

taste**1. [teɪst] n****1. вкус (чувство)**

keen taste, keen sense of taste - обострённая способность чувствовать вкус (пищи)

out of taste - неспособный различить вкус

nice to the taste - приятный на вкус

to add pepper [salt, sugar] to taste - добавить перца [соли, сахар] по вкусу

2. вкус (свойство пищи)

sweet [bitter] taste - сладкий [горький] вкус

chocolate taste - вкус шоколада

to have a nice taste - быть приятным на вкус

to have no taste - быть безвкусным

to leave a bad /nasty/ taste in the mouth - а) оставить дурной вкус во рту; б) оставить неприятное впечатление, вызвать отвращение

to distinguish types of oranges by their taste - различать апельсины по вкусу

3. 1) вкус, понимание

true [false] taste - безошибочный /хороший/ [дурной] вкус

a man of taste - человек со вкусом

an education in taste - воспитание вкуса

in (good) taste, with taste - со вкусом

in bad /in poor/ taste - безвкусно [ср. тж. 2])

to dress in good [in bad] taste - одеваться со вкусом [безвкусно]

to have a fine taste in pictures [in poetry] - тонко разбираться в живописи [в поэзии]

to smb.'s taste - в чьём-л. вкусе

not at all to my taste - совсем не в моём вкусе

he found it to his taste - это пришлось ему по вкусу

this is a matter of taste - это дело вкуса

tastes differ, there is no accounting for tastes, everyone to his taste - о вкусах не спорят; у каждого свой вкус

2) такт

in bad taste - бестактно, неуместно [ср. тж. 1])

the remark was in bad /out of/ taste - замечание было неуместным /бестактным/

it would be in bad taste to refuse - отказываться неудобно, отказ был бы бестактностью

4. склонность; влечение, пристрастие

to have a taste for smth. - иметь склонность к чему-л.

to acquire /to develop/ a taste for smth. - пристраститься к чему-л.

to follow one's natural tastes - удовлетворять свои природные склонности; следовать своим естественным влечениям

suit your own taste - делай, как тебе хочется

5. стиль, манера

in the Moorish taste - в мавританском стиле

6. проба; глоточек, кусочек

to have just a taste of smth. - попробовать что-л.

to have a taste of claret - (только) пригубить бордо

won't you have a taste of this cake? - попробуйте /отведайте/ этого пирога

7. 1) немного, чуточка; примесь, привкус

not a taste of food in the house - в доме ни крошки

there was a taste of irritation [of sadness] in his remark - в его замечании сквозило раздражение [слышалась грусть]

2) представление; образчик

to get a taste of smb.'s skill [of smb.'s manners] - получить представление о чьём-л. мастерстве [о чьих-л. манерах]

give him a taste of the whip - дай ему отведать кнута

he has already had a taste of prison - он уже отведал тюрьмы, он уже знает, что такое тюрьма; он уже побывал за решёткой

8. кухня, набор национальных блюд

the taste of France - французская кухня

9. *уст.* проба, опробование**2. [teɪst] v****1. 1) пробовать, отведать**

won't you taste this jam? - отведайте /попробуйте/ этого варенья

2) дегустировать

to taste wines - дегустировать вина

2. 1) иметь вкус

to taste sour [sweet] - быть кислым [сладким] на вкус

to taste of nothing at all - быть совершенно безвкусным

it tastes like gin [like port] - по вкусу похоже на джин [на портвейн]

2) иметь привкус; отдавать (чем-л.)

to taste of garlic [of onions] - отдавать чесноком [луком]

3. 1) различать на вкус

to taste pepper /almond/ in the dressing - чувствовать перец /миндаль/ в приправе

2) чувствовать вкус

I have a bad cold and cannot taste - из-за насморка я не чувствую вкуса (пищи)

4. 1) есть, пить (*особ.* немного)

not to taste (a thing) - ничего не попробовать, ничего не съесть
he hasn't tasted food for two days - два дня у него маковой росинки во рту не было
the children barely tasted their breakfast - дети почти не прикоснулись к завтраку

2) **уст.** отведать, откушать

to taste strange dishes - отведать небывалых яств

5. **вкусать, испытывать; получать представление, знакомиться**

to taste the joys of freedom - вкусить счастье свободной жизни
to taste power - узнать вкус власти

6. (of)

1) **арх.** вкусить, познакомиться; испытать, познать на своём опыте

to taste of fame - вкусить славы

to taste of danger - подвергнуться опасности

to taste of death - посмотреть смерти в глаза

2) **содержать в себе элемент (чего-л.); отдавать; ≅ чувствоваться**

a sharp word that tastes of envy - резкие слова, в которых чувствуется зависть /в которых слышна нотка зависти/

7. **редк.** придавать вкус

8. **уст.** иметь вкус, склонность

◇ to taste blood - испытать новое чувство; испытать острое наслаждение

taste

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• **ˌ** **t** **aste** [taste tastes tasted tasting] noun, verb BrE [teɪst] ^ˈ NAmE [teɪst] ^ˈ
noun

FLAVOUR

1. **countable, uncountable** the particular quality that different foods and drinks have that allows you to recognize them when you put them in your mouth

- a **salty/bitter/sweet, etc. taste**
- I don't like the taste of olives.
- This dish has an unusual combination of tastes and textures.
- The soup has very little taste.

