

Thinking Like A

ROMANCE WRITER

*The Sensual Writer's Sourcebook
of Words and Phrases*

INCLUDES
8,500
words and
phrases!

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Introduction

It may surprise you to discover that all of the biggest and bestselling romance authors over the last 20 years have been guarding a secret that once revealed will give any writer the ability to create sex stories that read like a bestseller.

And here's the secret...

Most romance writers use the same descriptive words and phrases. That's right!

When I first discovered this fact I couldn't believe it. But again and again the same words and phrases kept popping up in different books by different authors. Were these authors plagiarizing each other, I wondered? Or instead was it simply a matter of there being a limited amount of words that could be used to describe particular body parts or actions?

Whatever the reason, I was determined to compile these words and phrases. So I spent the better part of four months reading through hundreds of romance novels, sifting through each and every one looking for choice words and phrases. The result is a romance thesaurus unlike anything ever seen before.

Thinking Like A Romance Writer contains 37 categories with over 8,500 words and phrases that have been used in romance novels time and time again to describe every intimate encounter imaginable.

How This Book Is Organized

1. Each category is broken up into sections (root words; adjectives, verbs, descriptive combinations, descriptive phrases).
2. Entries are sorted alphabetically.
3. Each entry is separated by a semicolon or line break.

You will notice that some categories are more detailed than others. This is due to the fact that certain details, such as teeth, are rarely described in a novel - perhaps two or three times if that. Whereas other details, like eyes, are used much more to convey emotions and intentions. In sections such as this, you will find an abundance of useful words and phrases that will help make your prose sparkle.

If you intend on writing traditional romance novels, then you will find the sections dealing with genitalia unnecessary. However, those of you interesting in writing erotic romance, or pure erotic fiction, those sections will give you a treasure-trove of descriptors for crafting intimate love scenes.

How To Use This Book

This book is best used as a thesaurus for your romance writing projects. So for example, let's say you are writing a scene that involves the hero's hands touching the heroine's body. You can go to the category titled 'Hands' and find the necessary words to help you construct descriptive sentences.

Does your hero have strong hands? Perhaps a descriptive adjective like 'powerful' could be used.

Are you not sure what action a hand can make? Look under the 'Verbs - Things A Hand Can Do' section. Perhaps 'brushed over' is a fit for your scene.

Are you struggling with sentence ideas? Look over the 'Descriptive Phrases' for inspiration constructing your own sentences.

Finally, I want to thank you for your investment. I hope this resource helps ignite your creativity.

Warm Wishes,
Dahlia Evans

Words and Phrases To Describe Hair

Colors

ash-blond; auburn; black; blonde/blond; buttermilk blonde; dark brown; gray; iron-gray; light brown; medium brown; red; salt and pepper; white; wine-red.

Styles

afro; bangs; beehive; bob cut; bouffant; bowl cut; braid; bun; butch; buzz cut; chignon; chonmage; comb over; cornrows; crew cut; crop; crown braid; devilock; dreadlocks; ducktail; Dutch braid; emu; fauxhawk; finger wave; fishtail; flattop; flip; fontange; French twist; fringe; frosted tips; hi-top fade; highlights; hime cut; ivy league; liberty spikes; mohawk; mop-top; mullet; odengo; pageboy; part; payot; perm; pigtail; plait; pompadour; ponytail; rats tail; ringlet; undercut; up-do; waves.

Adjectives

aging; blow-dried; bobbed; bright; bristly; bushy; close-cropped; coiffed; coiffured; colorful; copper; crinkly; curly; curtained; damp; dark; disheveled; drab; dry; fair; fairy; feathered; flowing; flyaway; frizzy; frosted; fuzzy; glorious; glossy; gorgeous; greasy; grizzled; healthy-looking; lanky; light; long; loose; luxuriant; maintained; matted; medium-length; messy; moonlight-pale; natural; neat; combed; neglected; no-nonsense; oily; pale; parted; plain; pretty; ruffled; rumpled; scraggly; scruffy; shaggy; shiny; short; shoulder-length; silken; silky; sleek; slicked back; slovenly; spiky; splitting; straight; styled; sunbeam; swept-back; tangled; tawny; thick; thin; thinning; tidy; tousled; trimmed; uncombed; unhealthy-looking; unkempt; unnatural; untidy; vivid; wavy; well-kept; wet; wild; wind-blown; windswept; wiry; wispy.

