

smell**1. [smel] n****1. обоняние**

organ [sense] of smell - орган [чувство] обоняния

fine /keen/ sense of smell - тонкое обоняние, тонкий нюх

2. 1) запах

sweet smell - аромат, благоухание

to exude /to give off, to give out, to emit/ a smell - издавать /испускать/ запах

there is a smell of cooking [of gas, of fresh paint] - пахнет кухней [газом, непросохшей краской]

2) дурной запах, вонь, зловоние

what a smell! - какая вонь!

3. 1) намёк, признак, след

there is a smell of corruption [of treachery] here - здесь пахнет коррупцией [предательством]

2) атмосфера дух

there is a smell of affluence [of power] here - здесь всё дышит богатством [властью]

4. капелька, чуточка

add only a smell of garlic - положите только самую малость чеснока

5. нюханье

to take a smell at smth. - понюхать что-л

◇ a smell of powder - боевой опыт

a smell of the lamp - кабинетность, вымученность (*стиля и т. п.*); нудный педантизм; наукообразность**2. [smel] v (smelt, редк. smelled [-{smel}t])****1. 1) обонять; чувствовать запах; чують**

to smell gas - слышать /чувствовать/ запах газа

the camels smelt the water a mile off - верблюды чуюли воду за милю от колодца

2) чують, чувствовать

he smelt a plot - он почувствовал, что готовится заговор

he smelt trouble - он почувствовал, что дело неладно

2. нюхать, вдыхать запах

to smell smth., to smell at smth. - понюхать что-л

the dog smelt at my shoes - собака обнюхала мои башмаки

3. 1) пахнуть; иметь запах

to smell good [nice, sour] - иметь хороший [приятный, кислый] запах

to smell of paint - пахнуть краской

his breath smells of garlic - от него пахнет /несёт/ чесноком

the room smells damp - в комнате пахнет сыростью

2) пахнуть, отдавать

the whole affair smells of plotting - вся затея пахнет заговором

his offer smells of treachery - его предложение граничит с предательством

4. дурно пахнуть, вонять; иметь дурной запах

to smell to heaven - издавать удушливый смрад; смердеть, вонять

bribery and corruption smelt to heaven - взяточничество и коррупция отравляли атмосферу

it smells close here - здесь спёртый воздух

fish soon smells in summer if it is not kept on ice - летом рыба быстро протухнет, если её не положить на лёд

◇ to smell powder - понюхать пороху

to smell a rat - подозревать обман *и т. п.*; чують неладноеto smell of the lamp /of the candle, of oil/ - быть вымученным (*о литературном произведении*)to smell the ground /the bottom/ - сбавлять ход (*о корабле*)

to smell of the shop - быть слишком мудрёным; быть слишком специальным

to smell one's oats - воспрянуть духом, приободриться

smell

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smell [smell smells smelled smelt smelling] verb, noun BrE [smel] ^ˈ NAmE [smel]verb (smelled, smelled) (BrE also smelt, smelt BrE [smelt] ^ˈ; NAmE [smelt] ^ˈ)**1. intransitive** to have a particular smell

- **+ adj.** The room smelt damp.
- Dinner smells good.
- a bunch of sweet-smelling flowers
- **~ of sth** His breath smelt of garlic.
- The house smelt of cedar wood and fresh polish.
- **~ like sth** What does the perfume smell like?

2. transitive, no passive (not used in the progressive tenses; often with can or could) to notice or recognize a particular smell

- **~ sth** He said he could smell gas when he entered the room.
- The dog had smelt a rabbit.
- I could smell alcohol on his breath.
- **~ sth doing sth** Can you smell something burning?
- **~ (that)...** I could smell that something was burning.

3. intransitive (not used in the progressive tenses; often with can or could) to be able to notice and recognize smells

• I can't smell because I've got a bad cold.

4. **transitive ~ sth** (not usually used in the passive) to put your nose near sth and breathe in so that you can discover or identify its smell

Syn: ↑sniff

- Smell this and tell me what you think it is.
- I bent down to smell the flowers.

5. **intransitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) to have an unpleasant smell

- The drains smell.
- **It smells** in here.
- He hadn't washed for days and was beginning to smell.

6. **transitive, no passive ~ sth** to feel that sth exists or is going to happen

- He smelt danger.
- I can smell trouble.

more at a rose by any other name would smell as sweet **at** ↑rose _{n.}, wake up and smell the coffee **at** ↑wake _{v.}

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | smell |
| | BrE /smeɪl/ |
| | NAmE /smel/ |
| he / she / it | smells |
| | BrE /smeɪlz/ |
| | NAmE /smelz/ |
| past simple, past participle | smelled |
| | BrE /smeɪld/ |
| | NAmE /smeld/ (BrE also) smelt |
| | BrE /smeɪlt/ |
| | NAmE /smelt/ |
| -ing form | smelling |
| | BrE /'smelɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /'smelɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Middle English: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- After a few days, the meat began to smell.
- Can you smell gas?
- He smelled faintly of sweat.
- His clothes smelled strongly of fish.
- I had a streaming cold, so I could not smell properly.
- It smells like rotten meat!
- Snow fell so that you could almost smell the cold.
- The kitchen smelled sweetly of herbs and fruit.
- You could practically smell the danger around us.
- It smells in here, can you open a window?
- Those drains smell.