SENSE

2. **uncountable** the sense you have that allows you to recognize different foods and drinks when you put them in your mouth

- I've lost my sense of taste.

SMALL QUANTITY

3. **countable, usually singular** a small quantity of food or drink that you try in order to see what it is like

- Just have a taste of this cheese.
- Do you want a taste?

SHORT EXPERIENCE

4. **singular** a short experience of sth

- This was my **first taste** of live theatre.
- Although we didn't know it, this incident was **a taste of things to come**.

ABILITY TO CHOOSE WELL

5. **uncountable** a person's ability to choose things that people recognize as being of good quality or appropriate

- He has very **good taste** in music.
- They've got more money than taste.
- The room was furnished with taste.

WHAT YOU LIKE

6. **countable, uncountable** what a person likes or prefers

- ~ **(for sth)** That trip gave me a taste for foreign travel.
- ~ **(in sth)** She has very expensive tastes in clothes.
- The colour and style is **a matter** of personal **taste**.
- Modern art is not **to everyone's taste**.
- There are trips to suit all tastes.

more at there's no accounting for taste **at** ↑**account** _{v.}, an acquired taste **at** ↑**acquire**, a taste/dose of your own medicine **at** ↑**medicine**

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'touch'): from Old French **tast** (noun), **taster** (verb) '**touch, try, taste**', perhaps based on a blend of Latin **tangere** '**to touch**' and **gustare** '**to taste**'.

Example Bank:

- Art is an acquired taste— no one is born knowing that Michelangelo is wonderful
- Contemporary arbiters of taste dismissed his paintings as rubbish.
- Don't have a cigarette now— you'll spoil the taste of your food!

- Have a taste of this cake.
- He could feel the taste of blood in his mouth.
- Her choice of outfit demonstrated her taste for the outrageous.
- Her music appeals to popular taste.
- Her work is executed with impeccable taste.
- His tastes run to the exotic.
- I had a strong coffee to take away the nasty taste of the food.
- I've lost my taste for exotic trips.
- If fishing is not to your taste, there are many other leisure activities on offer.
- It all depends on where your tastes lie.
- Lifestyles differ and tastes vary.
- Modern art is an acquired taste.
- Now he is retired he has time to indulge his tastes for writing and politics.
- People with a taste for complex plots will enjoy this book.
- She has terrible taste in clothing.
- She savoured the taste of the champagne.
- That job gave me my first real taste of teaching.
- That joke was in very poor taste.
- The designer has exercised good taste in her choice of fabrics.
- The drink left a bitter taste in his mouth.
- The film was judged to offend against standards of public taste and decency.
- The house reflected his taste.
- The love scenes are all done in the best possible taste.
- The music was too modern for my taste.
- The new appraisal plan is only a taste of things to come.
- The remark showed a deplorable lack of taste.
- The room had been decorated with great taste.
- The soup had a very salty taste.
- The whole business left a bad taste in my mouth.
- They have a taste for adventure
- This was her first taste of success.
- What type of bicycle you should buy is very much a matter of personal taste.
- You need to use fresh herbs to get the authentic Italian taste.
- You obviously share her taste in reading.
- a man of advanced tastes
- a range of hotels to suit all tastes and budgets
- the changing tastes of consumers
- young people's tastes in music
- He has an unusual taste in music.
- Modern art is not to everyone's taste.
- Salt stimulates the taste buds on the tongue.
- She has a real taste for adventure/designer clothes.
- She has a very expensive taste in clothes.
- The colour and style is a matter of personal taste.
- The soup doesn't have much taste.
- They've got more money than taste.

Idioms: in bad/poor/the worst possible taste ▪ in good/the best possible taste ▪ [↑]leave a bad taste in the mouth

verb (not used in the progressive tenses)

HAVE FLAVOUR

1. linking verb to have a particular flavour

- **+ adj.** It tastes sweet.
- **~ of sth** The ice tasted of mint.
- **~ like sth** This drink tastes like sherry.

