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- Close-up (attention) vs. far away (setting)
- Bird's eye view vs. ant's eye view
- Relationships
- Props

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- What are they doing?
- Where are they?
- When is this taking place (season/time of day)?
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