Descriptive Combinations

dark-haired; fall of hair; furrow of hair; grizzled gray hair; hair flowing in loose spiral curls; mane hair; spiky shock of hair; sprinkled with whorls of hair; stray strand of hair; tangle of hair; tumble fall of hair; wildly tousled hair.

Verbs - Things Hair Can Do

blew; blew back; bounced; bounced against; bounced on; drooped over; feathered around; fell; fell back; flamed around; flying across; glinted; lay in a tangle; peppered; pool; rippled across; shone; slid across; spilled forward; spilled off the edge; spread around; strayed; stretched; tumbled around; waved; waved around.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To Hair

brushed; brushed back; burnished; clipped back; delved into; dried; dried off; fixed; grabbed; knotted; mused; ~~mussed; plowed through; plunged into; pushed behind; pushed off; raked back; raked through; ruffled~~; scraped back; sliced through; smoothed back; smoothed over; stroked; swathed; tackled; tied; circumspectly back; touched; tousled; unraveled; wet; wound.

Descriptive Phrases

He had brilliant blue eyes, short blonde hair, and a chiseled jaw that made her swoon.

He reached out and tucked a strand of hair behind his ear.

His shoulder-length hair spilled over his face.

She raked her hand through his silky dark hair.

She reached up to fix her windswept hair.

She sighed and raked her hand through her hair.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Head

Adjectives

aching; arrogant; auburn; blonde; bright; clear; curly; dark; domed; good; handsome; heavy; imperious; little; pale; pounding; pretty; proud; tousled; ugly; unhelpful; well-shaped; woozy.

Descriptive Combinations

beat her head against a wall; crown of her head; curly brown head; dark curly head; fair head; head over heels; inside his head; lost his head; thoughts swimming around in his head.

Verbs - Things A Head Can Do

ached; angled; banged against; bent; bobbed; bowed; bumped; cleared; cocked; dragged; dropped; dropped back; ducked; fell back; filled; flew up; flung back; held high; knew; leaned on; lifted; lolled back; lolled sideways; moved; nodded; poked out; poked over; pressed against; raised; reared; rested against; rocked back; shifted; shook; spun around; stuck around; stuck inside; sunk into; swayed; swiveled; threw back; tilted; tipped; tipped forward; tossed back; tucked beneath; turned; twisted around.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To A Head

caressed; clouded; clubbed; elbowed; hit; kissed; messed with; pinned; pressed; rubbed; scratched; slapped; slid over; smacked across; touched; tugged back; wrapped; yanked over.

Descriptive Phrases

He couldn't deny it any longer, he was head over heels in love with her.

He turned his head away from her piercing stare.

She shook her head in disbelief.

She threw her head back, tears rolling down her cheeks.

She tilted her head to one side, studying the expression on his face.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Face

Root Words

brow; cheek; cheekbone; chin; face; features; forehead.

Adjectives

aged; aging; airy; angelic; angry; angular; aristocratic; arresting; astute; beautiful; bleached; bleary; bony; bright red; brooding; calculating; carved; child-like; chiseled; chubby; cold; dark; delicate; desolate; divine; drawn; dreamy; eager; emaciated; emotionless; feminine; flushed; gaunt; gorgeous; gray; grim; haggard; handsome; happy; hard; hardened; high; horrified; icy; imperious; jealous; jowly; lined; little; long; low; marble; masculine; narrow; nonchalant; old; pale; perfect; pointed; porcelain; precious; pure; rough; sad; sinister; smooth; steely; striking; stunning; sullen; thin; ugly; unassuming; warm; wide; wrinkled.

