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# A List of Smells and Tastes

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It's another crazy busy week in the life of Jill. We are heading out to Salt Lake Comic Con in the middle of the night tonight/tomorrow, so I've been frantic as I prepare. This year, the whole family is going, so that will be a lot of fun. I'll post pictures next week.

I'm a list girl, and as a writer, I've made lists of just about everything you can think of. Recently I've made lists of smells and tastes to try and add interesting things into my writing. I thought this list might be useful to you whether you're describing food, a building, outdoors, or an underground cave. I think I have more food-like words than other smells, and I'm sure I'm missing a TON of words. There are just so many great words out there. If you see any that I'm missing, write them in the comments and I'll add them to the list.

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- a la mode
- acidic
- acrid
- aftertaste
- aged
- airy
- al dente
- alcoholic
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- almondy
- ambrosial
- antiseptic
- aromatic
- artificial
- astringent
- au fromage
- au gratin
- au jus
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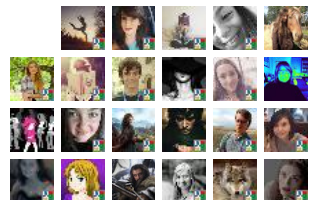
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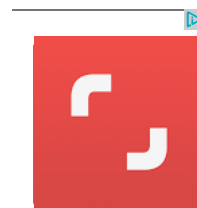
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**Linea Marshall** [September 23, 2015 at 6:09 AM](#)

Wow, this is great! I love to describe tastes, so this will give me some extra fodder. Thanks for the list and have a great time at Comic Con!

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**Sarah Blevins** [September 23, 2015 at 7:05 AM](#)

This is exactly what I needed! Thanks :D

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**Megan S.** [September 23, 2015 at 7:56 AM](#)

This is the perfect list! Just what I needed. I always have a hard time coming up with words to describe smells and tastes so this will be very beneficial!

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**Beverley Baird** [September 23, 2015 at 8:02 AM](#)

What a great list -thanks so much!

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**Anonymous** [September 23, 2015 at 8:25 AM](#)

AWESOME! I will use this!!!! This is ironic and kinda weird since I'm listening to a song about someone eating a tarantula ...

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**Jonathan Fay** [September 23, 2015 at 12:10 PM](#)

This is so cool!

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**Jill Williamson** [September 23, 2015 at 4:37 PM](#)

I'm glad it's helpful, guys! :-)

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**Joy** [September 23, 2015 at 5:04 PM](#)

Thanks for the list! (and I didn't mention this on your blog, but I LOVE Rend Collective and For King and Country! Their music is just so good) Have fun and good luck at Comic-Con!!

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**pgacn** [September 23, 2015 at 5:44 PM](#)

tangy is a nice word to describe taste. Coppery is a word often used in describing smell. Good luck at the Comic-con.

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