

line



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Line is...

the **path** of a moving point. It is **a mark left by a tool** - brush, pencil, stick, pen, etc. Line defines the edges of shapes and forms. They don't exist naturally, artists have to decide where and how to place lines as they draw. Lines often suggest movement in a drawing or painting.

Characteristics of Line are:

Width- thick, thin, tapering, uneven

Length -long, short, continuous, broken

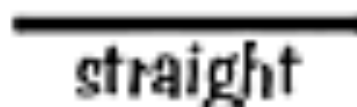
Direction- horizontal, vertical, diagonal,
curving, perpendicular, oblique,
parallel, radial, zigzag

Focus- sharp, blurry, fuzzy, choppy

Feeling- sharp, jagged, graceful, smooth



curved



straight

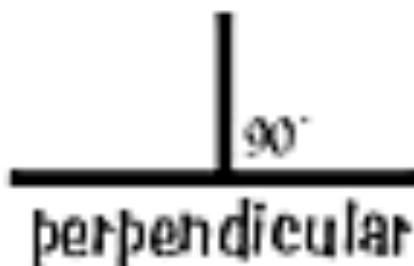


diagonal



zigzag

dashed or dotted



90°

perpendicular

horizontal



outline



wavy



parallel

Types of Line:

Outlines-Lines made by the edge of an object or silhouette

Contour lines-Lines that describe the shape of an object and the interior detail

Gesture lines-Lines that are energetic & catch the movement of a figure in motion/action figure

Sketch lines- Lines that captures the appearance of an object or impression of a place.

Calligraphic Lines- Greek word meaning “beautiful writing.” Precise, elegant handwriting or lettering done by hand. Also artwork that has flowing lines like an elegant handwriting.

Implied Line- Lines that are not actually drawn but created by a group of objects seen from a distance. The direction an object is pointing to, or the direction a person is looking at.

How does **LINE** translate in **Fine art**:

Drawing with Lines



Outline



Contour Line



Hatching
Crosshatching



Gesture Lines

Lines Create...

(Deep
Space)



"Fishing Boat" by Emile Nolde, 1910, woodcut print, 12"x16", Nolde-Stiftung Seebull, Germany

Lines Create...

Form &
Texture



"Urban Jewels" by Denyse Thomasos, 1995, Acrylic,
10'x16', Lennon, Weinberg, NY

Lines Create...

Illusion



"Stripe Song" by J. Seeley, 1981, Photo
Sildscreen print, 22"x30", VAGA, NY

How does **LINE** translate in **Photography**?



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Leading Lines:





