

# pareidolia *(pa-rei-do-li-a)*

## Definition

n. the tendency to perceive a specific, often meaningful image in a random or ambiguous visual pattern.

## Example Sentence

The face on Mars is a famous example of **pareidolia**, where people see a face in the Martian landscape.

## More Example Sentences

**Pareidolia** can make us see familiar shapes in clouds or rock formations.

## Synonyms

illusion; misperception; hallucination

## Antonyms

clarity; reality; truth

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