

LUMEN

PhotoVocab Game

PRINT TO PLAY SAMPLER

63 Vocabulary Cards + 108 Photo Cards

Make learning fun. Equip players with essential vocabulary and help them grow their analytical skills through experiential learning.

Designed by Carol Record



3-6
PLAYERS



AGE
14+



20-40
MINUTES



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CUT THE CARDS

Cut along the lines using scissors or an exacto knife and ruler.



YOU'RE DONE

Assemble your participants and play!



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PLAYER GUIDE

OVERVIEW

Make learning fun. Equip players with essential vocabulary and help them grow their analytical skills through interactive gameplay.

Designed as a fun and engaging educational experience, Lumen is a card game that challenges players to pair photography vocabulary with photos, teaching players to have a keener eye for photography and introducing them to vocabulary useful in photographic discussion and critique, while also encouraging critical thinking, debate, and analysis.

OBJECTIVE

Lumen is an international photography exhibition with work selected by jurors from around the globe. Each round photographers submit an image that matches the jurors theme in the hopes of winning the round and having their work featured in the final exhibition.

ROLES

There are two roles that players will take on throughout the game.

- **Juror:** The juror is a rotating role that changes each round. They have final say in who wins at the end of a round.
- **Photographers:** All players except the juror are photographers competing to submit their best photo.

SET UP

1. Shuffle the vocabulary and photo card decks and place each deck face down in the center of the game area.
2. Each player draws 7 photo cards for their collection (hand).
3. The player who most recently took a photo is the first juror.

HOW TO PLAY

Lumen is played over several rounds in a clockwise rotation. Each round of Lumen has 6 phases:

1. **Call for Entry:** The juror reads a vocabulary card to reveal the theme of the round.
2. **Submission:** Photographers submit a photo from their collection that they feel best fits the theme of the round.
3. **Judging:** The juror reviews and reveals submissions, selects an image, and explains their choice, providing insights into why the image aligns with the specified term.
4. **Critique (optional):** Think your photo was better? Maybe the juror didn't understand your creative vision. So tell them! All photographers are encouraged to debate the juror's choice and discuss which card they would have picked instead and why.
5. **Award:** The photographer whose work is chosen receives a point in the form of the vocabulary card from that round.
6. **Draw:** Photographers draw a new photo card, returning their collection to seven.

The next player clockwise from the current juror becomes the next juror and a new round begins.

WINNING THE GAME

Win the game by being the first to get 5 photos accepted into Lumen.

Timed Variant: Specify a time limit and compete to get the most entries before the deadline.

ABOUT LUMEN

Conceived by Carol Record as part of her MFA thesis on game-based learning at Jacksonville State University, Lumen emerged from her personal challenges in the realm of education. Drawing on her passion for games, education, and photography, Carol designed a game that effectively engages students, breaking the ice and facilitating camaraderie while also serving as a versatile tool for delivering course content.

Carol created Lumen as an educational tool for her classroom, and it was such a hit with educators and students that she was encouraged to publish it. Carol has since created her own game-based learning publishing company, Blackwater Buccaneers, and is on a mission to work with other educators to develop innovative, creative solutions that help them make learning fun and engaging for students.



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Ahoy, Lumen Adventurers!

Welcome to the Lumen PhotoVocab Game: Sampler Edition brought to you by the swashbucklin' crew at Blackwater Buccaneers. We're thrilled to have you aboard for this game-based learning adventure! Before you embark on your journey, here be some guidelines to keep things shipshape:

Deck Discovery: This game is for personal use and enjoyment. Don't be hoistin' the Jolly Roger and trying to sell copies or claim it as your own creation!

Parley in Play: Feel free to share your photos of your epic duels, but be sure to tag #blackwaterbucs and so we can prove to the rest of the world that we're the best game design pirate crew in existence! Savvy?

Chartin' New Courses: We might update the game from time to time, so always keep an eye out for fresh treasures and rule tweaks!

Shipshape and Bristol Fashion: We've worked hard on this game, so please don't be tamperin' with the cards or makin' any sneaky alterations unless you share them with us so we can share them with everyone else. Arrggh!

