

Style is the characteristic way a writer uses language. Here are some of the many components of style:

STYLE COMPONENTS	TERMS FOR ANALYSIS
1. Diction (Word Choice)	plain, ornate, formal, colloquial, abstract, concrete, technical, archaic, hip
2. Sentence Structure (Syntax)	long, short, simple, compound, complex, tight, loose, standard word order, inverted word order
3. Imagery (Details)	vivid, frightening, stark, lush, pastoral, urban, violent, tranquil, original, hackneyed, observed, associational
4. Figurative Language	abundant, sparse, direct, implied, extended, predictable, inventive, surprising, jarring, straightforward, intricate
5. Tone	serious, comic, ironic, gentle, biting, nostalgic, mocking, satiric, witty, somber
6. Parts of Speech	many modifiers, few modifiers, strong verbs, weak verbs, active verbs, passive verbs, emphasis on nouns, emphasis on verbs
7. Punctuation and Grammar	conventional, unorthodox, formal, informal
8. Rhythm	fast, slow, flowing, clipped, singsong, metered, conversational, varied, repetitious