

The Sweet Smell¹ of Flowers?

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It's spring, and the sun shines² on the cold ground³.
The ground gets warm, and plants start to grow.
Green leaves and pretty flowers open.

Look – there are yellow **daffodils**⁴ and purple **crocuses**⁵. Can you smell them? They smell sweet. Do you like to smell flowers?

Smell the Flowers

Most flowers smell nice. Do you know why? Flowers need **insects**⁶. The insects carry **pollen**⁷ from one flower to another. And many insects (for example, bees and butterflies) like sweet things. But there are some insects that like smelly things. And there are flowers that need these insects, not bees and butterflies.

Bad Meat?

There are many flowers that smell like **dead**⁸ animals. There is a flower in Indonesia called *Rafflesia tuan-mudae*. It's the biggest flower in the world. It's beautiful, but it smells like bad meat. In South Africa, there's a plant called the "pineapple lily"⁹. Lilies and pineapples smell very sweet – but not the pineapple lily.

More Smelly Flowers

There are other bad flower smells. There's a plant in America that smells like a **sweaty armpit**¹⁰. There's another that smells like old fish. And one in South Africa smells like dog **poo**¹¹!

So tell me again... Do you like to smell flowers?

TASK

Draw a line between the flower and its smell.

1



The *buffalo gourd* smells like a sweaty armpit.

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The flowers of the *Bradford pear* smell like very old fish.

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The *jackal food flower* smells like dog poo.

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Rafflesia smells like bad meat.

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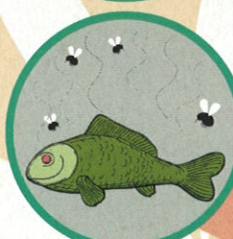
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VOCABULARY

- 1 smell / to smell / smelly [smel / 'smeli] vůně / vonět, zavanět / páchnoucí
- 2 to shine [ʃaɪn] svítit
- 3 ground [graʊnd] zem
- 4 daffodil ['dæfədɪl] narcis
- 5 crocus ['krʌskəs] krokus
- 6 insect ['ɪnsekt] hmyz
- 7 pollen ['pɒlən] pyl
- 8 dead [ded] mrtvý
- 9 lily ['lɪli] lilie
- 10 sweaty armpit ['sweti ,ɑ:mpɪt] zpotené podpaží
- 11 poo [pu:] bobek, hovínko