Loot and Plunder: All the game's art and content belong to Blackwater Buccaneers. No stealin' our hard-earned doubloons!

Share the Spoils: If you share this game with yer mates, make sure to give credit where it's due. Let 'em know the Blackwater Buccaneers were the ones who brought 'em this treasure trove of fun!

By playin' this game, ye agree to follow these here terms. If ye don't, we might have to send ye off to walk the plank! Just kiddin', but seriously, we want everyone to have a grand time playin'.

Now, hoist the anchor, weigh the main, and let the Lumen PhotoVocab Game: Sampler Edition set sail! May yer vocabulary be as boundless as the open sea!

Fair winds and happy word hunts,

The Blackwater Buccaneers Crew

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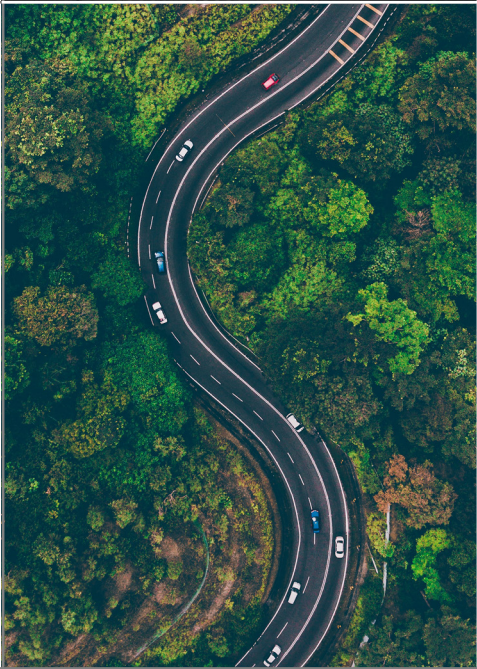
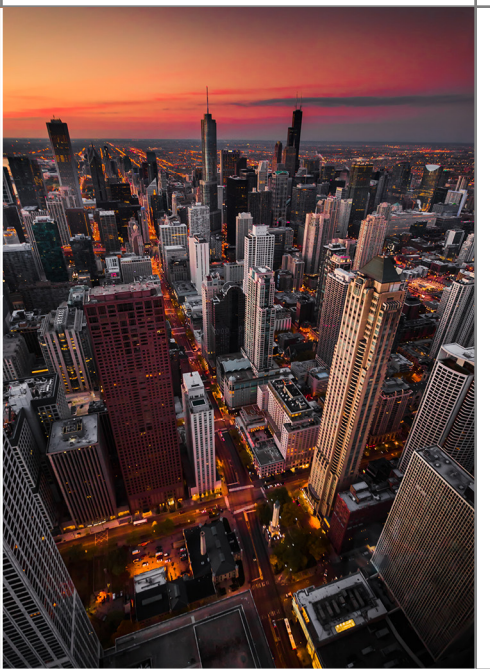
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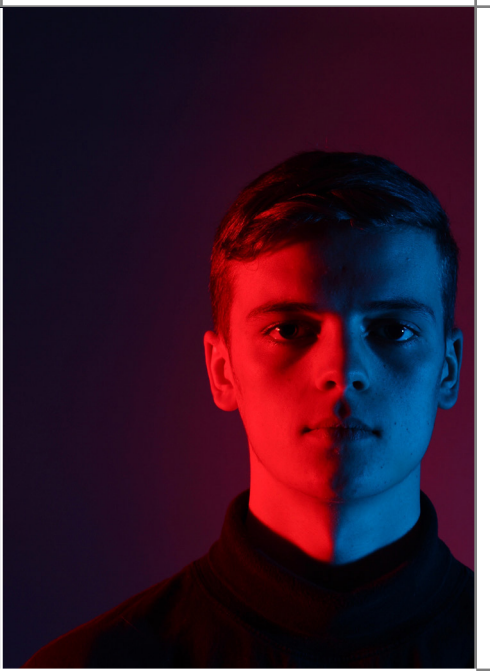
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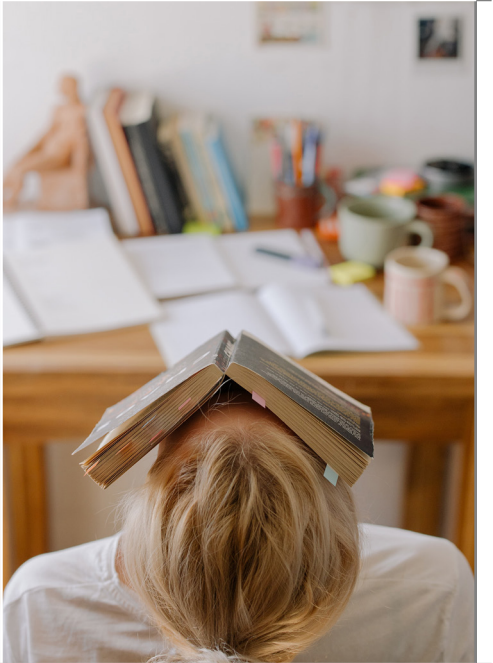
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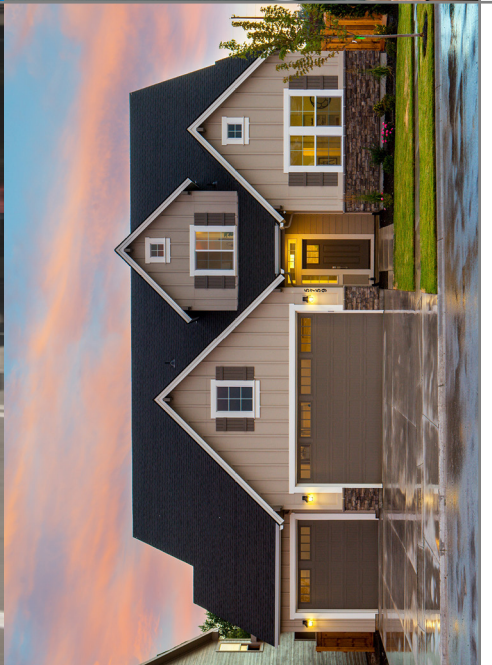
