

## verbs of the senses

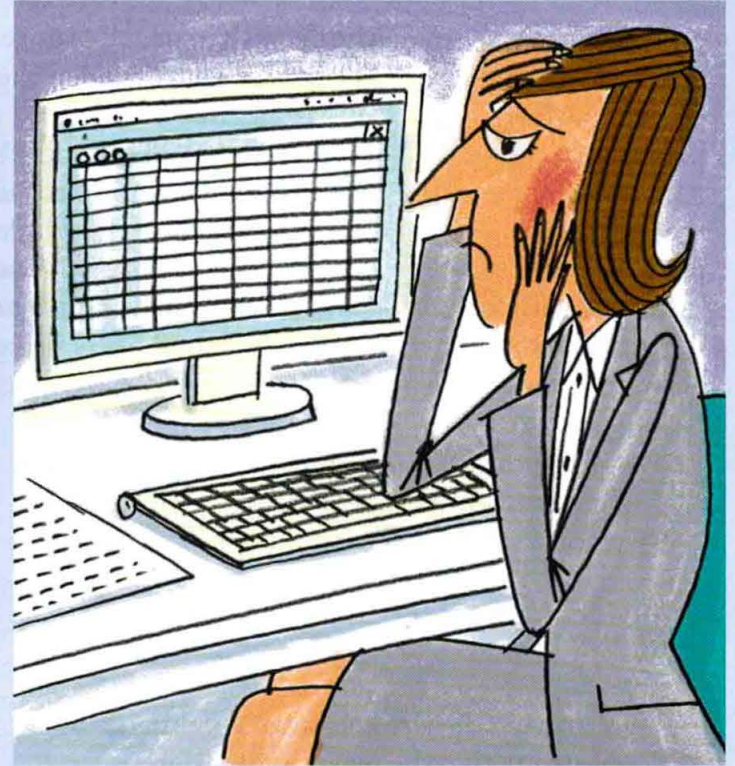
look / feel / smell / sound / taste

- 1 You **look** tired. (4 12)))  
That cake **smells** good!  
These jeans don't **feel** comfortable.
- 2 Tim **looks like** his father. This material **feels like** silk – is it?  
Are you sure this is coffee? It **tastes like** tea.
- 3 She **looks as if** she's been crying. It **smells as if** something's burning. It **sounds as if** it's raining.

- 1 Use *look, feel, etc.* + adjective.
- 2 Use *look, feel, etc.* + *like* + noun.
- 3 Use *look, feel, etc.* + *as if* + clause.
  - You can use *like* or *as though* instead of *as if*, e.g.  
*It sounds like / as though it's raining.*

### Feel like

*feel like* can also be used as a verb meaning 'want' / 'would like'. It is followed by a noun or a verb in the gerund, e.g. *I feel like pasta for lunch today* (= I'd like pasta for lunch today). *I don't feel like going to bed* (= I don't want to go to bed).



### a Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 That group sounds like    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A her mother.                          |
| 2 That boy looks            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | B awful! You need to tune it.          |
| 3 Nora looks like           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | C very soft.                           |
| 4 That guitar sounds        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | D someone has been smoking in here.    |
| 5 Tom looks as if           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | E really sweet.                        |
| 6 Our car sounds as if      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | F <del>Gold</del> play.                |
| 7 Your new jacket feels     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | G too young to be drinking beer.       |
| 8 This apple tastes         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | H it's burnt.                          |
| 9 It smells as if           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | I roses.                               |
| 10 Your perfume smells like | <input type="checkbox"/>            | J it's going to break down any moment. |
| 11 This rice tastes as if   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | K he's just run a marathon.            |

### b Circle the correct form.

Your boyfriend *looks* / *looks like* a rugby player. He's huge!

- 1 You've gone completely white. You *look* / *look as if* you've seen a ghost!
- 2 What's for dinner? It *smells* / *smells like* delicious!
- 3 I think John and Megan have arrived. That *sounds* / *sounds like* their car.
- 4 Have you ever tried frogs' legs? Apparently they *taste like* / *taste as if* chicken.
- 5 Are you OK? You *sound* / *sound as if* you've got a cold.
- 6 Can you put the heating on? It *feels* / *feels like* really cold in here.
- 7 You *look* / *look like* really happy. Does that mean you got the job?
- 8 Your new bag *feels* / *feels like* real leather. Is it?
- 9 Let's throw this milk away. It *tastes* / *tastes like* a bit off.
- 10 Can you close the window? It *smells* / *smells as if* someone is having a barbecue.