

## Use your senses

### 1. The 5 senses + like + noun

We have five senses (although some claim more) which are linked to the parts of the body that are able to perceive information.

The parts of the body are: **the eyes – the ears – the nose – the mouth – the skin**

Using your **eyes** you **see** things and can decide what they **look like**.

> **She looks like her mother.** (*resembles*)

Using your **ears** you **hear** things and decide what they **sound like**.

> **That sounds like a gunshot.** (*resembles to the ear*)

Using your **nose** you **smell** things and decide what they **smell like**.

> **This smells like vanilla.** (*resembles by the perfume*)

Using your **mouth** you **taste** things and decide what they **taste like**.

> **This medicine tastes like peppermint.** (*resembles by the taste*)

Using your **skin** (often **touching** with your fingers) you **feel** things and decide what they **feel like**.

> **This feels like silk.** (*resembles to the touch*)

Examples:

A lot of planets **look like** balls. (they are round)

A saxophone often **sounds like** a clarinet. (the sound is similar)

Tulips sometimes **smell like** roses. (the perfume is similar)

Some mandarins **taste like** oranges. (the taste is almost the same)

Imitation leather often **feels like** genuine leather. (the texture is similar)

### 2. The 5 senses + adjectives

When we place an **adjective** after one of the five senses we are expressing the impression that our senses are giving us.

**You look tired / angry / upset / stupid.**

These mean: “As I see you, these are the impressions I receive.”

Examples:

He is wearing Mickey Mouse ears at the office. > **He looks stupid.**

They are shouting at each other. > **They sound angry.**

We are studying a street map. > **We look lost.**

She has just come out of the shower. > **She smells nice.**

I added too much sugar. > **It tastes sweet.**

He has a fever. > **He feels hot.**

### 3. Negative and interrogative forms

These structures can of course be used in all tenses and, as already seen, depending on the tense we will need an auxiliary or an auxiliary + not.

Examples:

**It didn't taste as nice as it looked.**

**If I tell you, you won't look surprised when they arrive.**

**She won't feel lonely for long.**

**Does it smell like gas in here?**

**Why do you look so surprised?**

### 4. Other uses

The use of **to feel like** can also express a desire or a wish for something you would like.

Examples:

I **feel like** a cup of coffee. (I would like a cup of coffee.)

I **feel like** going out this evening. (I would like to go out this evening.)

I **don't feel like** eating this. (I don't want to eat it.)