

Exercise walk-through

The function of an image or imagery ■ 5.4

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what descriptive words contribute to
- state the two things an image can be
- define imagery as a collection
- explain what a pattern of images does

Method — Sensory imagery

Descriptive words, such as adjectives and adverbs, contribute to sensory imagery. The senses are the material.

Method — Two kinds of image

An image can be literal or it can be a form of a comparison that represents something in a text through associations with the senses. A literal image describes; a figurative one represents.

Method — Imagery

A collection of images, known as imagery, may emphasise ideas in parts of or throughout a text. The collection is the unit of analysis, not the single image.

Method — Patterns

Three images of cold in one poem are a pattern, and the pattern makes a claim that no single image does. Look for what the images share before asking what each one means.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the two things an image can be.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

literal **B1**; or a comparison representing something through associations with the senses **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Define imagery and state what it may do.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

a collection of images **B1** that may emphasise ideas in parts of or throughout a text **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The collection is the unit of analysis.

- (a) Explain why.
- (b) State what to look for first.

Solution 2.3

Method: Imagery

Worked steps

(a) a pattern of images makes a claim **B1** that no single image makes on its own **B1**. (b) what the images share **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

A figurative image

- A** describes only
- B** represents through associations with the senses
- C** rhymes
- D** counts syllables

Solution 3.1

Method: Two kinds of image

- A describes only
- B represents through associations with the senses 
- C rhymes
- D counts syllables

Worked steps

B. representation through the senses.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Imagery may emphasise ideas in parts of or

A throughout a text

B other texts

C the title only

D the author's life

Solution 3.2

Method: Imagery

A throughout a text



B other texts

C the title only

D the author's life

Worked steps

A. throughout a text.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A poem contains four images of enclosure.

- (a) State what this constitutes.
- (b) Explain what the pattern claims that one image would not.

Solution 3.3

Method: Patterns

Worked steps

(a) imagery — a collection **B1**. (b) one image of enclosure could be incidental **B1**, while four establish that the poem is about being confined **B1**.