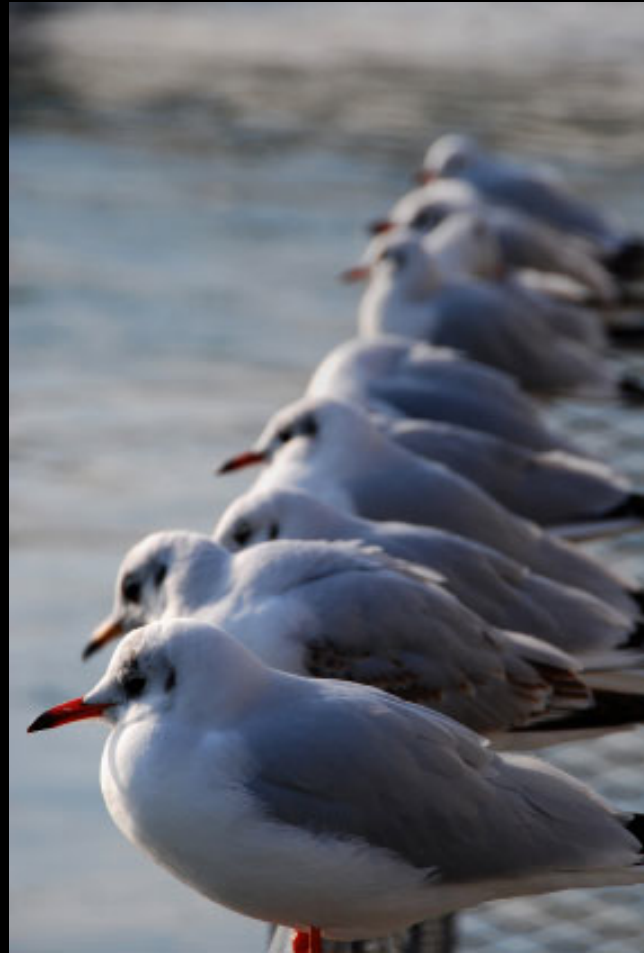








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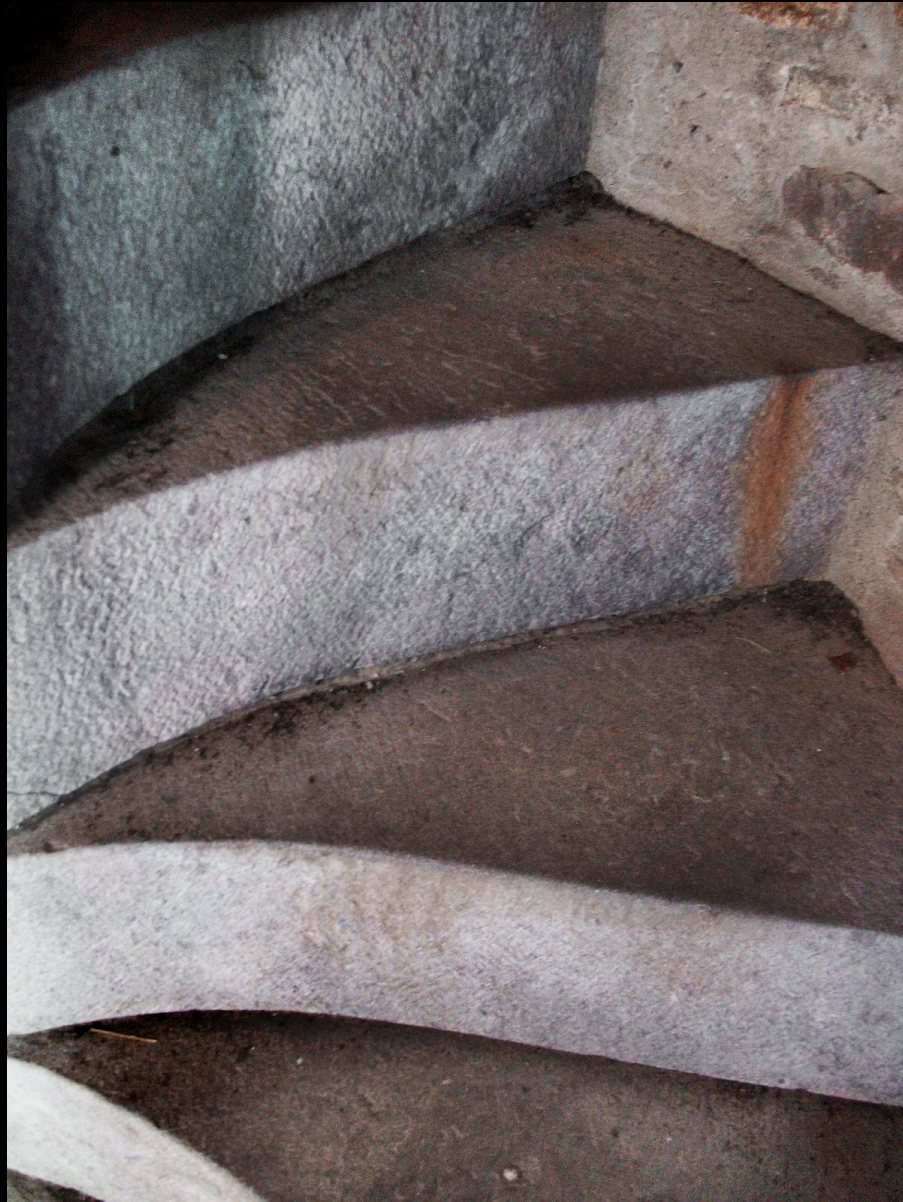
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A vs. B



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