

Palete, palette and pallet

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These are homophonous (homófono) words - they sound the same and have different meanings. To clarify:

Are you a painter? If you are, then you mix the colours on a palette (paleta).

Examples:

- The painter mixed the colours on his palette.
- Ricardo carried his palette to his studio (...llevaba su caja de pinturas al estudio).

Have you ever worked in a warehouse (almacén)? If you have, then you would have seen products or boxes stacked (apilado, amontado) on a pallet (paleta). This is a wooden platform that is moved by a pallet truck (carretilla elevadora de paletas). Sometimes a straw (de paja) bed is referred to as a pallet (jergón, catre).

Now, palete: it is the roof of your mouth (paladar). It is also figurative to refer to someone's taste or preference for flavours for food and drink. Some examples:

- A chocolate cake is pleasing (agradable) to the palete.
- Ricardo has no palete for champagne (...no tiene paladar para el champagne).

So a painter can mix colours on a palette, work in a warehouse moving pallets, and have a palete for expensive champagne.