, humming sound or to speak monotonously (*The speaker continued to drone on and on, even though we began to fidget in our chairs.*)

musky (MUHS kee) ADJ. a hearty, penetrating odor like that obtained from musk deer (*That perfume is my favorite because of its musky scent.*)

musty (MUHS tee) ADJ. smelling damp and decayed (*Some rooms that are closed up develop a musty odor.*)

odorous (OH dur uhs) ADJ. having a strong, distinctive, usually unpleasant odor (*The odorous feedlot, which contained thousands of heads of cattle, could be smelled for miles.*)

olfactory (ahl FAK tuh ree) ADJ. pertaining to the sense of smell (*My olfactory nerve is damaged, so I cannot smell anything.*)

palatable (PAL uh tuh buhl) ADJ. having an agreeable taste; acceptable to be eaten (*My father can cook extremely palatable pot roast.*)

pungent (PUHN juhnt) ADJ. sharp and keen smelling or tasting (*The pungent aroma of gasoline was apparent as I filled my car.*)

radiate (RAY dee AYt) V. to send out in rays (*The light and heat from the sun radiate across the ninety-three million miles to Earth.*)

rancid (RAN sid) ADJ. having a sour, rank, or stale smell or taste (*The odor of the rancid butter made us lose our appetites.*)

redolent (RED uhl uhnt) ADJ. giving off a fragrance; scented (*The air is redolent with lilacs during the early spring.*)

reek (reek) V. to give off a strong or offensive smell (*If you do not do something with those tennis shoes, your whole room will reek.*)

resonant (REZ uh nuhnt) ADJ. able to produce or exhibit an intense, rich sound (*The radio announcer has a deep resonant voice.*)

tactile (TAK tuhl) ADJ. relating to the sense of touch (*Babies need holding and tactile stimulation in order to thrive.*)

tart (tahrt) ADJ. having a sharp or acid taste (*I love the tart taste of lemon pie.*)