

YONDER

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1.

Use yonder in a sentence.





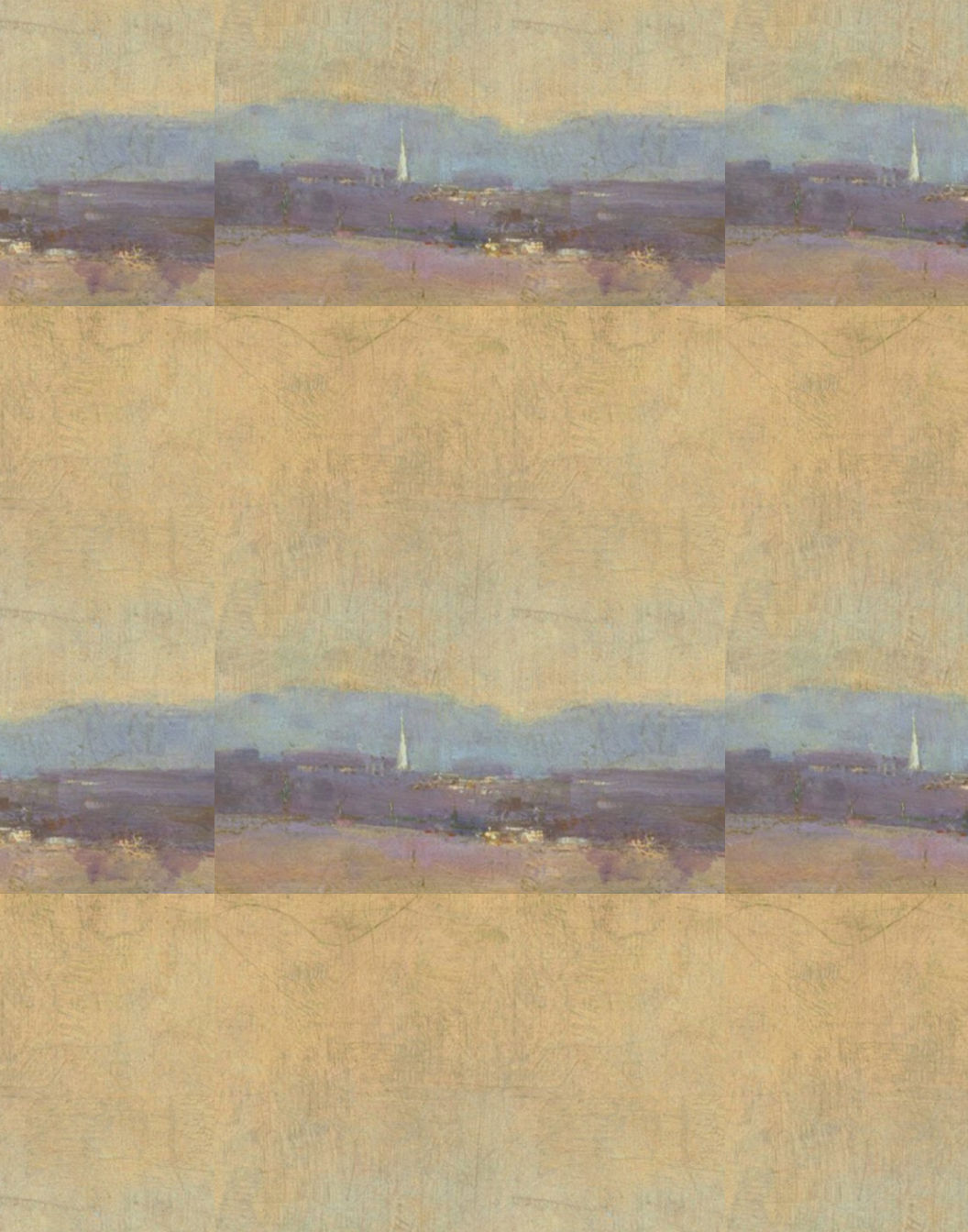






2.

Now, try not to.







3.

Read from the first page of
The Plains by Gerald Murnane:

“Twenty years ago, when I first arrived on the plains, I kept my eyes open. I looked for anything in the landscape that seemed to hint at some elaborate meaning behind appearances.

My journey to the plains was much less arduous than I afterwards described it. And I cannot even say that at a certain hour I knew I had left Australia. But I recall clearly a succession of days when the flat land around me seemed more and more a place that only I could interpret.”





4.