Descriptive Combinations

dark, brooding features; face of an angel; face to face; hard and handsome face; high, chiseled cheekbones; marble cheekbones; pallor of her face; thrown back in her face; two-faced.

Verbs - Things The Face Can Do

appeared; betrayed; blood drained from; blushed; boiled; burned; changed; contorted; darkened; darkened with frustration; deadpan look on; desperation showed on; drained of color; expectant look on; faced; felt get hot; felt heat creep into; felt tears against; forced a smile; frowned; grim expression on; haunted; haunted expression on; imperious look on; kept neutral; knowing look on; lightened; look of stubbornness on; lowered; mutinous expression on; pulsed; raised; screwed up; shuttered expression on; smile fixed to; stunned look on; tensed; tilted down; tilted to the left; tilted to the right; tilted up; tried to compose; truculent expression on; turned red; went slightly pale; willed to remain calm.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To The Face

applied foundation to; approached; breath felt warm against; caught chin between thumb and forefinger; covered; dried; explored the contours of; fixed; focused on; gazed upon; gently massaged; hid; hit; infatuated by; kissed; licked; looked down at; loved; mesmerized by; met; pinched; punched; put makeup on; ran hand down; rubbed; saw the look on; scratched; scrubbed; shaved; shoved in; slapped across; slid down; smeared; smoothed over; smothered; squeezed; stared into; struck; studied; surveyed; tilted up; touched; washed; wet; wiped; wiped makeup from.

Descriptive Phrases

As his eyes studied her, she hoped her face didn't betray the hurt she felt inside.

Her face was set in a hard, determined expression.

He touched her face and gently wiped away her tears.

She saw his face go slightly pale.

She stared down at him, with an expectant look on her face.

Words and Phrases To Describe Eyes

Root Words

awareness; eyes; focus; gaze; glance; perception; stare; vision.

Eye Colors

amber; black; blue; brown; gray; green; hazel; violet.

Green Variations

bottle green; Caribbean green; chartreuse; dark pastel green; earls green; emerald green; erinite; forest green; grass green; jade green; khaki; leaf green; olive; olivine; opal green; opaline green; sea green.

Blue Variations

aqua; aquamarine; Arctic blue; Atlantic blue; azure; baby blue; Bondi blue; bright indigo; capri blue; cerulean; cobalt blue; cornflower blue; crystal blue; cyan; dark azure; dark blue; dark powder blue; deep azure; denim blue; electric blue; electric ultramarine; gunmetal blue; ice blue; indigo; lavender blue; light blue; light cornflower; light cyan; medium navy blue; midnight blue; navy blue; periwinkle blue; Persian blue; powder blue; Prussian blue; royal blue; sapphire; sky blue; slate blue; steel blue; steely blue; turquoise; ultramarine.

Brown/Amber Variations

autumn; bistre; brandy; bronze; cafe noir; champagne; chestnut; chocolate; cognac; copper; fiery red; golden; honey; nut brown; russet; rustic; saddle brown; sandalwood; sepia; sienna; sugar brown; sunset; topaz; walnut; whiskey.

Violet Variations

amethyst; hyacinth; imperial violet; indigo; lavender; magenta; rose violet.

Black Variations

anthracite; black olive; coal black; ebony; jet; obsidian; pitch black; smoky; soot.

Gray Variations

charcoal gray; cloud gray; dark gray; dark slate gray; dim gray; graphite; gray; gunmetal; light gray; light slate gray; silver; slate gray; smoky; steel.

