Elements of Ad Design

1. **Visual Images** - since people often "read" with their eyes, advertisers try to impress people with eye-catching pictures, e.g., a picture of trees creates an impression of nature or peace

Any drawing, photograph, illustration, chart, or other graphic that is designed to affect the audience in some purposeful way. For example, an image of an SUV perched high up on a rugged mountain cliff may appeal to one's sense of adventure.

- 2. **Slogan** a business or company usually tries to include a short, catchy phrase that it hopes people will remember, e.g., "Got milk?"
- 3. **Logo** this is also a kind of visual image but it is specifically designed to represent a product or company, e.g., the Nike "swoosh" or the McDonald's golden M arches.
- 4. **Text** not only do advertisers choose their words carefully, but they also choose the size and font, and the placement of the words on the pages. Some ads contain only a few words while others have entire paragraphs. Notice any use of "fine print".
- **5. Copy:** The actual text of the ad. The copy is where particular claims are usually made and specific persuasive words are used. For example: "Four out of five dentists The amount of copy varies from ad to ad.
- 6. **Slogan** A unique design symbol that helps identify the company visually. Nike's swoosh, McDonald's golden arches, and Apple's partially bitten apple are examples of

widely recognized company logos. Not all companies have logos like these; sometimes the company's name is written in a distinctive style or font that acts as a logo.

- 7. **Colour** colours represent emotion. Advertisers choose which colours to use and how many different colours to use, in order to create a certain mood or effect on the viewer, e.g., reds suggest passion, whereas yellows suggest happiness
- 8. **Space** advertisers must pay for the size of their ads, so they make sure that every part of the space helps to sell the product. No space on an ad is left empty unless the designers think an empty part of the ad space will help focus on the product.



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