Over there,
Over yonder,
Go down,
Go under.



5.

Read from the first page of

The Australian Ugliness by Robin Boyd:

“The ugliness I mean is skin deep. If the visitor to Australia fails to notice it immediately, fails to respond to the surfeit of colour, the love of advertisements, the dreadful language, the ladylike euphemisms outside public lavatory doors, the technical competence but the almost uncanny misjudgment in floral arrangements, or if he thinks that things of this sort are too trivial to dwell on, then he is unlikely to enjoy modern Australia.”







6.

Take all the first pages of every book you have ever started but never finished and staple them together. Now you have a new book that you have already not read, a new book that you have always never finished.



7.

“We have the chance to turn the pages over,
we can write what we want to write,
we gotta make ends meet,
before we get much older...”

is a quote from:

- a) The Australian Taxation Office
- b) The Royal Australian Historical Society
- c) “The Voice,” by John Farnham



8.

Consider The Red Centre.

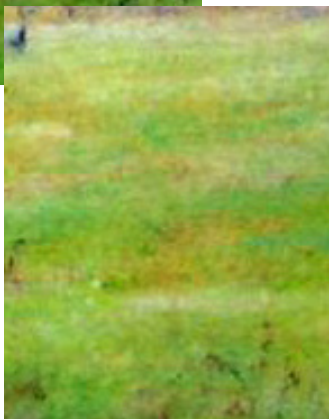


9.

Examine The White Border.

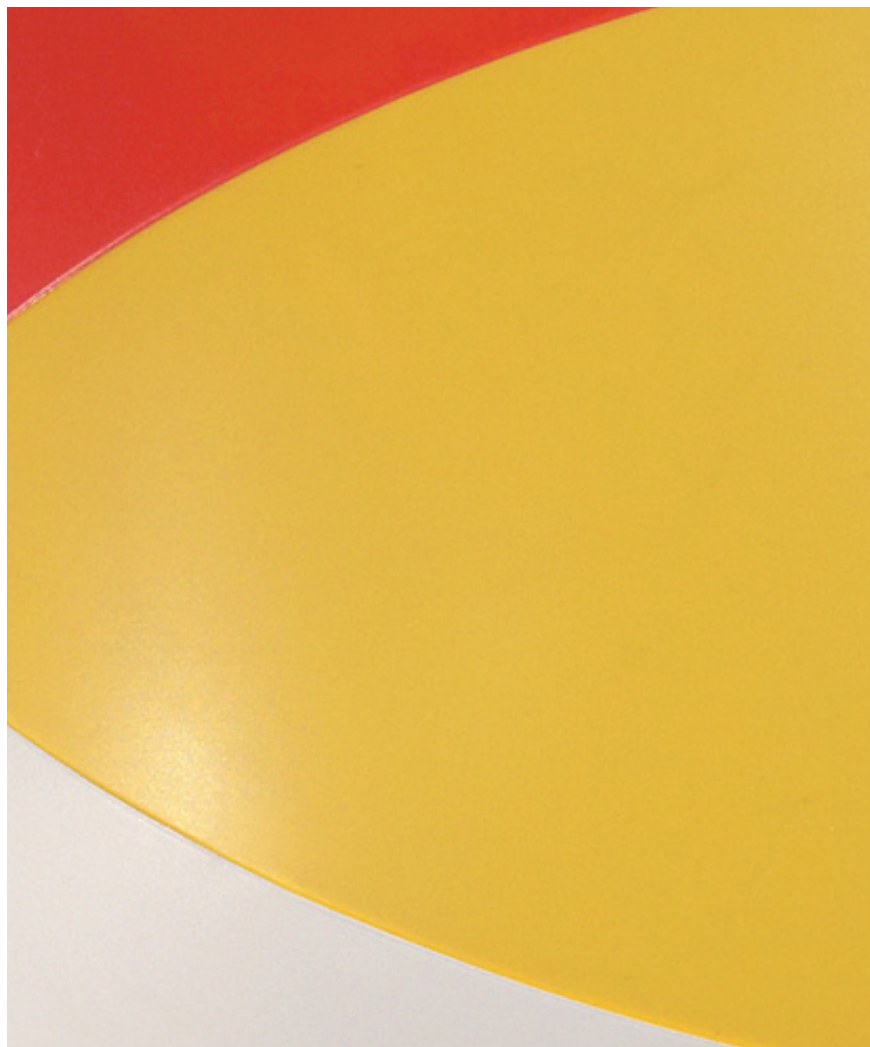
10.