Adjectives

adorable; adventurous; aggressive; amorous; angry; anxious; appraising; ardent; arrogant; artless; assessing; attentive; attractive; beady; beautiful; bewildered; bloodshot; bored; bright; brilliant; busy; eyed; burning; busy; cautious; clear; cloudy; cold; compelling; concerned; confused; contemplative; crazy; creepy; cruel; curious; cute; dancing; dangerous; dark; darting; dead; deep; deep-set; defiant; determined; devilish; disapproving; discerning; distinct; doe-eyed; doubtful; dreamy; dull; dynamic; eager; earnest; enchanting; enthusiastic; enticing; envious; evil; exotic; extraordinary; fervent; fierce; flashing; flat; frantic; furtive; gentle; glamorous; gleaming; glinting; glistening; glittering; gloomy; greedy; hard; haughty; heavy; hollow; hooded; hungry; innocent; inquiring; inquisitive; insolent; intelligent; intense; intent; jealous; judgmental; keen; kind; lady-killer; large; lascivious; lazy; lecherous; lidded; liquid; lonely; longing; lovely; lust-filled; lustful; magnetic; mischievous; misty; motionless; mysterious; narrow; naughty; obedient; oval-shaped; over-zealous; pale; passionate; passionless; passive; powerful; pretty; protuberant; proud; prying; radiant; remote; rheumy; riveting; round; sad; savage; scandalous; scrutinizing; searching; serene; sexy; sharp; shuttered; shy; sin-filled; sinful; sleepy; sly; small; smiling; smoldering; soulful; soulless; sparkling; stealthy; stony; stormy; suggestive; sullen; sunken; tantalizing; teary; tired; treacherous; troubled; twinkling; unfathomable; unspeaking; vast; vivacious; wanton; warm; watchful; weary; wicked; wide; wild; worried; worrisome; zealous.

Descriptive Combinations

cold, hungry eyes; dark, deep eyes; deep brown eyes; devilishly defiant eyes; fiery cooper eyes; greedy green eyes; raw, hungry eyes; rustic honey eyes; smoky black eyes; sparkling silver eyes.

Verbs - Things Eyes Can Do

adjusted; admired; appraised; assayed; averted; bathed; beheld; betrayed; blazed; blazed down; blinked; browsed; captured; caressed; cast a glance; caught sight of; checked; checked out; closed; darkened; darted; descried; detected; discovered; diverted; drank in; drank up; dropped; envisaged; envisioned; espied; examined; eyeballed; eyed; faced; fixed; fixed eyes on; flashed; flickered; focused; followed; froze; gawked; gazed; gazed upon; glanced; glared; glazed; gleamed; glimpsed; glinted; gloated; goggled; grew wild; hardened; identified; impaled; inspected; looked; lowered; made eyes at; made out; marked; marveled; melted into; met; monitored; narrowed; noted; noticed; observed; ogled; opened; overlooked; oversaw; passed over; peeked; peeped; peered; perceived; pierced; pored over; pried; probed; raised; read; recognized; reflected; regarded; registered; relaxed; riveted; roamed; rolled; roved over; saw; scanned; scoped out; scoured; scrutinized; searched; searched into; set eyes on; sharpened; shut; sifted; sighted; sized up; skimmed; skirted; snooped; sought; sparkled; spied; spotted; squinted; stared; studied; supervised; surveyed; swept over; tended; took notice of; traced; twinkled; undressed; viewed; visualized; watched; widened; winked; witnessed.

Descriptive Phrases

He appraised her curvacious figure.

Her eyes glazed with need.

His cold hungry eyes peered through the darkness.

She ran her fingers down his bulging chest watching his wicked eyes urge her further.

She took a cursory glance at his magnificent bulge.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Nose

Adjectives

aesthetic; angular; appealing; Aquiline; aristocratic; arrogant; attractive; beak-like; beaky; bent; big; bold; bony; bowed; broad; bulbous; button-like; cherry-colored; chiseled; classic; concave; convex; crooked; curved; cute; dainty; defined; delicate; diminutive; distended; distinctive; enormous; feminine; flat; freckled; godly; graceful; Grecian; handsome; hard; harsh; hawkish; honest; hooked; immaculate; infallible; keen; large; lengthy; little; masculine; narrow; narrow-bladed; narrow-bridged; peppered; perfect; pert; petite; plain; pointy; pretty; prominent; protruding; protuberant; proud; puffy; red; Roman; Romanesque; rounded; runny; sculpted; shapely; simple; small; straight; striking; strong; subtle; superior; swollen; thin; trim; turned-up; upturned; well-shaped.

