

Detailed descriptions

Being specific



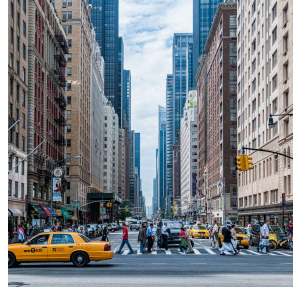
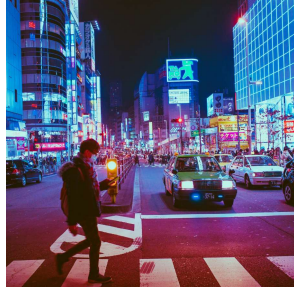
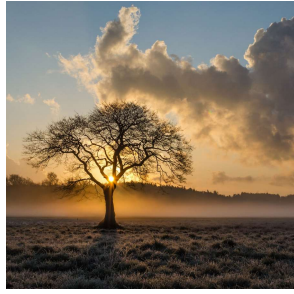
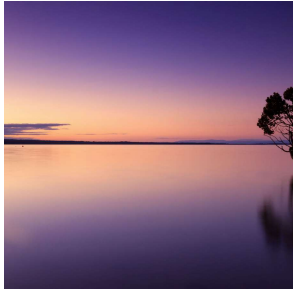


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Descriptions are more effective when they are detailed and specific.

Focusing on small details can help to you develop more interesting ideas.

Switching between objects and people can make your reader feel more interested in the description.



What differences can you see between these three pairs of photos?

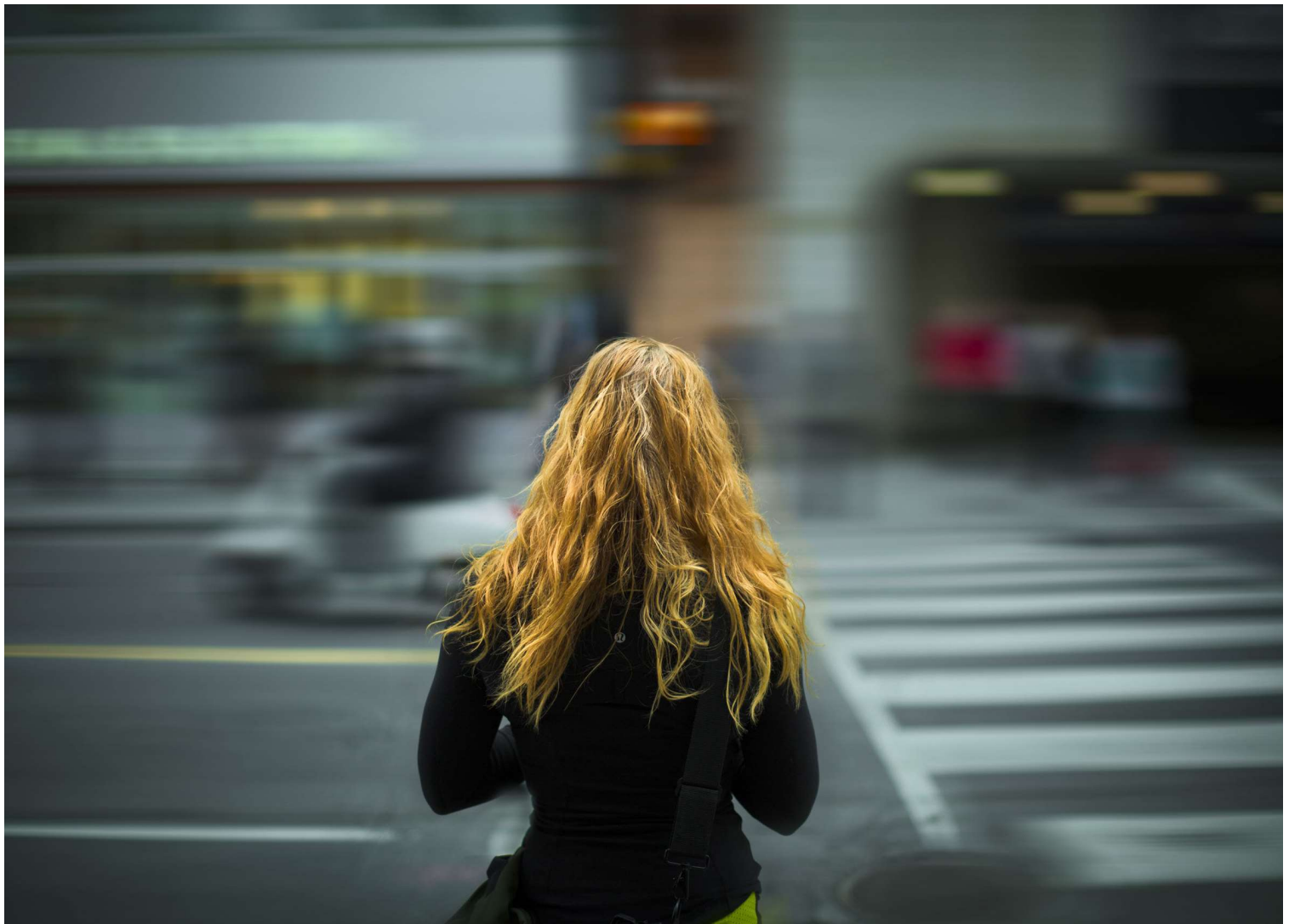


Describe one thing

Before you read: How much detail can you describe in this bike?

A classic style, black and chrome bicycle rested against the newly painted railings. It had a brown leather saddle and a dark brown wicker basket on the front. The spokes of the wheels were shiny and held reflective orange oblongs. A grey elastic cord was wrapped around the back ready to carry any

parcels or other necessary items at a moment's notice.



Add a character

Before you read: Describe the girl.

An energetic girl crossed the crowded road and turned the corner into the deserted street. She approached the bicycle. Her long blond hair hung in front of her pale face obscuring her expression. She wore a black running top with long sleeves and leggings with a bright yellow panel down the side. A large bag swung ostentatiously across her body. She bent down near the bike and took something tiny from the bag.



Describe one of the objects in the top line. Describe one of the characters in the bottom line and how they connect to the object.

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