WARNING: Do not drive under the anxiety of influence.









11.

Read before use:

“What are you looking for,” said the vacuum cleaner salesman.

“I just need something that sucks and blows,” said the customer.

The vacuum cleaner salesman had to resist making a lewd joke, although he did think of one, something along the lines of “I think you’ve got the wrong stretch of Parramatta Road, mate,” which he told himself he would tell his mates that weekend in an “and then I said...” kind of way, but opted instead to keep it professional. He was at work, after all.

“I think we’ve got a couple of models out the back,” he said to the customer.

“Great,” the customer said, “blondes or brunettes?”





12.

Try to think of a vacuum cleaner pun that doesn't suck.

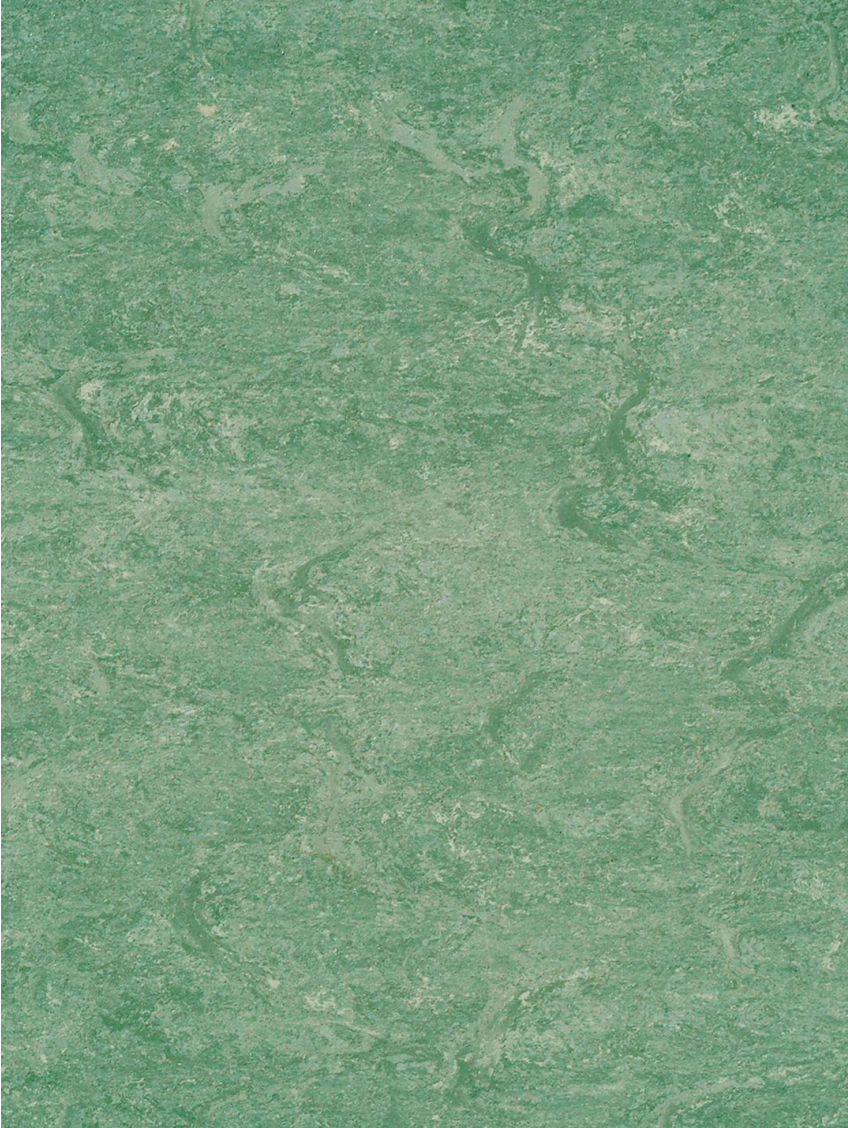




13.

NB: A beach is a white border.



