

The senses

Translate the words and phrases.

The senses

sight
hearing
touch
taste
smell

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Verbs marked (T) are usually transitive;
verbs marked (I) are usually intransitive.
All other verbs are both transitive and
intransitive. For the use of transitive and
intransitive verbs, see page 85.

Sight (verbs and phrases)

see
check
notice
watch
look (I) (at)
have / take a look
(I) (at)
stare (I) (at)
glance (I) (at)
gaze (I) (at)
glare (I) (at)
search (I) (for)
browse (I) (through)
examine (T)
inspect (T)
spot (T)

Look at that bird!
.....
Where? I can't see it.
.....
We watched the sun go down.
.....
Your new jacket looks good.
.....
You look tired.
.....
You look as if you need a rest.
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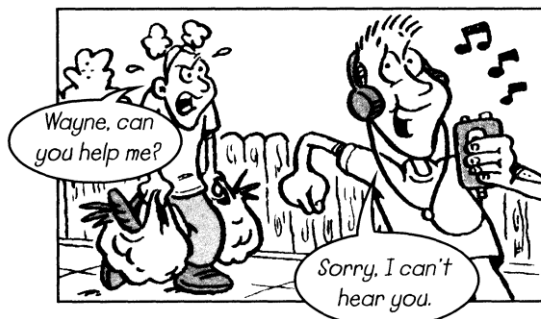
Hearing (verbs and phrases)

hear
sound
listen (I) (to)
overhear (T)

Sorry, I can't hear you.
.....
Listen to this new CD.
.....
I've never heard of the Corrs.
Who are they?
.....
Your cough sounds terrible.
.....
You sound as if you need a good holiday.
.....

Adjectives

silent
quiet
noisy
loud



Touch (verbs and phrases)

touch
feel
push
pull
drag
rub
kiss
hit
tap
itch
scratch

tickle
clap
pinch
punch (T)
slap (T)
smack (T)
stroke (T)
squeeze (T)
hug
shake hands

This jumper feels really soft.

I feel as if I could cry.

I'm tired. I feel like having an early night.

Smell (verbs and phrases)

smell
sniff
stink (I)
It smells | nice.
 | delicious.
 | horrible.
 | strange.
 | revolting.



Take the rubbish bag out. It stinks!

It smells of cats in here.

What are you cooking? It smells like curry.

Get rid of that cheese. It smells horrible!

Stop sniffing and blow your nose!

Taste (verbs and phrases)

taste
It tastes | bitter.
 | sour.
 | disgusting.
 | bland.

It's too | sweet.
 | salty.
 | spicy.

Yuk! This ice cream tastes of garlic.

This wine tastes like vinegar.



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See *Boost Your Vocabulary 2*,
page 19, for adjectives
describing food.

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See page 86 for the British /
American word list.

1 Which senses do you associate with these body parts?

1 ear *hearing* 3 nose 5 hand
2 eye 4 tongue

2 Use the verbs and the adjectives to complete the captions.

verbs			adjectives			
feel	<i>smell</i>	sound	beautiful	delicious	<i>revolting</i>	soft
look (x2)	taste (x2)		disgusting	very clear	tired	

  <p>1a <i>It smells revolting.</i> 1b <i>But it</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	  <p>2a <i>You</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>2b <i>But you</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
  <p>3a <i>This</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>3b <i>But this</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	  <p>4 <i>You</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

3a Find 20 words to do with the senses and write them in the correct group.

Q	D	Y	S	O	U	N	D	C	T
U	B	L	N	V	N	O	I	S	Y
I	N	S	P	E	C	T	Z	N	H
E	G	L	A	R	E	I	U	I	U
T	A	A	B	H	R	C	S	F	G
S	Z	P	I	E	W	E	W	F	P
T	E	S	T	A	R	E	E	M	U
I	R	S	T	R	O	K	E	S	S
N	S	M	E	L	L	I	T	C	H
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3b Tick the four adjectives in exercise 3a.

