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Descriptive Word Bank

Vivid words to make description vivid and controlled

Describing appearance

weathered, gaunt, immaculate, dishevelled, striking, frail

Describing movement

darted, trudged, sauntered, staggered, glided, bolted

Describing light & colour

radiant, murky, vivid, pallid, amber, muted

Describing sound

deafening, faint, piercing, muffled, melodic

Atmosphere & tension

foreboding, tranquil, oppressive, electric, desolate

Sharper than "big/small"

big crowd → a sea of people

small room → a cramped, boxy room

Weather as mood

a brooding sky, relentless rain, a stifling heat, a biting wind

Strong similes

like a coiled spring, as still as glass, like a trapped animal

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