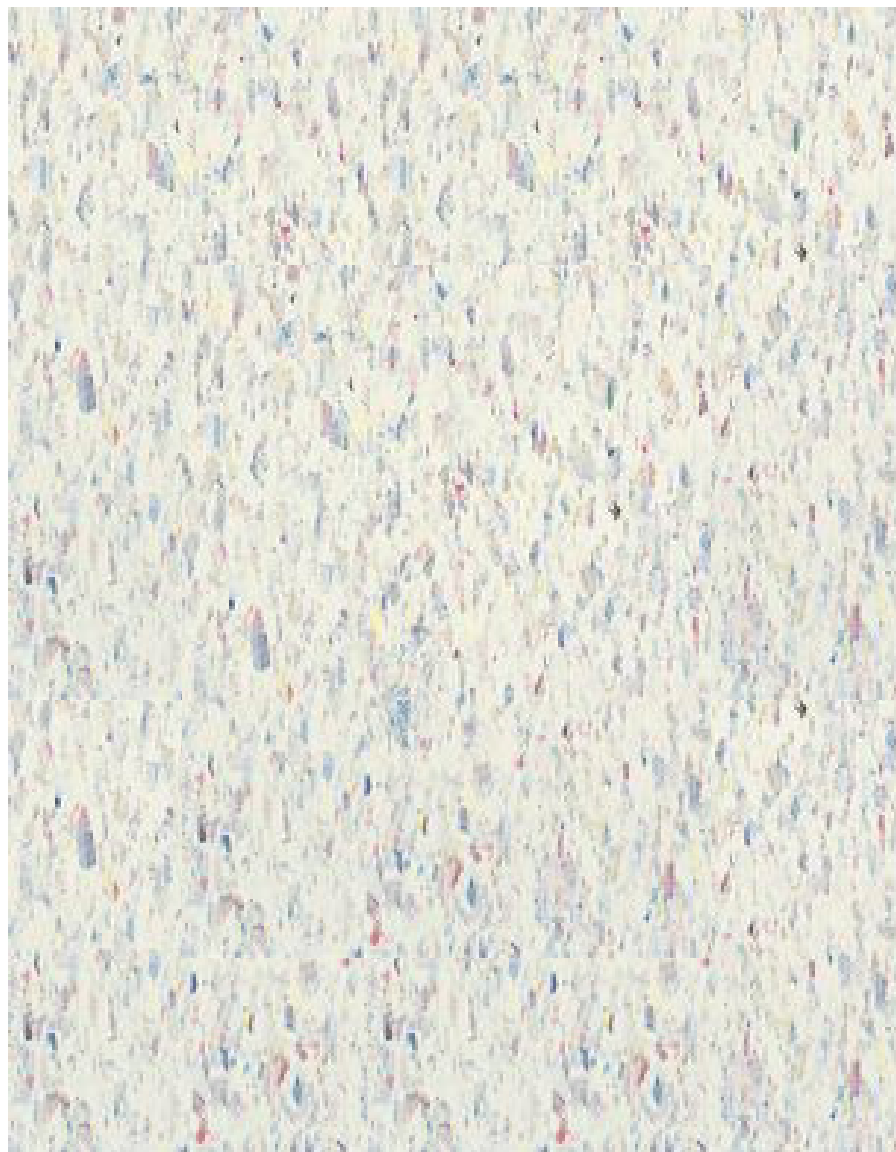


14.

Consider that a beach off Hamilton Island is consistently ranked as one of the best beaches in the world.

It is called Whitehaven Beach, for its “impossibly white” sand.

(I’ve been there. S’ok. S’orright.)



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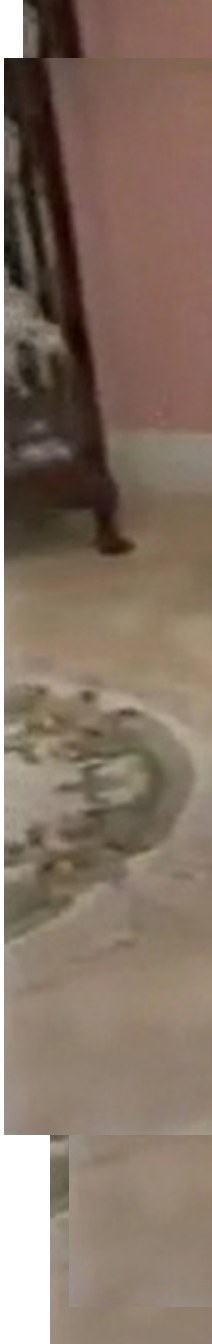
Smoke a cone.

16.

Consider that Panasonic could mean “all noise,” or “white noise,” which is the sound a vacuum cleaner makes.

17.

Smoke another cone.





18.

