



# A Visual Feast: Tips & Tricks with Image Sites

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## 2) Image Site Tricks for Students



**Names:** It can be hard to guess whether an American named Heather or Amil is male or female based solely on reading the person's name. Sometimes, it's important to know. With “safe search” on, use **Google Image Search** or a similar service to search for a name and see whether mostly men or mostly women show up. It doesn't work every time, but it's a relief when it does.



**Adjectives:** With Safesearch on, use **Flickr.com** to search for adjectives like *fluffy*, *fuzzy*, *fun*, *funny*, *mysterious*, etc. Use it to look at the overlap and difference between nouns like hill and mountain, warm and hot, etc. (Students can upload and tag their own and each other's photos, too.)



**Dictionary:** Use **Google Image Search** or a similar service to explain something difficult like a food or kitchen implement. Type it in and show it to the other person. (It seems obvious, but...) Flickr sometimes works, too.



**Dictionary II:** Particularly for visual learners, exploring **Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary Online** can be a rewarding way to build vocabulary and associations. <http://visual.merriam-webster.com/>