

Imagery

Consider:

It was a mine town, uranium most recently. Dust devils whirled sand off the mountains. Even after the heaviest of rains, the water seeped back into the ground, between stones, and the earth was parched again.

— Linda Hogan, “Making Do”

Discuss:

1. What feelings do you associate with images of dusty mountains and dry earth?

2. There are two images associated with land in the third sentence. Identify the two images and compare and contrast the feelings these images evoke.

Apply:

Write a sentence describing a rainstorm using imagery that produces a positive response; then write a sentence describing a rainstorm with imagery that produces a negative response. Share your sentences with the class. Briefly discuss how the images create the positive and negative responses.