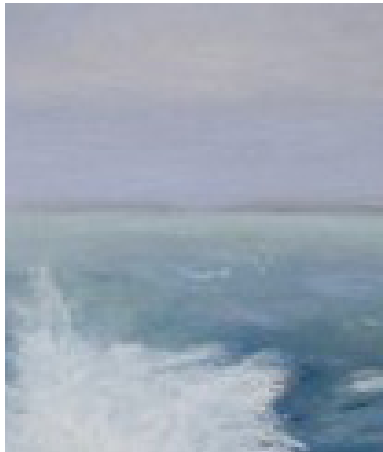
ANOTHER WARNING: If you clean a vacuum cleaner, you are a vacuum cleaner, you become one.



19.

Excerpt from an Australian rap song (unreleased, untitled, unreal):

“...all I see are white borders and bored whiteys, runnin’ around with cold tinnies in just boardies...”





20.

Misread home appliance. As in, the act of applying a home to something.
Or somewhere.





21.

Read before using:

An American kid I know told me that I was not white, that I was Australian. I asked him what he meant.

He said “You’re White but you’re not like White-White.”

“What’s White-White,” I asked him.

“I dunno, he said, like your wife, she’s White, like White-White.”

I was helping him to study U.S. history. I considered telling him about some Australian history, but we didn’t have enough time, his test was only a week away.

I am White-White, but I didn’t know how to explain it to him.

He passed his test.



22.

Apply yourself. Speak for yourself. Repeat yourself. Reapply yourself.



23.

NB: You can not try to learn how to speak like an Australian.

Like kung fu, to speak like an Australian, you must first forget how to speak.







24.

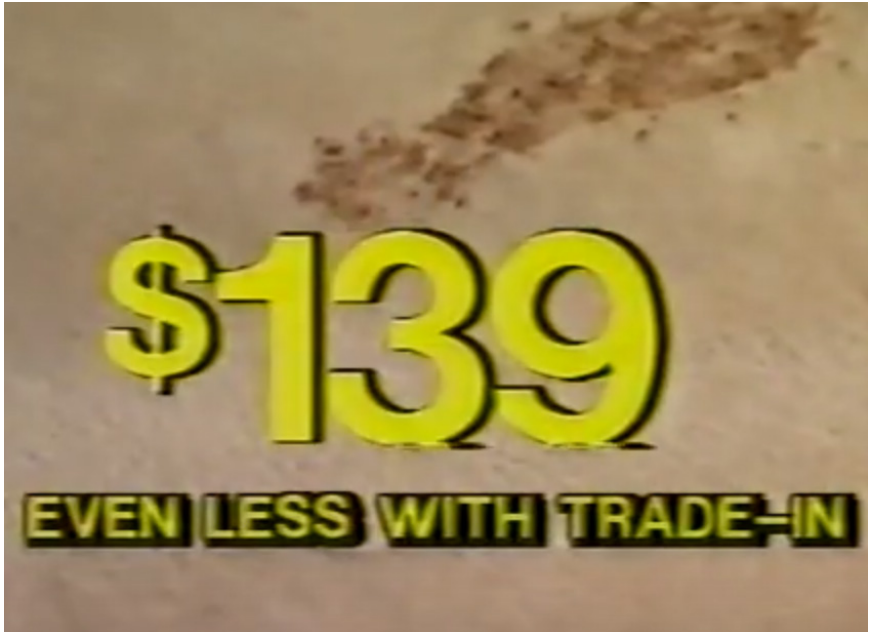
A THIRD WARNING (YOUR LAST):

If the natives are revolting, go back to where you came from.



