

IMAGERY

Image = a word or series of words that refers to any sensory experience. The following terms help us describe specific kinds of imagery:

Visual, auditory, tactile, olfactory, gustatory.

(see) (hear) (touch) (smell) (taste)

Specimen: “The Fish” by Elizabeth Bishop

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Checklist on Imagery:

- ◆ List a poem's key images in the order they appear.
- ◆ What does the poem's title suggest? Does it help you interpret the images?
- ◆ Remember, images can draw from all five senses, not just visual.
- ◆ List key adjectives or other qualifying words.
- ◆ What emotions or attitudes are suggested by the images?
- ◆ Does the tone stay the same, or shift, or progress?
- ◆ How do the poem's images "add up" to its theme?

Specimen: "The River Merchant's Wife" by Ezra Pound

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Journal Exercise, Part One

Describe a pinecone, using concrete, specific diction.
Don't compare it to anything.