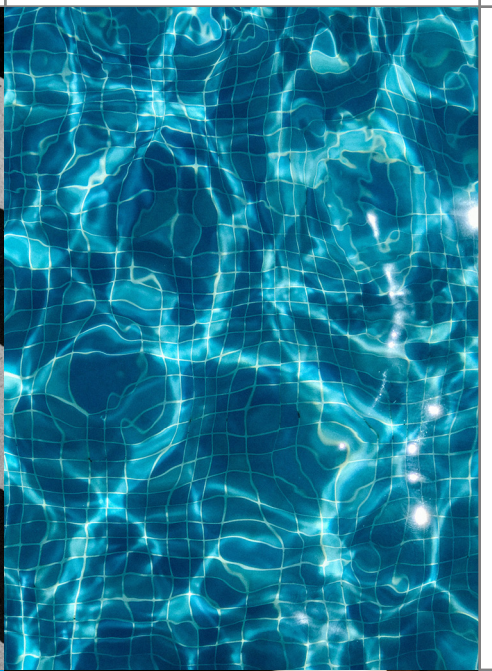
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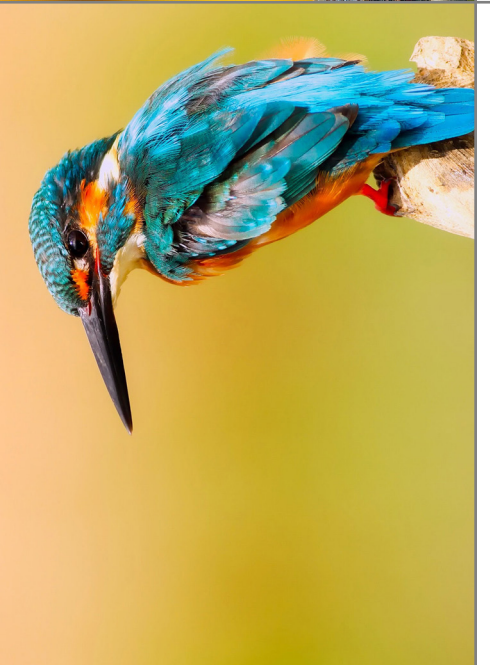
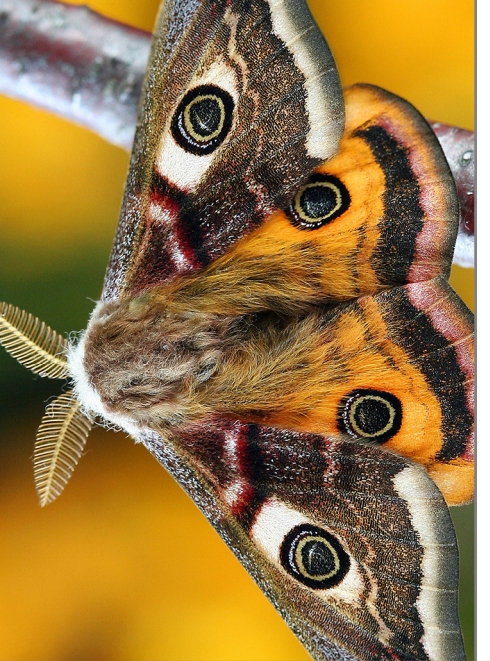
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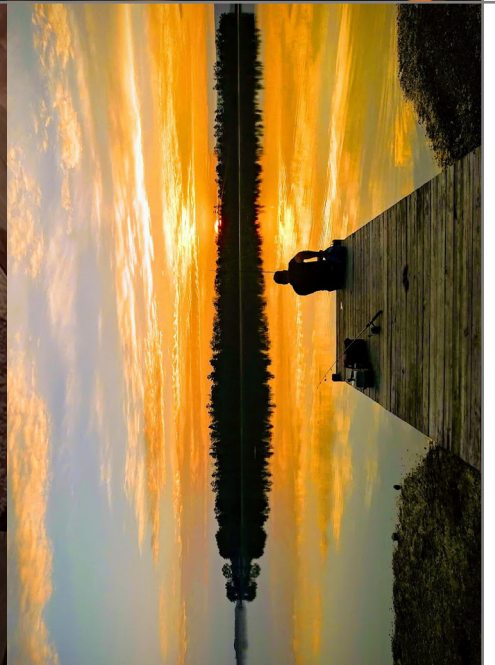
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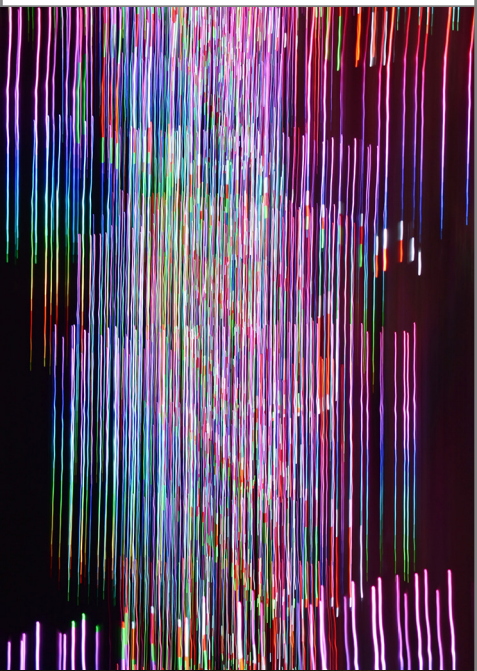
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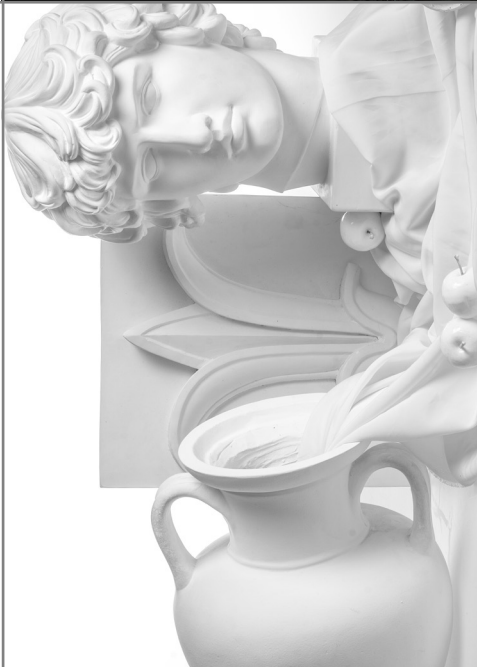
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Abstract