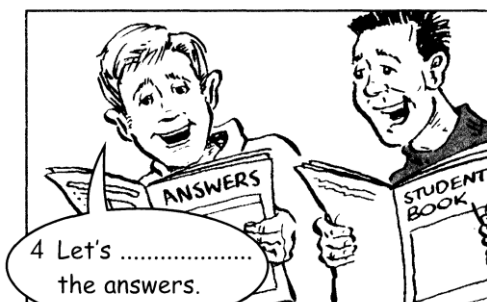
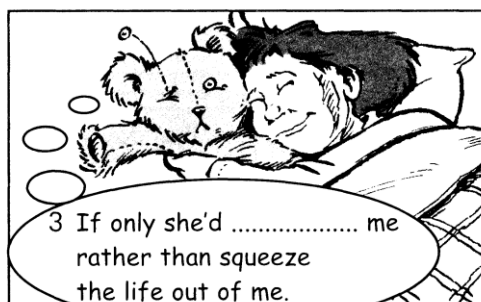
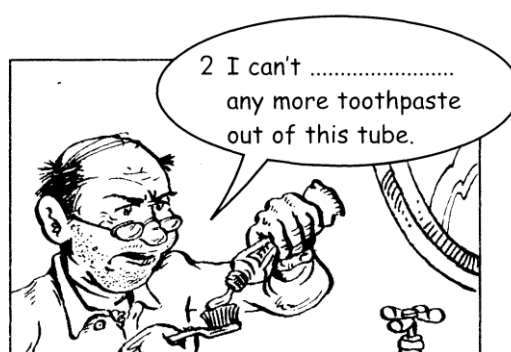
3c Use the words in exercise 3a in the sentences below. Remember to put them in the correct tense.

- 1 He knew she was angry by the way she *glared*..... at him.
- 2 I was so surprised to see him I just stood there and
- 3 They're obviously in love. They just at each other for hours.
- 4 This is a library. Please be
- 5 I can't work. It's too in here.
- 6 Did the customs officials your luggage?
- 7 Did you anything unusual in his behaviour that day?
- 8 I was in the next room, so of course I what they were saying.
- 9 You can the dog. He won't bite.
- 10 A: 'Don't that mosquito bite. You'll make it worse.'
B: 'But it!'
- 11 They were so pleased to meet again – they just each other for ages.
- 12 This coffee's very Put some sugar in it.
- 13 I can something burning.
- 14 Your voice strange. What's the matter?
- 15 How much sugar did you put in this cake? It's far too
- 16 The dogs each other, but they didn't fight.
- 17 Ben, don't just past people! Say 'Excuse me'.
- 18 He must have been very rude, because she his face!
- 19 Throw that cheese away. It !

4 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I didn't read the newspaper article in detail. I just glanced / stared at it.
- 2 I like hearing / listening to the radio first thing in the morning.
- 3 She asked us to see / look at the blackboard.
- 4 I think you've got Joanne's phone number in your address book. Can I have a look / examine?
- 5 Guess who smacked / tapped me on the shoulder as I was walking to college?
- 6 Do you laugh if someone itches / tickles the sole of your foot?
- 7 If you can't carry the suitcase, just drag / rub it along the ground.
- 8 Now, children, stand in line and don't push / pull.
- 9 Simon says, 'Clap / Smack your hands.'
- 10 Can you spot / notice the difference between these two pictures?

5 Complete the speech bubbles.



6 What are the missing words?

- 1 You *sound* as if you don't want to go to Cheryl's party.
- 2 You good in bright colours.
- 3 This new shampoo makes your hair as soft as silk.
- 4 Have you of 'scratch cards'?
- 5 You as if you've seen a ghost. What's the matter?
- 6 I like going out tonight. What about you?
- 7 That after-shave lotion like old socks!
- 8 I as if I could run a marathon.

7 Try this quiz. Circle A, B or C.

What your senses say about you		5 When you meet a friend of a friend for the first time, do you
1 Which do you prefer to touch? A silk B wood C sand 2 Which do you prefer to eat? A sweet things B savoury things C spicy things 3 Do you squeeze the tube of toothpaste A from the top? B from the middle? C from the bottom? 4 When you're buying a new T-shirt, do you A try on lots of them? B examine lots carefully, then try one on? C have a quick look at one and take it straight to the cash desk?	6 If you have a magazine, do you A browse through it before deciding what you want to read? B start at the beginning and go through to the end? C start at the end and work backwards?	
Analysis 1A, B2, C1 You're warm and generous, but perhaps a bit emotional 2A2, B1, C3 and impractical. 3A3, B2, C1 You're open, sensible and cheerful. 4A2, B1, C3 6-8 points 5A2, B3, C1 You're rational and practical, but perhaps too organized. 6A1, B2, C3		

8 Write ten words and five expressions you are going to memorize.

Words	Expressions
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10