THE FIVE SENSES

A2 - EXPLANATION AND EXAMPLES

Look, sound, smell, taste and feel | Keep as a language reference

Use these verbs to describe an impression. Choose an **adjective** to describe a quality, or **like + a noun phrase** to compare it with something.

DESCRIBE A QUALITY

sense verb + **adjective**
It **looks soft.**
Soft tells us about its appearance.

COMPARE WITH SOMETHING

sense verb + **like + noun phrase**
It **looks like cotton.**
Cotton names the comparison.

Sense verb	Verb + adjective	Verb + like + noun phrase
LOOK what you see	The bag **looks heavy.**	The bag **looks like a suitcase.**
SOUND what you hear	The music **sounds relaxing.**	The music **sounds like jazz.**
SMELL what you smell	The bread **smells fresh.**	The bread **smells like butter.**
TASTE what you taste	The sauce **tastes spicy.**	The sauce **tastes like ginger.**
FEEL what you touch	The scarf **feels soft.**	The scarf **feels like silk.**

SMALL WORDS MATTER

Say **like a bell** or **like an orange** for a singular countable noun. Say **like roses** or **like coffee** without a/an. Do not say “It looks like soft.” Say **“It looks soft.”**

ONE THING OR MORE THAN ONE?

It looks soft. / **They look** soft.
The same change applies to **sounds/sound, smells/smell, tastes/taste** and **feels/feel**.

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