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Abstract
A collection of five fragrances and their "synonyms" and "antonyms."

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wet pavement – synonyms: a shuffled stack of singles, a pear, the tornado-safe corner of a basement. antonyms: rubber signature stamps, distilled regret, thin burnt white buttered toast.

copper – synonyms: a fat tampon, strep throat. antonyms: unsmearable lipstick, ferrets.

mildew – synonyms: carbonated water, the day before frost, sidewalk hopscotch chalk, that luxurious raincoat called home. antonyms: eucalyptus, tiger balm, a mint plant doused in cat piss, a row of ashtrays by the sink.


salt – synonyms: dead fresh water fish on a sleek river bank, milk that aspires to be cheese, the cusp between the body and arm commonly known as pit. antonyms: a naked margarita, a first or last date, a lint-covered lidless cherry chap stick.

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