2. -tasting (in adjectives) having a particular flavour

- foul-tasting medicine

RECOGNIZE FLAVOUR

3. transitive ~ sth (often used with can or could) to be able to recognize flavours in food and drink

- You can taste the garlic in this stew.
- I can't really taste anything with this cold.

TEST FLAVOUR

4. transitive ~ sth to test the flavour of sth by eating or drinking a small amount of it

Syn: [↑]try

- Taste it and see if you think there's enough salt in it.

EAT/DRINK

5. **transitive** ~ **sth** to eat or drink food or liquid

- I've never tasted anything like it.

HAVE SHORT EXPERIENCE

6. **transitive** ~ **sth** to have a short experience of sth, especially sth that you want more of

- He had tasted freedom only to lose it again.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	taste
	BrE /teɪst/
	NAmE /teɪst/
he / she / it	tastes
	BrE /teɪsts/
	NAmE /teɪsts/
past simple, past participle	tasted
	BrE /teɪstɪd/
	NAmE /teɪstɪd/

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Example Bank:

- The fish tasted faintly of garlic.
- The fruit tasted rather like mango.
- The water tasted strongly of chemicals.
- a cake which tasted of almonds
- I haven't tasted meat since I started the journey.
- I've never tasted anything like it.
- Taste it and see if you think there's enough salt in it.
- Would you like to taste the wine?

• **II. to 'taste idiom**

in the quantity that is needed to make sth taste the way you prefer

- Add salt and pepper to taste.

Main entry: [↑]taste_{idiom}

taste

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I. **taste**¹ **S2 W2** /teɪst/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: [↑]taste, [↑]distaste, [↑]tastefulness, [↑]taster, [↑]tasting; **adjective**: [↑]tasteful ≠ [↑]tasteless, [↑]distasteful, [↑]tasty; **adverb** [↑]tastefully, [↑]distastefully; **verb** [↑]taste]

1. **FOOD**

a) [**uncountable and countable**] the feeling that is produced by a particular food or drink when you put it in your mouth **SYN flavour**:
The medicine had a slightly bitter taste.

taste of

I don't really like the taste of meat any more.

b) [**uncountable**] the sense by which you know one food from another:

Some birds have a highly developed sense of taste.

c) **have a taste (of something)** if you have a taste of some food or drink, you put a small amount in your mouth to try it:

You must have a taste of the fruitcake.

2. **WHAT YOU LIKE** [**uncountable and countable**] the kind of things that someone likes

taste in

He asked about my taste in music.

taste for

While she was in France she developed a taste for fine wines.

3. **JUDGMENT** [**uncountable**] someone's judgment when they choose clothes, decorations etc

have good/bad etc taste

She has such good taste.

taste in

Some people have really bad taste in clothes.

4. **WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE/NOT OFFENSIVE** [**uncountable**] the quality of being acceptable and not offensive:

All television companies accept the need to maintain standards of taste and decency.

be in bad/poor etc taste (=likely to offend people)

She acknowledged her remark had been in bad taste.

5. **EXPERIENCE** [**usually singular**] a short experience of something that shows you what it is like

taste of

Schoolchildren can get a taste of the countryside first-hand.

It gave him his first taste of acting for the big screen.

The autumn storms gave us a taste of what was to come (=showed what would happen later).

6. **FEELING** [singular] the feeling that you have after an experience, especially a bad experience:

The way he spoke to those children left a nasty taste in my mouth.

the bitter taste of failure

the sweet taste of victory

7. **... to taste** if you add salt, spices etc to taste, you add as much as you think makes it taste right – used in instructions in cook books:

Add salt to taste.

⇒ **give somebody a taste of their own medicine** at ↑[medicine\(4\)](#)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **delicious** The taste was absolutely delicious. | a delicious creamy taste
- **nasty/unpleasant** Some tablets have a nasty taste.
- **strange/odd/peculiar/funny** The sweets had a rather peculiar taste.
- **strong** This cheese has quite a strong taste.
- **mild** The taste of the leaves is milder than the root.
- **sweet** The fruits have an excellent sweet taste.
- **bitter** The brandy would not have masked the bitter taste of the poison.
- **sour** The purpose of the lemon's sour taste may be to stop the fruit being eaten by animals.
- **salty** He was conscious of the salty taste of his own blood.
- **spicy** Add a little curry powder to give it a spicy taste.
- **creamy/buttery/fruity/nutty etc** (=tasting of cream, butter etc) The cookies had a very buttery taste.
- **bland** (=not strong or interesting) Some people find the taste of rice too bland.
- **distinctive** Hops give beer its distinctive bitter taste.