Descriptive Combinations

aesthetically pleasing nose; aristocratic jut of his nose; arrogant blade of a nose; arrogant jut of his nose; classic nose; arrogant masculine nose; dainty little nose; delicate little nose; endearingly freckled nose; infallible perfection of his nose; light sprinkling of freckles over her nose; perfectly formed nose; pink tip of her nose; right under her nose; slightly prominent nose; slightly turned-up nose; small, pert nose; straight, proud nose; straight classic nose; strong, rounded nose; superior little nose; of hers; unrepentantly upturned nose.

Verbs - Things A Nose Can Do

blew; buried in; danced over; danced with; dug into; gave warning; leaned against; looked down; nosedived; nuzzled; pressed against; pressed to; skirted across; skirted over; smooth over; stuck in the air; turned up; turned up at the tip; twitched; wrinkled.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To A Nose

admired; anchored on; attached to; blew; cut off; dangled under; kissed; latched onto; licked; pecked; picked; ran fingers along; replaced on; rubbed; took; traced; wiped.

Descriptive Phrases

He lightly kissed her perfectly formed nose.

She licked the tip of his slightly prominent nose.

She loved everything about his face; from his brown eyes to his roman nose.

She raised her dainty little nose in defiance.

That arrogant masculine nose made her want him even more.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Mouth

Adjectives

addictive; alluring; ardent; arrogant; attractive; bad-mouthed; beautiful; big; bitter; carnal; chiseled; cold; cynical; delicious; dreamy; dry; eloquent; expressive; feminine; firm; full; gorgeous; handsome; hot; hungry; incredible; knowing; large; little; luscious; lush; masculine; mobile; moist; passionate; petite; pompous; potty-mouthed; pretty; pretty; ripe; salacious; satiny; scornful; sensual; sensuous; sexy; sinful; small; smart-mouthed; soft; swollen; vengeful; warm; wet; wicked; wide-mouthed; willing.

Descriptive Combinations

carnal, sensuous mouth; chiseled, sensuous mouth; chiseled lines of his mouth; curve to her smile; mouth; desire curving her mouth; down-curve of her mouth; full, sexy mouth; lush sweetness of her mouth; melt in the mouth; mouth compressed to a hard line; mouths hanging open; salacious grin; satiny softness of her mouth; sinfully beautiful mouth; stern, sensuous mouth; strained line of her mouth; sculpted mouth; sweet depths of her mouth; tantalizing proximity of his mouth; tender interior of her mouth; tightly closed mouth; warm and willing mouth; wickedly sensual mouth.

Verbs - Things The Mouth Can Do

anchored to; angled; angled under; breathed through; brought back; burst open; came down on; closed; compressed; covered scream with; curled; curved; curved up; demanded; drew into; dried; dropped; open; edged up at the corners; edged up in a half smile; faintly smiled; fell open; fitted over; forced onto; gaped; gasped; gasped for air; grimaced; grinned; groaned; hardened; held a smile; hung open; kissed; latched on; laughed; loosened; mouthed; moved; opened; pressed against; pressed to; protested; quirked at the corners; quivered; ran dry; relaxed; rubbed against; sealed shut; shut; skimmed; slanted; smiled; smile touched; smirked; sneered; softened; spit; stilled; sucked; suckled; surrendered; tightened; took into; toyed with; trembled; twisted; twisted with pain; twitched; watered; whimpered; wobbled; words fell from; words fell out of; words left; wrapped around; yearned.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To The Mouth

buck up into; captured in; claimed; covered; devoured; explored; eyes drifted to; eyes flicked to; eyes trained on; fingers moved to; found; gaze drifted to; gazed upon; groaned into; growled into; held palm up to; kissed on; plundered; plunged into; popped into; pressed against; pulled back from; punched; put a hand over; put fingers in; recaptured; resented; rubbed against; skimmed; slapped; slid in; slid inside; slid out; slipped tongue into; stared at; straddled; studied; sunk into; tasted; tongue thrust into; took possession of; traced the outline; wiped; yearned for.

