

IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

It requires a lot of proficiency, creativity, and great technical skills to create meaningful and attention-grabbing photographs. There are various features of a scene that a photographer needs to consider to put them together to make a stunning image.

In this article, we'll look at the five fundamental factors of photography.

Factor #1 – Light



Light is the most fundamental element of photography. It highlights the key features and textures within a frame and can help create depth and a particular mood in a photograph. Light can be hard, soft, diffused, warm, cold, natural, artificial, or studio flash. Whatever the type be, how much light you use in your photos and in what direction you use it impacts the picture's overall quality. By creating the right mix of lights and shadows and making sure the image you capture is subjected to neither underexposure nor overexposure, you can create a pretty

balanced image in terms of lighting effect.

Factor #2 – Composition



A great composition is the soul of photography. Drawing the viewers' attention to something you want to make it stand out in an image requires great skill. It's the right understanding of the elements like colors, patterns, shapes, curves, lines, and negative space within the frame, which helps you compose stunning photographs. Not to forget the Rule of Thirds, the basic compositional guidelines which help the photographers to create a well-composed image. It's a type of composition in which your frame is divided evenly into three horizontal and three

vertical. The subject of the image, i.e., the image's critical element, is positioned at the intersection of those dividing lines or along with one of the lines itself. The theory behind the rule of thirds suggests that the objects which are slightly away from the center draw our eyes first rather than those in the center of the image. The four intersecting points along the lines are the most effective off-center points of visual interest.

Factor #3 – Perspective



Perspective in photography is an essential element because it gives depth to the picture by creating an illusion of a three-dimensional scene on a two-dimensional plane. With a change in viewpoint, the photo's object appears distant or closer relative to other elements or much smaller or larger than normal. All this can be done by doing some technical and interesting alterations in elevation, angle, and distance. So just by tilting or skewing aside, moving left or right, or getting closer or farther away from the subject can make you shift the background and foreground

dramatically. The background is not always meant to be behind you; change the perspective, and let it be above or below you! Forget the adult's perspective, get down low, and capture a child's image from his perspective! Go to the top to let a higher view elevate your image's quality, making it look outstanding. *Image via Shutterstock*

Factor #4 – The Story



'A picture is worth a thousand words'. It should be able to speak for itself, telling the story behind it. Such narrative pictures that leave something to the viewer's imagination or make them feel emotionally connected to the moment captured in the image creates a more substantial impact.

Factor #5 – Timing



Timing is all about capturing the right moment at the right time and in the right place. It takes an instant of a second to catch that magic moment. Taking a shot of the instance an eagle is just about to touch the water, the moment a soldier fires a bullet, or the second a bravo jumps off from a high mountain requires you to be quick and decisive because such random and unplanned instances may not occur again in the same

timeframe. All you have is a split second to capture that moment in your camera.

Bottom Line

You don't become a photographer merely by holding a DSLR in your hand and pressing the shutter-capturing a shot in a meaningful and creative way is what's called the essence of photography. An art that cannot be learned fully, photography has many more essential elements to it than what we discussed in this article. Briefly speaking, a photograph is termed stunning and appealing when it incorporates good light, purposeful subject, and compelling composition, and above all, an imaginative mind behind the lens. Follow the tips and capture those magical moments. No wonder you may be creating some great masterpieces someday!