

Descriptor Word List

Textures

airy, bristly, bumpy, coarse, dimpled, edged, feathery, filmy, fluffy, fuzzy, gaseous, glassy, grainy, greasy, gritty, hairy, hard, leathery, lumpy, matte, metallic, moist, mushy, oily, powdery, prickly, resilient, rough, rubbery, sandy, semi-hard, semi-soft, sharp, silky, slick, slippery, smooth, soft, spongy, velvety, wet, wooden

Colors

amber, beige, black, blue, bright, bronze, brown, dark, dim, faded, fluorescent, golden, green, gray, light, luminescent, mottled, orange, pale, patterned, pink, purple, red, reflective, shadowed, shiny, silver, speckled, tan, transparent, turquoise, white, yellow

Smells

acid, aromatic, chemical, earthy, fragrant, fresh, moist, moldy, musty, pungent, stale, sweet

Tastes

bitter, bland, chalky, chemical, fresh, metallic, rancid, salty, sour, stony, sweet, tart, wooden

Temperatures

ambient, arid, body, cold, cool, frigid, hot, humid, room, warm

Sounds

banging, booming, buzzing, chirping, chugging, clanging, clanking, clicking, crackling, distant, dripping, echoes, grinding, gurgling, high-pitched, hissing, humming, jingling, loud, mechanical, metallic, muffled, noisy, quiet, rattling, rhythmic, ringing, roaring, rumbling, rushing, rustling, scraping, splashing, squeaking, tapping, thrumming, thumping, tinkling, voices, whirring, whooshing

Dimensions

above, across, angular, around, back and forth, below, big, circling, circular, close, curved, curving, cylindrical, deep, dense, diagonal, down, empty, enclosed, far, fast, flat, heavy, high, hollow, horizontal, huge, in, inside, light, long, looping, low, medium, moving, narrow, near, oblong, off, on, open, out, outside, oval, over, peaked, pointed, rectangular, round, scattered, shallow, slow, small, spinning, spiraling, square, squat, straight, tall, thick, tiny, tubular, under, up, vast, vertical, wavy, wide

Aesthetic Impact (AI)

afraid, alert, amazed, anxious, awed, bored, cheerful, confused, content, curious, depressed, disoriented, dizzy, dreamy, excited, familiar, fearful, friendly, frightened, frustrated, happy, impressed, interested, intimidated, intrigued, joyful, lonely, lost, nervous, observant, overwhelmed, peaceful, pleasant, pleased, reflective, relaxed, respectful, reverent, sad, shocked, surprised, tense, thoughtful, tired, unfamiliar