

The 100 Most Beautiful Words in English

- Ailurophile:** A cat-lover.
- Assemblage:** A gathering.
- Becoming:** Attractive.
- Beleaguer:** To exhaust with attacks.
- Brood:** To think alone.
- Bucolic:** In a lovely rural setting.
- Bungalow:** A small, cozy cottage.
- Chatoyant:** Like a cat's eye.
- Comely:** Attractive.
- Conflate:** To blend together.
- Cynosure:** A focal point of admiration.
- Dalliance:** A brief love affair.
- Demesne:** Dominion, territory.
- Demure:** Shy and reserved.
- Denouement:** The resolution of a mystery.
- Desuetude:** Disuse.
- Desultory:** Slow, sluggish.
- Diaphanous:** Filmy.
- Dissemble:** Deceive.
- Dulcet:** Sweet, sugary.
- Ebullience:** Bubbling enthusiasm.
- Effervescent:** Bubbly.
- Efflorescence:** Flowering, blooming.
- Elision:** Dropping a sound or syllable in a word.
- Elixir:** A good potion.
- Eloquence:** Beauty and persuasion in speech.
- Embrocation:** Rubbing on a lotion.
- Emollient:** A softener.
- Ephemeral:** Short-lived.
- Epiphany:** A sudden revelation.
- Erstwhile:** At one time, for a time.
- Ethereal:** Gaseous, invisible but detectable.
- Evanescent:** Vanishing quickly, lasting a very short time.
- Evocative:** Suggestive.
- Fetching:** Pretty.
- Felicity:** Pleasantness.
- Forbearance:** Withholding response to provocation.
- Fugacious:** Fleeting.
- Furtive:** Shifty, sneaky.
- Gambol:** To skip or leap about joyfully.
- Glamour:** Beauty.
- Gossamer:** The finest piece of thread, a spider's silk
- Halcyon:** Happy, sunny, care-free.
- Harbinger:** Messenger with news of the future.
- Imbrication:** Overlapping and forming a regular pattern.
- Imbroglia:** An altercation or complicated situation.
- Imbue:** To infuse, instill.
- Incipient:** Beginning, in an early stage.
- Ineffable:** Unutterable, inexpressible.
- Ingénue:** A naïve young woman.
- Inglennook:** A cozy nook by the hearth.
- Insouciance:** Blithe nonchalance.
- Inure:** To become jaded.
- Labyrinthine:** Twisting and turning.
- Lagniappe:** A special kind of gift.
- Lagoon:** A small gulf or inlet.
- Languor:** Listlessness, inactivity.
- Lassitude:** Weariness, listlessness.
- Leisure:** Free time.
- Lilt:** To move musically or lively.
- Lissome:** Slender and graceful.
- Lithe:** Slender and flexible.
- Love:** Deep affection.
- Mellifluous:** Sweet sounding.
- Moiety:** One of two equal parts.
- Mondegreen:** A slip of the ear.
- Murmurous:** Murmuring.
- Nemesis:** An unconquerable archenemy.
- Offing:** The sea between the horizon and the offshore.
- Onomatopoeia:** A word that sounds like its meaning.
- Opulent:** Lush, luxuriant.
- Palimpsest:** A manuscript written over earlier ones.
- Panacea:** A solution for all problems
- Panoply:** A complete set.
- Pastiche:** An art work combining materials from various sources.
- Penumbra:** A half-shadow.
- Petrichor:** The smell of earth after rain.
- Plethora:** A large quantity.
- Propinquity:** An inclination.
- Pyrrhic:** Successful with heavy losses.
- Quintessential:** Most essential.
- Ratatouille:** A spicy French stew.
- Ravel:** To knit or unknot.
- Redolent:** Fragrant.
- Riparian:** By the bank of a stream.
- Ripple:** A very small wave.
- Scintilla:** A spark or very small thing.
- Sempiternal:** Eternal.
- Seraglio:** Rich, luxurious oriental palace or harem.
- Serendipity:** Finding something nice while looking for something else.
- Summery:** Light, delicate or warm and sunny.
- Sumptuous:** Lush, luxurious.
- Surreptitious:** Secretive, sneaky.
- Susquehanna:** A river in Pennsylvania.
- Susurrous:** Whispering, hissing.
- Talisman:** A good luck charm.
- Tintinnabulation:** Tinkling.
- Umbrella:** Protection from sun or rain.
- Untoward:** Unseemly, inappropriate.
- Vestigial:** In trace amounts.
- Wafture:** Waving.
- Wherewithal:** The means.
- Woebegone:** Sorrowful, downcast