

# Imagery

## Consider:

At first I saw only water so clear it magnified the fibers in the walls of the gourd. On the surface, I saw only my own round reflection. The old man encircled the neck of the gourd with his thumb and index finger and gave it a shake. As the water shook, then settled, the colors and lights shimmered into a picture, not reflecting anything I could see around me. There at the bottom of the gourd were my mother and father scanning the sky, which was where I was.

— Maxine Hong Kingston, *The Woman Warrior*

## Discuss:

1. What kind of imagery is used in this passage? Circle the images.
2. Compare and contrast the imagery of the last sentence with the imagery of the first four sentences.

## Apply:

Write a sentence which uses precise visual imagery to describe a simple action. Share your sentence with a partner.