figurative abstract Images

Sometimes an image can be described easily.



Another times an image can't be described easily.



It depends on the ICONICITY DEGREE.





MORE ICONICITY +

LESS ICONICITY

An image with a direct reference to reality has more **ICONICITY**



When it's more difficult to recognize something real, the image has less ICONICITY.



There are 2 big groups of images according the iconicity degree.

figurative images
abstract images

figurative images



They have HIGH iconicity degree. The image elements can be recognized easily because they are mimetical representations of reality.

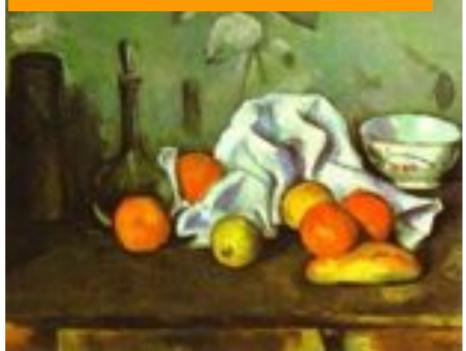


Gas (1949) / Edward Hopper





Figurative images



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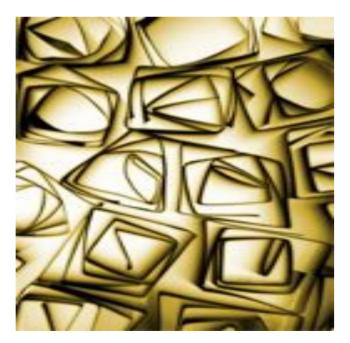


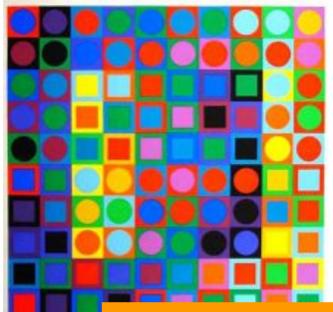
They have ZERO iconicity degree. It's difficult to identify the image as a direct representation of reality.



Orange (1923) / Vasily Kandinsky







Abstract images





ABSTRACT IMAGES don't represent the real world directly, but they are an interpretation of reality: feelings and emotions.





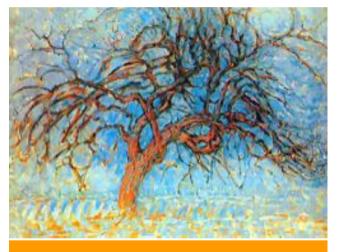
Process of abstraction by PIET MONDRIAN with the idea of a TREE.





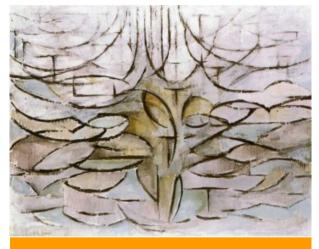


Piet Mondrian plays with a TREE.



FIGURATIVE





ABSTRACT

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They use to have LOW iconicity degree. Have less visual information and simple elements.

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What is this?

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What is this? A pigeon.

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What is this? A pigeon.

What does it mean?

They use to have LOW iconicity degree. Have less visual information and simple elements.



What is this? A pigeon.

What does it mean? The peace.

They use to have LOW iconicity degree. Have less visual information and simple elements.



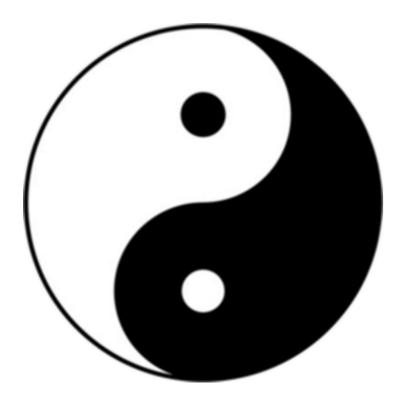
What is this?

They use to have LOW iconicity degree. Have less visual information and simple elements.



What is this? A circle whith a part in black with a white dot, and a part in white with a black dot.

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What is this?

A circle whith a part in black with a white dot, and a part in white with a black dot.

What does it mean?

The ying and the yang (the positive and the negative).

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What is this?

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What is this? Three arrows spins round.

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What is this? Three arrows spins round.

What does it mean?

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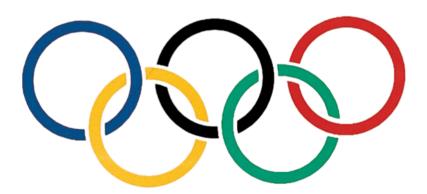
What does it mean? Recycling.

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What is this?



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What is this? Five rings in five different colors.

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What is this? Five rings in five different colors.

What does it mean? The Olympic Games.

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What is this?

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What is this? A person in a wheelchair.

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What is this? A person in a wheelchair.

What does it mean?

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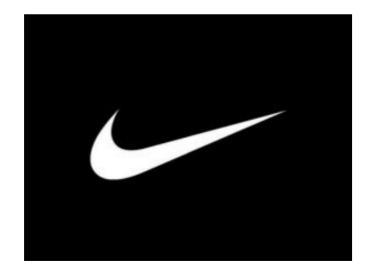


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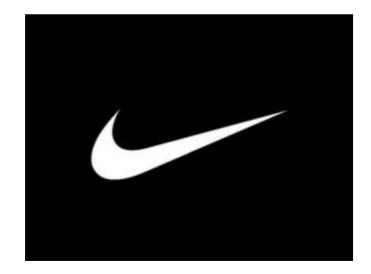
What does it mean? Reserved for disabled people.

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What is this? A wing of the godess Victory.

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What is this? A wing of the godess Victory.

What does it mean?

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What is this? A wing of the godess Victory.

What does it mean? A brand of sport products.









