

Worksheet 2

What's that smell?

Nice words and nasty words

There are usually different ways of talking about something. For example, the word 'fart' (a nasty word) can be converted to 'breaking wind' (a much nicer way of saying the same thing), 'making a smell' or 'letting off'. With each of the following words, put down nice words on one side and nasty words on the other.

	Nice words	Nasty words
dog		
child		
taste		
smell		

There is actually a word for 'nice' words. It's called a 'euphemism' (from the Greek words for 'nice sounding'). When people don't want to offend others they often use a euphemism.

