

VOCABULARY AND LISTENING

Describing texture, sound, taste, etc.

An interview

1 Complete the adjectives.

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| 1 spic y | 6 sou _ |
| 2 rou _ | 7 smoo _ |
| 3 shin _ | 8 shar _ |
| 4 fain _ | 9 smell _ |
| 5 colour _ | |

2 Write an appropriate adjective from Exercise 1 before the nouns.

- 1 spicy curry
- 2 dirty, _____ socks
- 3 nice, _____ skin
- 4 _____ cream
- 5 _____, new scissors
- 6 _____ flowers

3 Complete the sentences with adjectives from Exercise 1.

- 1 A crocodile has very sharp teeth.
- 2 This sauce is too _____ for me. My mouth's burning!
- 3 Can you pass the sugar? This yoghurt is very _____.
- 4 Does this cake have bananas in it? I can detect a _____ taste of them, but it's not very strong.
- 5 This cream is great! My hands feel so _____!
- 6 This metal box looks very _____ when it's in the sun.
- 7 Tom's chin felt _____ because he hadn't shaved.

4 Write short descriptions of the items in the box. Use at least one adjective from Exercise 1 in each description. You can use affirmative or negative verbs.

apple cats my favourite food snakes

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

5 Listen to an interview about the senses. According to Simon Redding, which of our senses is the most important?

- a hearing ☐
- b sight ☐
- c smell ☐
- d touch ☐



6 Listen again. For each question, circle the correct option.

- 1 Simon says that some people ...
 - a can't smell very much.
 - b use sight and smell well.
 - c feel cold all the time.
- 2 What does Simon say about dreams?
 - a Some people open their eyes when they dream.
 - b It's good to have colourful images.
 - c Taste and smell are not usually part of dreams.
- 3 When we are communicating, we ...
 - a shouldn't only be listening.
 - b need to smile.
 - c shouldn't be negative.
- 4 What has the biggest impact on us in a conversation?
 - a What the other person expresses without words.
 - b How the other person moves and looks at us.
 - c The language which the other person uses.
- 5 What would Simon Redding like people to do?
 - a To depend on their eyes to understand better
 - b To remember to use all of their senses
 - c To close their eyes and feel objects

7 Think about what you have done today. When have you used each of the five senses?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____