Descriptive Phrases

Disgust twisted her pretty mouth into a sneer.

He devoured her mouth with deep sweeping strokes of his tongue.

He took hungry possession of her mouth.

His mouth tightened in a grimace.

His open mouth came down on hers.

She drew his tongue into her mouth.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Tongue

Adjectives

coiling; crimson; expert; extended; hot; long; magic; pointed; pointy; relentless; ruthless; satin-like; seductive; serpentine; silken; silky; skillful; slippery; spongy; tender; velvet; warm; wet.

Descriptive Combinations

coiling crimson tongue; expert touch of his tongue; length of his tongue; skillfully silky tongue; slippery satin tongue; soft, exploring tongue; velvet warmth of her tongue; wet serpentine tongue.

Verbs - Things A Tongue Can Do

assaulted; breached; brushed; brushed across; caressed; charted; circled; coiled; collided with; connected; consumed; curled; curled around; danced; darted; devoured; dipped between; discovered; dissected; dived deep; dragged; drew a path; drew into; elicited a moan; encircled; entered; envelope; examined; explored; extended; flicked; focused on; forced; forged deep; found; headed down; inspected; jabbed; lapped; lashed; laved; mapped; moved; moved between; navigated; pillaged; plundered; plunged; poked; possessed; pressed flat against; probed; prodded; pushed; ran across; ran over; reached; rolled; rolled over; scraped; searched; seduced; settled on; skimmed; skimmed over; slid; stimulate; stroked; stuck out; studied; surged; surveyed; swept over; swirled; tasted; taunted; teased; tended; thrust; tongued; took; touched; toyed; trailed; twined; twirled; twisted; uncovered; whisked; worked; worried; zeroed in on.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To A Tongue

bit; cupped; devoured; engulfed; enveloped; nibbled; pinched; pulled; slurped; squeezed; sucked.

Descriptive Phrases

He took her in his arms and kissed her, his tongue dipping in.

His tongue made wet trails over her puckered lips.

She opened her mouth across his, her soft tongue lashing his.

Their tongues danced as each of their bodies melted together in this sacred union.

Using the tip of her tongue, she made circular motions up and down his length.

Words and Phrases To Describe Teeth

Adjectives

bare; brilliant; broken; chattering; chipped; crooked; dazzling; even; front; gleaming; glittering; large; little; lying; neat; needle-sharp; perfect; polished; sharp; shattered; shiny; small; snapping; sparkling; stellar; strong; white; yellow.

Descriptive Combinations

flash of white teeth; lower teeth; sharp little teeth; skin of her teeth; sparkling white teeth; gleaming teeth; perfectly straight teeth; upper teeth.

Verbs - Things Teeth Can Do

ached; bit down; caught between; chattered; clenched; clinked together; dangled from; flew apart; flew together; gleamed; gnashed; grazed; grazed across; gritted; gritted together; ground; lit through; lit (his) face; nibbled; nipped; pinched; pulled; rattled; sank into; scraped; scraped over; snapped together; took between; tucked between; tugged; twirled between; worried at.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To Teeth

brushed; cleaned; clinked against; pulled; punched; scrubbed; shattered; smacked; smoothed over; tapped against.

Descriptive Phrases

Her lips parted, revealed a flash of white teeth.
Her teeth bit down hard on his tender flesh.
His sparkling white teeth showed through his beautiful smile.
She gritted her teeth together.
She slid her bottom lip between her teeth.

Words and Phrases To Describe Lips

Adjectives

alluring; anemic; beautiful; bloodless; blue; cracked; damp; down-turned; dry; eager; enticing; firm; full; glistening; glossy; gorgeous; heaven-sent; heavenly; hot pink; hungry; hypnotic; irresistible; juicy; luscious; moist; pale; pallid; parched; petulant; pink; plum-colored; plump; pouted; pursed; red; ruby; salty; seductive; sensual; sexy; silky; sinful; smooth; soft; succulent; sulky; sullied; sweet; swollen; thick; thin; warm; wet; wide.

