

perfume

1. [ˈpɜːfjuːm] *n*
 1. благоухание, аромат, запах
the perfume of lilac - запах /благоухание/ сирени
 2. духи
a bottle of perfume - флакон духов
 3. слава, репутация
the perfume of her sanctity - слава о её святости
2. [pəˈfjuːm] *v*
 - 1) душить духами
 - 2) делать благоуханным
flowers perfumed the air - воздух благоухал цветами

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per-fume [perfume perfumes perfumed perfuming] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈpɜːfjuːm] *NAme* [pəˈfjuːm]

noun countable, uncountable

1. a liquid, often made from flowers, that you put on your skin to make yourself smell nice
 - a bottle of expensive perfume
 - We stock a wide range of perfumes.
 - the perfume counter of the store
 - She was wearing too much perfume.
 - There was strong smell of cheap perfume in the car.
2. a pleasant, often sweet, smell
Syn: ↑scent
 - the heady perfume of the roses

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (originally denoting pleasant-smelling smoke from a burning substance, especially one used in fumigation): from French **parfum** (noun), **parfumer** (verb), from obsolete Italian **parfumare**, literally **‘to smoke through’**.

Example Bank:

- He caught a faint whiff of her expensive perfume.
- She dabbed some perfume on her wrists.
- She reeked of cheap perfume.
- She works on the perfume counter.
- The letter had been sprayed with perfume.
- The lilies release their heady perfume in the evening
- The perfume of the roses filled the room.
- You could smell the perfume of the lilies.
- The perfume of orange blossom filled the air.
- The roses gave off a heady perfume.

Derived Word ↑perfumed

verb often passive

1. ~ **sth (with sth)** (*literary*) (*especially of flowers*) to make the air in a place smell pleasant
Syn: ↑scent
 - The garden was perfumed with the smell of roses.
 - One bloom has the power to perfume a whole room.
2. ~ **sth (with sth)** to put ↑perfume in or on sth
 - She perfumed her bath with fragrant oils.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	perfume
	BrE / ˈpɜːfjuːm/
	NAme /pəˈfjuːm/
he / she /it	perfumes
	BrE / ˈpɜːfjuːmz/
	NAme /pəˈfjuːmz/
past simple, past participle	perfumed
-ing form	perfuming
	BrE / ˈpɜːfjuːmɪŋ/
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I. **per**fume¹ /'pɜːfjuːm/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: parfum, probably from Old Provençal parfumar 'to perfume', from Latin fumare 'to smoke']



1. a liquid with a strong pleasant smell that women put on their skin or clothing to make themselves smell nice **SYN scent**:

She was wearing the perfume that he'd bought her.

2. a sweet or pleasant smell **SYN scent**:

It had the delicate perfume of roses.

—**perfumed** **adjective**:

perfumed soap

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

- **wear perfume** What's that perfume you are wearing?
- **dab perfume on something** (=quickly put perfume on) She dabbed some perfume on her throat.
- **spray yourself with perfume** Jody sprayed herself with some of her mother's perfume.
- **reek of perfume** (=smell strongly of perfume) It seemed to Polly that Sasha always left the bathroom reeking of horrible perfume.
- **smell of perfume** Her coat smelt of cheap perfume and cigarettes.

■ adjectives

- **strong** I don't like wearing very strong perfume.
- **heavy** (=strong) She smelled of a heavy perfume he associated with his mother.
- **exotic** (=unusual and interesting because it seems foreign) The dancer left a waft of exotic perfume in the air.
- **cheap/expensive** He bought her a bottle of expensive French perfume.

■ phrases

- **a bottle/jar of perfume** He gave me a bottle of my favourite perfume.
- **the smell/scent of perfume** The smell of perfume filled the air.
- **a whiff/hint of perfume** (=a very slight smell of perfume) As she lifted the letter, she caught the faintest hint of perfume.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **sweet** She breathed in the sweet perfume of the roses.
- **heady** (=strong and sweet) In early summer, lilacs finally open and release their heady perfume.
- **faint** the faint perfume of a spring woodland
- **delicate** The flowers have a delicate perfume similar to cowslips.

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- **smell** something that you can recognize by breathing in through your nose: the smell from the kitchen | What's that awful smell? | the sweet smell of roses
- **whiff** something that you smell for a short time: He caught a whiff of her perfume. | a whiff of apple blossom
- **scent** a smell – used especially about the pleasant smell from flowers, plants, or fruit. Also used about the smell left by an animal: The rose had a beautiful scent. | Cats use their scent to mark their territory. | the sharp, dying scent of autumn | the heady scent (=strong scent) of magnolias
- **fragrance/perfume** a pleasant smell, especially from flowers, plants, or fruit. **Fragrance** and **perfume** are more formal than **scent**: the sweet perfume of the orange blossoms | Each mango has its own special fragrance.
- **aroma** **formal** a pleasant smell from food or coffee: the aroma of fresh coffee | The kitchen was filled with the aroma of mince pies.
- **odour** **British English**, **odor** **American English** **formal** an unpleasant smell: An unpleasant odour was coming from the dustbins. | the odor of stale tobacco smoke
- **pong** **British English** **informal** an unpleasant smell: What's that horrible pong?
- **stink/stench** a very strong and unpleasant smell: I couldn't get rid of the stink of sweat. | The toilet gave off a terrible stench.

II. **per**fume² /'pɜːfjuːm/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** [transitive]

1. **literary** to make a place have a sweet pleasant smell:

Lilacs perfumed the air.

2. to put perfume on something

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