

Writing About Film

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SCREEN SCOTLAND
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Design (costume, set, location...)

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active	appealing	attractive	awe-inspiring	barren
beautiful	bright	bustling	casual	charming
classic	colourful	creepy	dangerous	dark
delicate	desolate	disgusting	dull	edgy
eerie	elegant	expensive	feminine	florid
frail	fresh	glorious	grotesque	homely
hot	idyllic	immaculate	industrial	intimidating
lively	loud	majestic	masculine	modern
monochrome	neutral	old-fashioned	ordinary	overwhelming
poor	regal	rundown	rural	rustic
simple	squalid	stunning	tranquil	unadorned
unappealing	unique	urban	vibrant	wild

Lighting and Colour

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ablaze	blinding	bold	brilliant	clean
cold	colourless	cool	dappled	dark
deep	delicate	dim	discoloured	electric
faded	festive	fiery	flaming	flashing
flecked	fluorescent	fresh	glancing	gleaming
glinting	glistening	glossy	glowing	harmonious
harsh	illuminating	iridescent	loud	luminous
matching	mellow	monochromatic	multicoloured	muted
neutral	opaque	pale	pastel	psychedelic
radiant	restrained	rich	sepia	shimmering
soft	sombre	strong	tinged	translucent
transparent	vibrant	vivid	warm	watery

Mood and Atmosphere

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angry	animated	apathetic	bleak	boring
bright	calm	celebratory	chaotic	cheerful
cold	contented	dark	delightful	depressing
dull	exhilarating	exciting	expectant	foreboding
frantic	friendly	frightening	gloomy	harsh
haunting	heavy	hopeful	hopeless	light
lively	lonely	melancholy	mellow	mysterious
nostalgic	ominous	optimistic	pessimistic	placid
playful	poignant	reflective	relaxed	respectful
restrained	reverent	romantic	scholarly	sentimental
silly	sombre	strange	tender	tense
tranquil	triumphant	unnerving	warm	whimsical

Movement (cameras, actors...)

amble	balanced	bend	bounce	brisk
burst	careless	cautious	chase	coasting
creep	dart	dash	deliberate	dragging
dreamy	drifting	driving	drop	ebb
edging	energetic	fall	fly	frantic
freeze	glide	gradual	hang	hug
hurry	inactive	jab	jump	languid
leaden	leisurely	loiter	meander	nimble
plod	plummet	ponderous	race	reluctant
sail	shake	soar	spin	sprint
stable	stagger	sway	swerve	swoop
tumble	unhurried	zigzag	zip	zoom

Sound (effects and music)

atmospheric	atonal	beating	blasting	bouncy
bright	chaotic	clear	colourful	complex
constant	dark	deafening	delicate	diminishing
distant	droning	dull	echo	emotive
explosive	fast	forceful	frantic	gentle
growing	harsh	haunting	heavy	hushed
inaudible	industrial	intense	joyous	lively
loud	monotonous	muffle	mysterious	noisy
offbeat	piercing	pounding	powerful	quiet
repetitive	resounding	rhythmic	ringing	sharp
shrill	slow	smooth	sorrowful	soft
thunderous	triumphant	tuneless	wailing	warm

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