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Palette, Palate, and Pallet

Word	Palette	Palate	Pallet
<b>Definition</b>	a thin board or slab on which an artist lays and mixes colors	the roof of the mouth and a person's appreciation of taste and flavor	a portable platform on which goods can be moved, stacked, and stored

**Palette** refers to the flat board or tablet that painters hold while painting.

- Example: Cynthia is gifted at using her entire **palette** to bring a portrait to life.
- Example: Their music was unique, offering a distinctive **palette** of tones and instruments.

**Palate** is a word relating to the sense of taste and often expresses an appreciation for finer subtleties in flavor.

- Example: Rose developed a refined **palate** for cheese after living in Paris for a decade.
- Example: A cool mint soup can be a perfect second course because it clears the **palate** nicely.
- Hint: Palate is conveniently spelled with the word ate at the end.

**Pallet** is a noun that usually refers to a small, low, portable platform (usually made of wood) on which goods are placed for storage or moving, as in a vehicle or a warehouse.

- Example: The shop owner decided to announce a special sale after receiving an extra **pallet** of rugs.
- Example: He spent the night watching over the animals in the barn, finally drifting to sleep on a **pallet** of old burlap sacks.

Peak, peek, and pique

Word	Peak	Peek	Pique
<b>Definition</b>	to reach a highest point and the pointed top of a mountain	to look quickly	a feeling of irritation or excitement cause by a challenge

**Peak** is defined as the top or maximum of something.

- Example: I climbed to the **peak** of the mountain.
- Example: You can really tell when the traffic **peak** hours are.

**Peek** is to look at something quickly.

- Example: I took a quick **peek** at the card to my left and read the name.
- Example: The girl **peeked** at her birthday present when her parents were out.

**Pique** is to excite by a challenge and to raise curiosity.

- Example: The book's cover **piqued** my interest.
- Example: In a fit of **pique**, she threw her phone across the room.

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