Descriptive Combinations

beautiful swollen lips; champagne-wet lips; edges of her lips; full bottom lip; lingering imprint of her lips; petulant sulky lips; small crease at the edge of her lips; soft pink lips; tingly bottom lip; wide smooth lips.

Verbs - Things Lips Can Do

advanced; buttoned; curled; curled around; drew back; edged closer; enticed; enveloped; escaped; hovered; kissed; moistened; opened up; parted; pecked; pecked at; pleased; pouted; pressed against; protruded; puckered; pursed; quivered; rested upon; shot from; slid across; slid over; smothered; spilled from; surrounded; teased; thrust; thrust forward; tingled; touched; trembled; turned down; widened; worked over; zipped.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To Lips

bit; brought to; captured; circled; enraptured; focused on; found; held a finger to; knew; licked; like; nibbled; nipped at; possessed; ran finger across; ran thumb over; settled upon; sipped; squeezed together; sucked; sucked between; suckled; teased; took; touched; wiped; wiped across.

Descriptive Phrases

A small breathless whisper escaped her lips.
 His sweet warm breath lingered just above her swollen lips.
 His tongue dipped between the seam of her lips.
 She glanced at his towel and licked her lips.
 She instinctively curled her lips around his tongue.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Jaw

Root Words

jaw; jaw line; lower jaw; upper jaw.

Adjectives

aesthetic; aristocratic; arrogant; balanced; beautiful; broad; chiseled; curved; curvy; dark; delineate; elegant; feminine; formidable; hard; hearty; loose; masculine; muscular; noble; petite; pleasing; regal; rock-hard; roughened; rounded; shapely; slight; square; statuesque; straight; strong; stubble; marked; tense; think; tight; tough; uncompromising; well-formed; well-rounded.

Descriptive Combinations

aesthetic, well-formed jaw; angular curve of his jaw; dark stubble shadowed his jaw; five o'clock shadow; hard, angular jaw line; jaw clenched brutally tight; jaw clenched savagely; jaw line hard as rock; jaw tightened in anger; jaw tightened with force; sharply angled jaw; the hard line of his jaw.

Verbs - Things The Jaw Can Do

ached; angled; clenched; closed; cracked; creaked; drooped; dropped; flexed; hardened; jerked; leaned against; leaned on; loosened; muscle jumped in; muscle tensed; muscle ticked at the side; muscle twitched; nervous tics jerked along; opened; rested against; rested on; set; softened; squared; tensed; tightened; twitched.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To The Jaw

caressed; cracked; cut; elbowed; jabbed; kissed; kissed along; kissed the line of; licked; lips caressed beneath; lips slid to the curve of; lips traveled to; nudged; poked; prodded; punched; rubbed; rubbed at; scratched; scratched at it; shaved; slapped; slashed at; smoothed; smoothed over; sucked along; swung at; tapped; took in hand.

Descriptive Phrases

A muscle in his jaw ticked.
Dark stubble marked his hard angular jaw line.
He rubbed his jaw line thoughtfully.
His jaw tightened in anger.
The dark shadow of stubble roughened his jaw line.

Words and Phrases To Describe The Neck

Root Words

neck; neckline; spine.

Adjectives

ashen; bold; broad; brown; chiseled; cold; creamy; delicate; divine; elegant; exposed; feminine; graceful; hard; hot; icy; limp; marmoreal; masculine; muscular; pale; regal; relaxed; sculpted; sinewy; smooth; stiff; strong; swan-like; tanned; tense; thick; thin; warm.

Descriptive Combinations

base of her neck; by the scruff of the neck; curve of her neck; hollow at the base of her neck; nape of her neck; pain in the neck; smooth column of her neck; smooth skin on his neck; soft skin of her neck; strong column of his neck; tendons on her neck.