Idioms: ↑come up of something smelling of roses ▪ ↑smell a rat

Derived ↑smell somebody out

noun

1. **countable, uncountable** the quality of sth that people and animals sense through their noses

- a **faint/strong smell** of garlic
- a **sweet/fresh/musty smell**
- There was a smell of burning in the air.
- The smells from the kitchen filled the room.

2. **singular** an unpleasant smell

- What's that smell?
- Yuk! What a smell!

3. **uncountable** the ability to sense things with the nose

- Dogs have a very good **sense of smell**.
- Taste and smell are closely connected.

4. **countable** the act of smelling sth

Syn: ↑sniff

- He took one smell of the liquid and his eyes began to water.

see the sweet smell of success **at** ↑sweet _{adj.}

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Thesaurus:

smell noun

1. C, U

- Do you like the smell of coffee?

scent • • **aroma** • • **fragrance** • • **whiff** •
a smell/the scent/an aroma/the fragrance/a whiff of sth
have/give off a/an smell/scent/aroma/fragrance/whiff
a/an smell/scent/aroma **hangs/lingers/comes/wafts somewhere**

2. sing.

• What's that terrible smell?

reek • |BrE **odour** • |AmE **odor** • |informal **stink** • |especially written literary **stench** •

a/an smell/reek/odour/stink/stench of sth

a **foul/powerful/putrid** smell/odour/stench

give off a/an smell/odour/stench

Vocabulary Building:

Smells

Describing smells

These adjectives describe pleasant smells:

scented candles

aromatic oils

fragrant perfume

sweet-smelling flowers

To describe unpleasant smells you can use:

smelly cheese

stinking fish

musty old books

acid smoke [Types of smell](#)

Pleasant smells:

the rich aroma of fresh coffee

a herb with a delicate fragrance

a rose's sweet perfume

the scent of wild flowers

Unpleasant smells:

nasty household odours

the stench of rotting meat

the stink of stale sweat

the reek of beer and tobacco

Example Bank:

- A delicious smell of freshly baked bread wafted across the lawn.
- An acrid smell filled the air.
- As she walked into the house she detected the smell of gas.
- Cooking smells drifted up from the kitchen.
- Deer have a keen sense of smell.
- Fragrance dispensers are designed to mask unpleasant smells.
- The air was filled with a pervasivesmell of chemicals.
- The cottage had a musty smell after being shut up over the winter.
- The faint smell of her perfume hung in the air.
- The sights, sounds and smells of Delhi stunned me.
- The skunk gives off an unpleasant smell when attacked.
- The smell was coming from the kitchen.
- Then the pungent smell hit us— rotting fish and seaweed.
- There was an overpoweringsmell of burning rubber.
- What's that funny smell?
- the aromatic smells of a spring garden full of herbs
- the putrid smell from the slaughterhouse
- the smell of smoke
- the sour smell of unwashed linen
- the sweet smell of roses
- Do you like the smell of coffee?
- See if you can get rid of that smell.
- The smell of burning stubble drifted through the air.
- There was a musty smell in the attic.
- There was an unmistakable smell of alcohol on his breath.
- What a terrible smell!
- Wonderful cooking smells were coming from the kitchen.

smell

1. **smell**¹ **S2 W3** /smel/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

1. [countable] the quality that people and animals recognize by using their nose

smell of

^ˈ The air was filled with the smell of flowers.

What's that horrible smell?

2. [countable] an unpleasant smell:
" I think the smell's getting worse.
3. [uncountable] the ability to notice or recognize smells:
" loss of taste and smell
" Dogs have a very good sense of smell.
4. [countable usually singular] an act of smelling something:
" Have a smell of this cheese; does it seem all right?
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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **strong** There was a strong smell of burning in the air.
- **faint** (=not strong) I noticed a faint smell of perfume.
- **overpowering** (=very strong) The smell of disinfectant was overpowering.
- **nice/pleasant/lovely** There was a lovely smell of fresh coffee.
- **bad/unpleasant/horrible etc** The smell in the shed was awful.
- **a strange/funny/odd smell** What's that funny smell?
- **a sweet smell** She liked the sweet smell of hay in the barn.
- **a delicious smell** (=a pleasant smell of food) There were delicious smells emanating from the kitchen.
- **a sickly smell** (=sweet and unpleasant) the sweet, sickly smell of decaying human flesh
- **a pungent smell** *formal* (=strong and unpleasant) A pungent smell of garlic filled the air.
- **an acrid smell** (=strong and bitter) The acrid smell of smoke clung about the place.
- **a musty/stale/sour smell** (=old and not fresh) The clothes in the wardrobe had a damp musty smell.