: existing as an idea, feeling, or quality, not as a material object

: used to refer to a type of art that uses shapes, lines, and color in a way that does not try to represent the appearance of people or things

Cambridge Dictionary

Ambient Light

: any form of light the photographer did not add to their image such as natural light or nearby artificial lighting

: light that is already present in an environment

Asymmetrical

: having two sides or halves that are not the same

Merriam-Webster

Balance

: an aesthetically pleasing arrangement of elements

: stability produced by an even distribution of weight

: to bring in harmony or proportion

Merriam-Webster

Bright

: radiating or reflecting light

: a color of high saturation

: lively, cheerful

: intelligent, clever

Merriam-Webster

Busy

: full of distracting detail

: engaged in action

: full of activity

Merriam-Webster

Candid

: photography of subjects acting naturally or spontaneously without being posed

Merriam-Webster

Clean

: relatively free from error or blemish

: characterized by clarity and precision

Merriam-Webster

Commercial

: having profit rather than artistic or other value as a primary aim

: concerned with or engaged in commerce

: making or intended to make a profit

Oxford Languages

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| <div><div>Contrast</div><div><p>: degree of difference between the lightest and darkest parts of a picture</p><p>: juxtaposition of dissimilar elements (such as color, tone, or emotion) in a work of art</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Cool</div><div><p>: somewhat cold, lacking in warmth</p><p>: marked by steady dispassionate calmness and self-control</p><p>: colors perceived to feel cold such as blue, green, and violet</p></div><div><div></div></div></div> | <div><div>Creative</div><div><p>: producing or using original and unusual ideas</p><p>: describing or explaining things in unusual ways</p></div><div><div>Cambridge Dictionary</div></div></div> |
| <div><div>Dark</div><div><p>: devoid or partially devoid of light</p><p>: dismal, gloomy</p><p>: arising from or showing evil traits or desires</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Diffused Lighting</div><div><p>: lighting that is not concentrated or localized</p><p>: lighting that is spread out or softened</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Disturbing</div><div><p>: causing feelings of worry, concern, or anxiety</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> |
| <div><div>Documentary Photography</div><div><p>: a style of photography that provides a straightforward and accurate representation of people, places, objects, and events</p></div><div><div>Tate</div></div></div> | <div><div>Dramatic</div><div><p>: striking in appearance or effect</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Dynamic</div><div><p>: energetic, forceful</p></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> |

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| <div><div>Expressive</div><div><div>: serving to express, utter, or represent</div><div>: effectively conveying meaning or feeling</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Flat</div><div><div>: low-contrast lighting</div><div>: having a relatively smooth or even surface</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Flowing</div><div><div>: moving smoothly and continuously in or as if in a stream</div><div>: smooth and graceful</div><div>: hanging loosely and gracefully</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> |
| <div><div>Frame</div><div><div>: an enclosing border</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Frozen</div><div><div>: fixed or motionless</div><div>: incapable of being changed, moved, or undone</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Geometric</div><div><div>: of or relating to art based on simple geometric shapes such as straight lines, circles, or squares</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> |
| <div><div>Happy</div><div><div>: enjoying or characterized by well-being and contentment</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> | <div><div>Intense</div><div><div>: of extreme force, degree, or strength</div><div>: having or showing strong feelings or opinions; extremely earnest or serious</div></div><div><div>Oxford Languages</div></div></div> | <div><div>Intimate</div><div><div>: of a very personal or private nature</div><div>: marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity</div></div><div><div>Merriam-Webster</div></div></div> |

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Layered

: arranged in layers or thin sheets, one on top of another

: used to describe something that is complicated and interesting because it has many different levels or features

Cambridge Dictionary

Leading Lines

: lines that guide the viewer's eyes through a composition

: a compositional technique used to guide the viewer toward the subject of an image

