



## Stumped by those Challenge Words?

*By Joyce Genske*

Are you ever stumped by those challenge words? Don't want to go for the obvious? Yeah, me too. Here's a couple of tips to get those creative juices flowing and steer you away from the obvious and toward a more creative way of looking at things.

First, look up the word in the dictionary. Take the word green for example. Sure, the obvious choice is something that is colored green. But wait -- there are a lot of other meanings too, such as unripe (as immature fruit or vegetables), unseasoned or undried (as in green lumber), inexperienced (think trainee, green recruit), simple or unsophisticated (as in naive), having a sickly or pale appearance (green around the gills), not fired (as in bricks or pottery), slang for money, or jealousy (as in green with envy). Another example: blue. The color, sad, risqué (as in blue humor or language), or unexpected (as in out of the blue). See what I mean? This little trick works for a lot of the words, but seems to work exceptionally well for colors.

The second tip is a website called [Pixabay](https://pixabay.com). On this website, you'll find thousands of pictures of things. Just type in your word and it will bring up images it thinks will match your word. Some suggestions may seem kind of obvious or even strange, but there are also a lot of good ideas that will stir your imagination and set you on the path to snapping your own spectacular interpretation of the challenge word.

Okay, hopefully I've fired you up so now get out there and get those challenge pictures!! Oh, and have fun doing it!!

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## It's Challenge Time!

Each month, we're posting lists of terms to get you thinking about how you can make images that fit the themes posted. Some are straightforward, while others are more conceptual. Either way, having prompts can help you focus your photography and give you a reason to get out and shoot.

Below are the lists for August (current photos showcased here), and September (photograph these topics in August and they will be showcased at the next meeting - see below – and in the September newsletter). Each list will contain at least one movie or song title.

**Please consider participating!** It's a fun, no-stress way to keep up your photography skills and your eye for composition. Feel free to photograph one of each word, several of one word, or mix and match. We love seeing what everyone is working on! **Send your photos to: [azval.sleger@gmail.com](mailto:azval.sleger@gmail.com)**

### August Word List

Lit by Artificial Light  
Song: Dancing in the Dark  
Black  
The letter D

### September Word List

Patterns  
Movie: Mission Impossible  
Gold  
The letter E

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. Dale Truitt will be presenting a collection of photos at the August meeting

### Officers

**President:** Mark Hanna  
**Vice-President & Program Coordinator:** Bob Luce  
**Secretary:** Joyce Genske  
**Treasurer:** Francie Hills

Have an idea for a meeting topic? Let one of the officers know!

### Share your Internet Finds with Us!

There are thousands of interesting articles and videos related to our photography hobby on the internet. Find a good article or YouTube video? Let us know and we'll include it in the newsletter!

Sheila suggested this video for learning about light trails.

[How to Photograph Car Trails \(12:23\)](#)

Sheila also submitted this [playlist of videos](#) on photographing the moon.



## Member Photos

We love to see your photos – even if you aren't looking for challenge words.  
We showcase them in the newsletter, and you are encouraged to bring  
them to the meeting on a flash drive!

Ava Englund sent in these photos from the August word list.



Black



Black

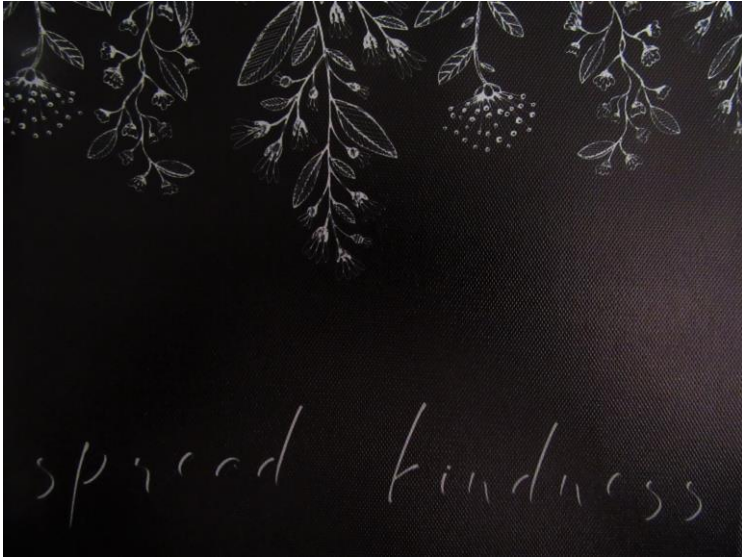


Ava Englund sent in these images for the August Word List prompt "Dancing in the Dark"



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Ava Englund sent in these photos from the August word list.



Black



The Letter D



Lit by Artificial Light

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Sam Scherf sent in these photos from the July word list.



Blinded by the Light



Green



Lit by Natural Light

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Sam Scherf sent in this photo from the July word list.



The Letter C

Joyce Genske sent in photos for the August word list.



Doll **d**ecides on **D**olly  
**D**earest DVD



Joyce Genske sent in these photos from the August word list.



The Letter D



Black

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Joyce Genske sent in these photos from the August word list.



Dancing in the Dark



Lit by Artificial Light