

bland

- [blænd] *a*
- вежливый, ласковый
a voice sweetly bland - нежный /ласковый/ голос
 - вкрадчивый, льстивый
bland smile - льстивая улыбка
 - мягкий (о климате и т. п.)
bland air - тёплый воздух
 - слабый, успокаивающий
bland diet - лёгкая диета
bland medicine - успокаивающее средство /лекарство/

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

bland [bland blander blandest] *BrE* [blænd] ^m *NAmE* [blænd] ^m **adjective**
(bland-er, bland-est)

- with little colour, excitement or interest; without anything to attract attention

Syn: ↑nondescript

- bland background music

- not having a strong or interesting taste

- a rather bland diet of soup, fish and bread

- showing no strong emotions or excitement; not saying anything very interesting

- a bland smile

- After the meeting, a bland statement was issued.

Derived Words ↑blandly ▪ ↑blandness

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'gentle in manner'): from Latin *blandus* 'soft, smooth'.

Example Bank:

- He stared back at her with a bland expression.
- He was criticized for his bland image.
- The old town hall was replaced with a bland, glass-and-steel office building.
- The state-run television interrupted its usual bland fare for spicy, live interviews.
- They lived on a bland diet of soup and bread.
- This sauce is rather bland.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

bland /blænd/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: blandus]

- without any excitement, strong opinions, or special character **SYN dull:**

- a few bland comments

- food that is bland has very little taste **SYN tasteless:**

- a bland diet

—blandly *adverb*

—blandness *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS■ **describing the taste of something**

- **delicious** having a very good taste: This cake is delicious! | a delicious meal
- **disgusting/revolting** having a very bad taste: The medicine tasted disgusting. | They had to eat revolting things, like fish eyes.
- **sweet** tasting full of sugar: The oranges were very sweet.
- **tasty** *especially spoken* tasting good and with plenty of flavour: She cooked us a simple but tasty meal. | That was really tasty!
- **sour/tart** having a taste that stings your tongue slightly, like lemon does – used especially when this is rather unpleasant: The apples were a little sour. | The wine has rather a tart taste, which not everyone will like.
- **tangy** having a taste that stings your tongue slightly, like lemon does, in a way that seems good: The dressing was nice and tangy.
- **bitter** having a strong taste which is not sweet and is sometimes rather unpleasant – used for example about black coffee, or chocolate without sugar: bitter chocolate | The medicine had rather a bitter taste. | Hops give beer its distinctive bitter taste.
- **salty** containing a lot of salt: Danish salami has a salty flavour.
- **hot/spicy** having a burning taste because it contains strong spices: I love hot curries. | a spicy tomato sauce
- **piquant** /'piːkənt *formal* a little spicy – used especially by people who write about food. This word can sound rather ↑pretentious in everyday conversation: cooked vegetables in a piquant sauce
- **mild** not having a strong or hot taste – usually used about foods that can sometimes be spicy: a mild curry
- **bland** not having an interesting taste: I found the sauce rather bland.

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