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Imagery

An image is a word picture. It is a picture made with words in a work of literature. Imagery is a literary technique in which a writer uses vivid description that appeals to a reader's senses to create an image or an idea in their head.

An imagery can be of several kinds:

- 1. **Visual Imagery** all that can be seen comes under visual imagery. Examples: flower, tree, river, sea etc.
- 2. **Auditory imagery** all that can be heard comes under auditory imagery. Examples: music, scream, explosion, and sound of all sorts.
- 3. **Tactile imagery** all that can be touched and felt comes under tactile imagery. Examples: texture, temperature, wetness, dryness, rough, smooth, softness, hardness etc.
- 4. **Olfactory imagery** all that can be smelt comes under olfactory imagery. Examples: All sorts of smell- pleasant smell, unpleasant smell, stinky, fresh etc.

- 5. **Gustatory images** all that can be tested comes under gustatory imagery. Examples: it is concerned with the readers' sense of taste sweet, sour, bitter, pungent, creamy, earthy, scorched etc.
- 6. **Kinesthetic imagery** it is an image of motion or movement. Examples: fast, slow, gradual, rapid, static, quick, sharp etc.
- 7. **Synesthetic imagery** when two images combine together they form synesthetic imagery. Example: when one is hearing music and seeing colours in one's mind.