■ verbs

- **have a strong/sweet etc smell** The flowers had a lovely sweet smell.
- **be filled with a smell** The house was filled with the smell of baking bread.
- **give off a smell** (=produce a smell) Rubber gives off a strong smell when it is burned.
- **notice/smell a smell** (also **detect a smell formal**) He detected a faint smell of blood.
- **a smell comes from somewhere** (also **a smell emanates from somewhere formal**) A delicious smell of baking came from the kitchen. | He was getting complaints about the smell emanating from his shop.
- **a smell wafts somewhere** (=moves there through the air) The smells wafting up the stairs from the kitchen were making her feel hungry.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*feel the smell of something*'. Say **smell something**.
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THESAURUS

- **smell** something that you can recognize by breathing in through your nose: the smell from the kitchen | What's that awful smell? | the sweet smell of roses
- **whiff** something that you smell for a short time: He caught a whiff of her perfume. | a whiff of apple blossom
- **scent** a smell – used especially about the pleasant smell from flowers, plants, or fruit. Also used about the smell left by an animal: The rose had a beautiful scent. | Cats use their scent to mark their territory. | the sharp, dying scent of autumn | the heady scent (=strong scent) of magnolias
- **fragrance/perfume** a pleasant smell, especially from flowers, plants, or fruit. **Fragrance** and **perfume** are more formal than **scent**: the sweet perfume of the orange blossoms | Each mango has its own special fragrance.
- **aroma** *formal* a pleasant smell from food or coffee: the aroma of fresh coffee | The kitchen was filled with the aroma of mince pies.
- **odour** *British English*, **odor** *American English formal* an unpleasant smell: An unpleasant odour was coming from the dustbins. | the odor of stale tobacco smoke
- **pong** *British English informal* an unpleasant smell: What's that horrible pong?
- **stink/stench** a very strong and unpleasant smell: I couldn't get rid of the stink of sweat. | The toilet gave off a terrible stench.

II. **smell**² **S2 W3 BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ *verb* (past tense and past participle **smelled** especially *American English* or **smelt** /smelt/ *British English*)

1. **NOTICE A SMELL** [transitive not in progressive] to notice or recognize a particular smell:

- " I can smell burning.
- " Can you smell something?

2. **HAVE A SMELL** [linking verb] to have a particular smell

smell adj

- " The stew smelled delicious.
- " Mm! Something smells good!

smell of

- " My clothes smelt of smoke.

smell like

- " It smells like rotten eggs.

sweet-smelling/foul-smelling etc

- " sweet-smelling flowers

3. **HAVE A BAD SMELL** [intransitive not in progressive] to have an unpleasant smell:

- " Your feet smell!
- " The room smelled to high heaven (=had a very bad smell).

4. **PUT YOUR NOSE NEAR SOMETHING** [transitive] to put your nose near something in order to discover what kind of smell it has

SYN sniff:

" She bent down and smelt the flowers.

5. **HAVE ABILITY** [intransitive] to have the ability to notice and recognize smells:

" I've got a cold and I can't smell.

6. **smell trouble/danger etc** to feel that something is going to happen, especially something bad:

" Miller had smelled trouble the moment she said who she was.

7. **smell a rat** *informal* to guess that something wrong or dishonest is happening

8. **smell wrong/fishy/odd etc** *informal* to seem dishonest or untrue:

" The whole thing is beginning to smell fishy to me.

⇒ **come up/out smelling of roses** at ↑*rose*¹(6)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **smell good/nice etc** The food smelled good.
- **smell delicious** That soup smells delicious.
- **smell fresh** Rub your chopping board with lemon to keep it smelling fresh.
- **smell sweet** A ripe melon will smell sweet.
- **smell bad/awful etc** Cigarettes make your clothes smell awful.
- **smell funny/strange** This place smells funny sometimes.

■ adverbs

- **smell strongly of something** The man smelled strongly of alcohol.
- **smell faintly of something** His suit smelled faintly of tobacco.

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GRAMMAR

Use an adjective after **smell**, not an adverb, to say that something has a good, bad, or strange smell:

- The house smelled awful (NOT awfully).

You can use **smell** with **of** to say what has given something a smell:

- Her breath smelled of onions (NOT smelled onions).

You can use **smell** with **like** to say that something has the same kind of smell as something else:

- a glass of wine that smelled like flowers

If you say that something or someone **smells**, you always mean they have a bad smell:

- Your socks smell.

To say that someone notices a smell, use **can smell** or just **smell**, followed by a noun:

- I can smell coffee.
- We smelled smoke.

smell something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

1. to find something by smelling **SYN sniff out**:

" They use dogs trained to smell out explosives.

2. *informal* to find or recognize something because you have a natural ability to do this **SYN sniff out**:

" They'll be able to smell out any corruption.

smell

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