Verbs - Things The Neck Can Do

arched; bent; blushed; blush rose up; bulged; burned; contorted; cracked; craned; creaked; exposed; felt hand on; gave out; hardened; heat crept up; leaned to one side; leveled off; pink spots broke out; on; pinpricks trickled down; pulse beat in; reared; relaxed; rested against; rested on; retreated; seared; shot out; shot up; smoldered; spasmed; stiffened; strained; tensed; tension coiled in; turned; twisted; warmed; withdrew.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To The Neck

arms encircled; bit; breathed down; breath fanned against; breath whispered across; broke; buried head against; burrowed into; caressed; clasped hands together behind; clung to; curls swept up from; dropped kisses on; dug into; encircled; eyes moved down; eyes moved over; fingers brushed nape of; focused on; gaze traveled up over; grabbed the back of; hand curved around; hand lingered at back of; hands brushed; hooked arm around; hooked hand around; hummed into; hung around; kissed; knocked across back of; leaned on; licked; linked hands behind; manipulated; massaged; nuzzled; patted the back of; planted kiss on; poured over; pressed; pressed kisses on; pressed kiss to; raised face from; ran hand across back of; ran tip of tongue over; ran tongue over; rubbed; rubbed fingers across the back of; sank teeth into; scraped; scratched; skimmed kisses over; slapped; slid arms around; slid hand around; slipped fingers to side of; smothered; stroked; sucked; surveyed; tasted; tongue traced; touched; trailed kisses over; visited; whispered against; whispered into; wrapped arms around; wrung

Descriptive Phrases

Her hand brushed over his head and settled on the back of his neck.

~~He trailed open-mouth kisses along the underside of her neck.~~

Pinpricks trickled down the length of her neck.

She could feel his warm breath on her neck.

The hairs on the back of her neck began to prickle.

Words and Phrases To Describe Shoulders

Adjectives

athletic; beefy; big; bony; brawny; broad; brown; bulky; burly; creamy; dark; delicate; dependable; expansive; feeble; feminine; god-like; hard; hearty; heavy; herculean; husky; imposing; invulnerable; light; marble-like; masculine; mighty; muscular; narrow; never-ending; pale; perfect; powerful; resolute; robust; rugged; satin; scrawny; silk-clad; sinewy; skinny; slight; slim; smooth; stalwart; stiff; stout; straight; strapping; strong; sturdy; supple; tanned; taut; thick; thin; toned; trim; unfaltering; unwavering; white; wide.

Descriptive Combinations

a weight fell off her shoulders; broad satin-smooth shoulders; head and shoulders above; pale smooth skin of her shoulders; smooth white shoulders; weight of the world on her shoulders; wide, strong shoulders.

Verbs - Things Shoulders Can Do

bared; barged; braced; drooped; faltered; flexed; held; hunched; lowered; moved; pressed against; pulled down; raised; relaxed; relaxed against; rippled; rolled; shook; shrank in; slumped; squared; steadied; stiffened; straightened; stretched back; stretched out; tensed; threw back; tightened; tipped back; wavered.

Verbs - Things That Can Be Done To Shoulders

accentuated; arm tightened around; bounced about; braced weight on; brushed; caressed; clung to; combed; curved an arm around; descended en masse to; draped across; dug fingers into; dug nails into; eased a jacket from; eyes touched on; fell past; fingers bit into; gripped; hair bounced on; hair cascaded over; hair rippled across; hair splayed across; hands settled down on; hands slid up to; hands smoothed over; hugged; kneaded; massaged; nestled against; palms skimmed across; passed around; pinched; planted hands on; pulled down; punched; pushed against; pushed it off; rested against; rested on; rubbed; sat upon; scraped against; scratched; scratched at; shook; shucked the dress from; slapped; smoothed; stared at; surrounded; took; trailed fingers across; tugged; wrapped hands around.

Descriptive Phrases

Her palms skimmed across his satin-smooth shoulders.
He turned around and pressed his shoulders up against the door.
She clung to his broad shoulders.
She grabbed onto his thick muscular shoulders and hoisted herself up onto his back.

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