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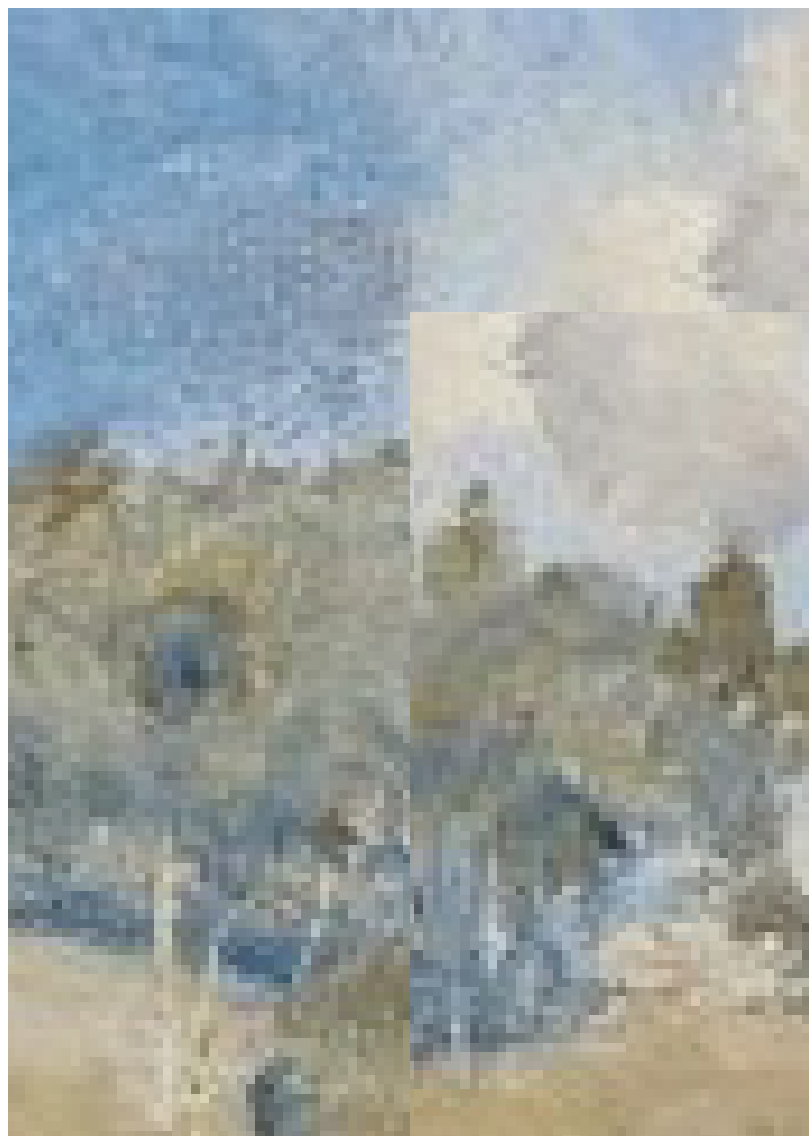
Work Hard. Play Hard. Retire Hard.

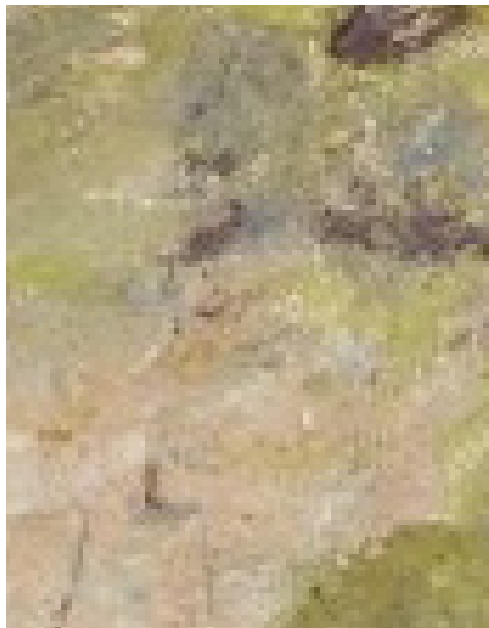


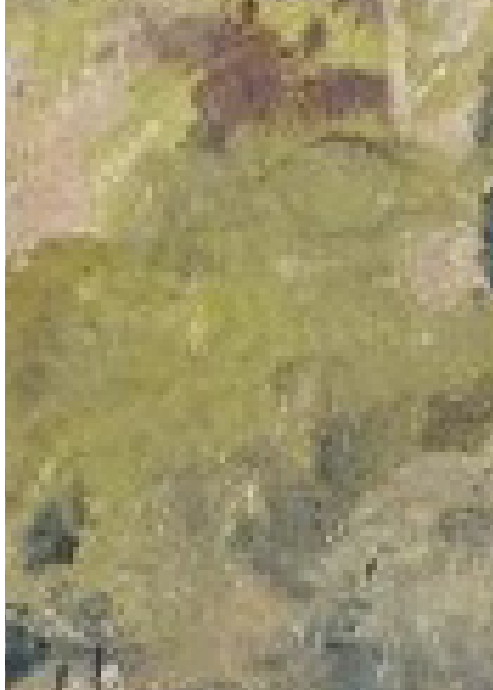
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EVEN LESS WITH TRADE-IN









26.

Where is most of it? In the upper-middle distance. Not too far yonder.



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