Light

: a source of light; something that makes vision possible

: not intense in color; pale

: bright

: having little weight; not heavy

Merriam-Webster

Low Light

: a dimly lit scene or subject

Luminous

: emitting or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing light

: bright, shining

Merriam-Webster

Melancholy

: suggestive of sadness or depression of mind or spirit

: a feeling of thoughtful sadness

Merriam-Webster

Minimal

: the least possible

: very small in amount

Merriam-Webster

Monochromatic

: having or consisting of one color or hue

: lacking variety, creativity, or excitement

Merriam-Webster

Motion

: an act, process, or instance of changing place

: the act or process of moving

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| <p>Mysterious</p> <p>: having an atmosphere of strangeness or secrecy</p> <p>: difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify</p> <p>Oxford Languages</p> | <p>Narrative</p> <p>: telling a story or describing a series of events</p> <p>Cambridge Dictionary</p> | <p>Natural Light</p> <p>: light from the sun</p> <p>: light occurring in nature, such as sunlight, starlight, and fire</p> |
| <p>Negative Space</p> <p>: the empty area around and between the subject of an image</p> | <p>Organic</p> <p>: consisting of or relating to plants and animals</p> <p>: happening or developing naturally over time, without being forced or planned by anyone</p> <p>Cambridge Dictionary</p> | <p>Overexposed</p> <p>: images that are brighter than the actual scene</p> <p>: when too much light is captured resulting in a loss of detail in the brightest parts of the image (aka blown highlights)</p> |
| <p>Portrait</p> <p>: a pictorial representation of a person usually showing the face</p> <p>: a rectangular document having the vertical dimension longer than the horizontal dimension</p> <p>Merriam-Webster</p> | <p>Posed</p> <p>: to put or set in place</p> <p>: to assume a posture or attitude usually for artistic purposes</p> <p>Merriam-Webster</p> | <p>Quiet</p> <p>: making very little noise</p> <p>: marked by little or no motion or activity</p> <p>: gentle, easygoing</p> <p>Merriam-Webster</p> |

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Reflection

- : an image seen in a mirror or other shiny surface
- : serious thought or consideration
- : something that shows, expresses, or is a sign of something

Cambridge Dictionary

Repetition

- : the act or an instance of repeating or being repeated

Merriam-Webster

Romantic

- : consisting of or resembling a romance
- : marked by the imaginative or emotional appeal of what is heroic, adventurous, remote, mysterious, or idealized

Merriam-Webster

Selective Focus

- : when the subject of an image is in focus while the rest of the image is out of focus or blurred

Shadow

- : an area of darkness, caused by light being blocked by something
- : to follow closely
- : to make a person unhappy or to make their life less happy

Cambridge Dictionary

Shallow Depth of Field

- : an image with only a small area in focus often used to emphasize the subject

Soft

- : not bright or glaring
- : subdued
- : marked by a gentleness, kindness, or tenderness

Merriam-Webster

Static

- : standing or fixed in one place
- : showing little change
- : characterized by a lack of movement, animation, or progression

Merriam-Webster

Still Life

- : a picture consisting predominantly of inanimate objects
- : the category of graphic arts concerned with inanimate subject matter

Merriam-Webster

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Subtle

: delicate, elusive

: difficult to understand or perceive

: clever and indirect

Merriam-Webster

Surreal

: marked by the intense irrational reality of a dream

: unbelievable, fantastic

Merriam-Webster

Symbol

: something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship, association, convention, or accidental resemblance

Merriam-Webster

Symmetry

: correspondence in size, shape, and relative position of parts on opposite sides of a dividing line, or about center, or axis

: balanced proportions

Merriam-Webster

Tension

: a balance between and interplay of opposing elements

: a state of mental or emotional strain or suspense

Vocabulary.com

Texture

: the visual or tactile surface characteristics and appearance of something

: something composed of closely interwoven elements

Merriam-Webster

Translucent

: permitting the passage of light

: free from disguise or falseness

Merriam-Webster

Underexposed

: images that are darker than the actual scene

: when not enough light is captured resulting in a loss of detail in the darkest parts of the image (aka crushed shadows)

Vignette

: the gradual darkening or lightening of the edges of an image