

# aroma

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*noun*

**A smell or odor, especially a pleasant one.**

*The aroma of hot buttered popcorn made our mouths water.*

# beverage

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*noun*

**A liquid used as a drink.**

*When we ordered our beverages, I chose  
lemonade.*

# bland

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*adjective*

**Lacking a strong flavor.**

*I don't really like bland foods, so I always have a bottle of hot sauce with me.*

# bland

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*adjective*

**Not irritating, exciting, or  
disturbing**

*The doctor's bland manner soon calmed the  
crying child.*

# brittle

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*adjective*

**Easily broken; not flexible**

*Candy Canes are brittle and should be handled with care.*

# cluster

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*noun*

**A number of similar things  
grouped together.**

*Clusters of brightly colored flowers grew  
along the side of the road.*

# cluster

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*verb*

**To gather or come together in a group.**

*The children clustered around the storyteller.*

# combine

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*verb*

**To join or bring together.**

*We combine oil and vinegar to make the salad dressing.*



# combination

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*noun*

**A joining or bringing together.**

*Our team's victory resulted from a combination of hard work and good luck.*

# consume

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*verb*

**To use up.**

*Piano practice consumes all of Alex's free time.*

# consume

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*verb*

**To eat or drink.**

*A horse consumes fifty pounds of hay a day.*

# consume

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*verb*

**To do away with or destroy.**

*The forest fire consumed over two thousand acres in Oregon.*

# crave

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*verb*

**To have a strong desire for.**

*When he was a teenager, Abraham Lincoln craved knowledge so much that he would walk miles to burrow a book he had not read.*

# craving

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*noun*

**A strong desire.**

*After the hike, we all had a craving for lots of cool water.*

# cultivate

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*verb*

**to prepare land for the growing crops.**

*Before the spring planting, farmers cultivate the soil.*

# cultivate

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*verb*

**To grow to help to grow**

*Ana cultivates tomatoes every year in her garden.*



# equivalent

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*adjective*

**Equal to**

*Although the decimal 0.5 and the fraction  $1/2$  appear to be different, they are equivalent amounts.*

# export

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*verb*

**To send goods to another country for sale.**

*Columbia exports coffee to countries all over the world.*

# extract

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*verb*

**To remove or take out.**

*Dr. Bogasian will extract my wisdom tooth next week.*

# introduce

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*verb*

**To cause to know; to make known by name.**

*Let me introduce you to my new friend, Manoj.*

# introduce

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*verb*

**To bring to the attention of,  
especially for the first time.**

*Our friends in Hawaii introduced us to  
scuba diving.*

# introduce

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*verb*

**To bring into use.**

*The invention of the airplane introduced a new way of traveling.*

# introduction

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*noun*

**Something spoken or written  
before the main part.**

*We read the introduction before going to  
the rest of the book.*

# introduction

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*noun*

**The act of being made known  
by name**

*After my introduction to the others in the  
room, I relaxed and enjoyed the party.*



# purchase

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*verb*

**To buy.**

*My older brother is saving money to purchase a used car so he can get to his job more easily.*

# purchase

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*noun*

**Something that is bought.**

*My aunt came over to give us her purchases from the market for Sunday dinner.*

# purchase

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*noun*

**The act of buying.**

*I looked at and rode several bicycles before  
I made a purchase.*

# tropical

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*adjective*

**Of, form, or similar to the regions near the equator.**

*Ecuador, which lies on the equator, is a tropical country.*

# tropical

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*adjective*

**Hot and moist.**

*In Miami, we have tropical weather even in the winter months.*

