

Smells Investigation Instructions for Adults

You will need:

- Opaque pots with lids (2× each smell you plan to use)
- (The pot lids will need holes putting in them prior to the investigation)
- Smells of your choosing (see list below)
- Marker pen – to label the smells

Suggested Smells:

- cut up lemon
- orange peel
- minty toothpaste
- pencil sharpenings
- bananas
- rose petals
- cotton wool sprayed with perfume
- ginger
- mud
- vanilla
- coffee (cold)
- chocolate
- onion
- garlic
- vinegar

1. Once you have chosen your smells, make sure you make two pots of each smell; set A and set B. You may want to number each pot so you can identify the smells when discussing.
2. Use set A and give each table a different pot to smell and keep. This is the pot they will be comparing to. (You can spend some time here, asking if they like their smell and get them well acquainted with it).
3. Then distribute set B, giving one to each table. Ask them to compare the new smell to their current one. Does it match? How is it different?
4. Move the set B pots to new tables and compare again.
5. Keep changing the pots until all of the smells have been smelled and compared.