■ verbs

- **have a sweet/strange etc taste** The soup had a funny taste.
- **give something a taste** The spices gave the bread a rather interesting taste.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*it is sweet taste*' or '*it is nice taste*'. Say **it has a sweet taste** or **it has a nice taste**.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **similar/the same** We have similar musical tastes.
- **same/similar/different** Their tastes in movies were very different.
- **expensive/sophisticated** He was a man of expensive tastes (=he liked expensive things.)
- **simple** He was a man of simple tastes (=he liked simple things)
- **eclectic** (=liking a wide variety of different things) My tastes are very eclectic.
- **musical/literary/artistic taste** His musical tastes changed radically.
- **your personal taste** Which one you choose is a question of personal taste.
- **public/popular taste** The shop created a unique style of goods that appealed to the popular taste.
- **an acquired taste** (=something that people do not like at first) This kind of tea is an acquired taste, but very refreshing.
- **consumer tastes** Changes in consumer tastes result in the expansion of some industries and the contraction of others.

■ verbs

- **have ... tastes** Josh and I have the same tastes.
- **have a taste for something** (=like something) She certainly has a taste for adventure.
- **get/develop a taste for something** (also **acquire a taste for something formal**) (=to start to like something) At university she developed a taste for performing.
- **share a taste** (=have the same taste as someone else) You obviously share her taste in literature.
- **suit/satisfy/appeal to sb's tastes** (=provide what someone likes) We have music to suit every taste. | The magazine caters for all tastes.

■ phrases

- **be to sb's taste** (=be something that someone likes) If her books are not to your taste, there are plenty of books by other writers.
- **be too bright/modern etc for sb's taste** The building was too modern for my taste.
- **something is a matter of taste** (=different people have different opinions about what is good or right) Which of the two methods you use is largely a matter of taste.
- **there's no accounting for taste** (=used humorously to say that you do not understand why someone likes something)

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THESAURUS

■ describing the taste of something

- **delicious** having a very good taste: This cake is delicious! | a delicious meal
- **disgusting/revolting** having a very bad taste: The medicine tasted disgusting. | They had to eat revolting things, like fish eyes.
- **sweet** tasting full of sugar: The oranges were very sweet.
- **tasty** *especially spoken* tasting good and with plenty of flavour: She cooked us a simple but tasty meal. | That was really tasty!
- **sour/tart** having a taste that stings your tongue slightly, like lemon does – used especially when this is rather unpleasant: The apples were a little sour. | The wine has rather a tart taste, which not everyone will like.
- **tangy** having a taste that stings your tongue slightly, like lemon does, in a way that seems good: The dressing was nice and

tangy.

- **bitter** having a strong taste which is not sweet and is sometimes rather unpleasant – used for example about black coffee, or chocolate without sugar: bitter chocolate | The medicine had rather a bitter taste. | Hops give beer its distinctive bitter taste.
- **salty** containing a lot of salt: Danish salami has a salty flavour.
- **hot/spicy** having a burning taste because it contains strong spices: I love hot curries. | a spicy tomato sauce
- **piquant** /'piːkənt *formal* a little spicy – used especially by people who write about food. This word can sound rather ↑pretentious in everyday conversation: cooked vegetables in a piquant sauce
- **mild** not having a strong or hot taste – usually used about foods that can sometimes be spicy: a mild curry
- **bland** not having an interesting taste: I found the sauce rather bland.

II. taste² S2 BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: taster 'to touch, test, taste', from Vulgar Latin taxitare, from Latin taxare; ⇒ ↑tax²]

1. [linking verb] to have a particular kind of taste

taste good/delicious/sweet/fresh etc

- Mmm! This tastes good!
- The food tasted better than it looked.

taste awful/disgusting etc

- The coffee tasted awful.

taste of something

- This yoghurt tastes of strawberries.
- It didn't taste much of ginger.

taste like something

- It tastes just like champagne to me.
- What does pumpkin taste like (=how would you describe its taste)?

sweet-tasting/bitter-tasting etc

- a sweet-tasting soup

2. [transitive not in progressive] to experience or recognize the taste of food or drink:

- She could taste blood.
- Can you taste the difference?
- It was like nothing I'd ever tasted before.

3. [transitive] to eat or drink a small amount of something to see what it is like:

- It's always best to keep tasting the food while you're cooking it.

4. **taste success/freedom/victory etc** to have a short experience of something that you want more of:

- There was a lot of hard work before we first tasted success.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **taste good/nice/delicious/great** The apples weren't very big but they tasted good.
- **taste horrible/awful/disgusting/foul** The tea tasted horrible.
- **taste funny/odd/strange** These fruit drinks taste a bit funny until you get used to them.
- **taste sweet/bitter/sour/salty** He handed me some black stuff which tasted bitter.

■ adverbs

- **taste strongly of something** The water tasted strongly of chlorine.

■ phrases

- **sweet-tasting/strong-tasting etc** a sweet-tasting drink

taste

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