

# Knowledge Map: Analysing Art/Literacy in Art

How can I demonstrate my ideas and critical understanding?

MAKING WRITING BEAUTIFUL

ARTISTIC LANGUAGE



## Colour

Bright	Dull
Vibrant	Natural
vivid	Neutral
Lively	Subtle
Brilliant	Earthy
Intense	Harmonious
Rich	Inspid
Deep	Pale
Strong	Mellow
Clashing	Muted
Stimulating	Subdued
Garish	Quite weak

## Use of tone

Dark, light, mid, flat, uniform, smooth, plain, varied, broken, consistent, contrasting, linear.

## Descriptive Language

### Composition words

Horizontal, vertical, diagonal, angled  
Foreground, middle ground, background.  
Centred, asymmetrical, symmetrical.  
Balanced, unbalanced, lopsided, focal point.  
Overlapping, cluttered, chaotic.  
Separate spacious, empty.  
Free, flowing, fragmented, formal, rigid, uptight, confined.

### Form and Shape

2D, flat, abstract, simplified, stylised.  
3D, form, realistic, natural, sense of depth and space.  
Sharp, detailed.  
Distorted, exaggerated, geometric.  
Linear, long, narrow  
Hard edged, soft edged

### Mark making

Structured, powerful, Haphazard, quick, loose, weak, organised, slow, passionate, sensitive, expressive, angled, whimsical, definite, clear, energetic, ambiguous, layered, messy, thick, thin, rhymetical, variable, delicate, subtle, scruffy, harsh, curved, repetitive, imaginative, clever, thoughtful, fluid.