

Why Does Rain Smell So Good? | Curious English

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

an earthy smell

un olor a tierra

DEF

A smell that reminds you of soil or damp ground.

Earthy describes a quality of the smell; it does not mean that the whole planet smells this way.

ES

Un olor que recuerda al suelo o a la tierra húmeda.

Earthy describe una cualidad del olor, no significa que el planeta entero huela así.

An earthy smell rose from the garden after the rain.

An earthy smell rose from the garden after the rain. → Un olor a tierra se desprendía del jardín después de la lluvia.

The mushrooms had a rich, earthy smell.

The mushrooms had a rich, earthy smell. → Las setas tenían un intenso olor a tierra.

2

a dry spell

un periodo sin lluvia

DEF

A period with little or no rain.

Here spell means a period of time, not magic; long and prolonged often describe a dry spell.

ES

Un periodo con poca lluvia o sin ella.

Aquí spell significa un periodo de tiempo, no magia; long y prolonged suelen acompañar a dry spell.

The garden needed water after a long dry spell.

The garden needed water after a long dry spell. → El jardín necesitaba agua después de un largo periodo sin lluvia.

Farmers were worried that the dry spell would continue.

Farmers were worried that the dry spell would continue. → A los agricultores les preocupaba que continuara el periodo sin lluvia.

3

release into the air

liberar en el aire

DEF

To let a substance leave its source and enter the surrounding air.

Use release + something + into the air; the passive form is be released into the air.

ES

Dejar que una sustancia salga de su fuente y pase al aire que la rodea.

Usa release + algo + into the air; la forma pasiva es be released into the air.

Crushing mint leaves releases their scent into the air.

Crushing mint leaves releases their scent into the air. → Al aplastar hojas de menta, su aroma se libera en el aire.

The machine releases steam into the air.

The machine releases steam into the air. → La máquina libera vapor en el aire.

