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A big part of writing Alt-text is being as direct and concise as possible. The words we use have a big role in how this is accomplished. You can learn more about being direct and concise on the [General Guidelines](#) page.

On this page you will find a list of terms to use for describing trickier parts of images, including, but not limited to, facial expressions, culturally specific clothing, buildings, etc..



This is a resource for you! So please add to this list!

## Suggested Words

- Grins (smile that shows teeth)
- Grins widely
- Smiles (smile that does not show teeth)
- Smiles widely
- Crooked smile
- Smirk
- Frown
- Opens mouth in conversation
- Opens mouth to sing
- Laughs
- Walks
- Runs
- Steps
- Reaches
- Stretches
- Lunges
- Swats
- Stands
- Leans
- Tilts head to the Side
- Tilts head forward

## Words/Terms to Avoid

- Coniferous Tree(s): use pine tree, evergreen tree
- Neutral expression

- Open mouth
- Only describe mouth if it is a clear expression that gives meaning to the image

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