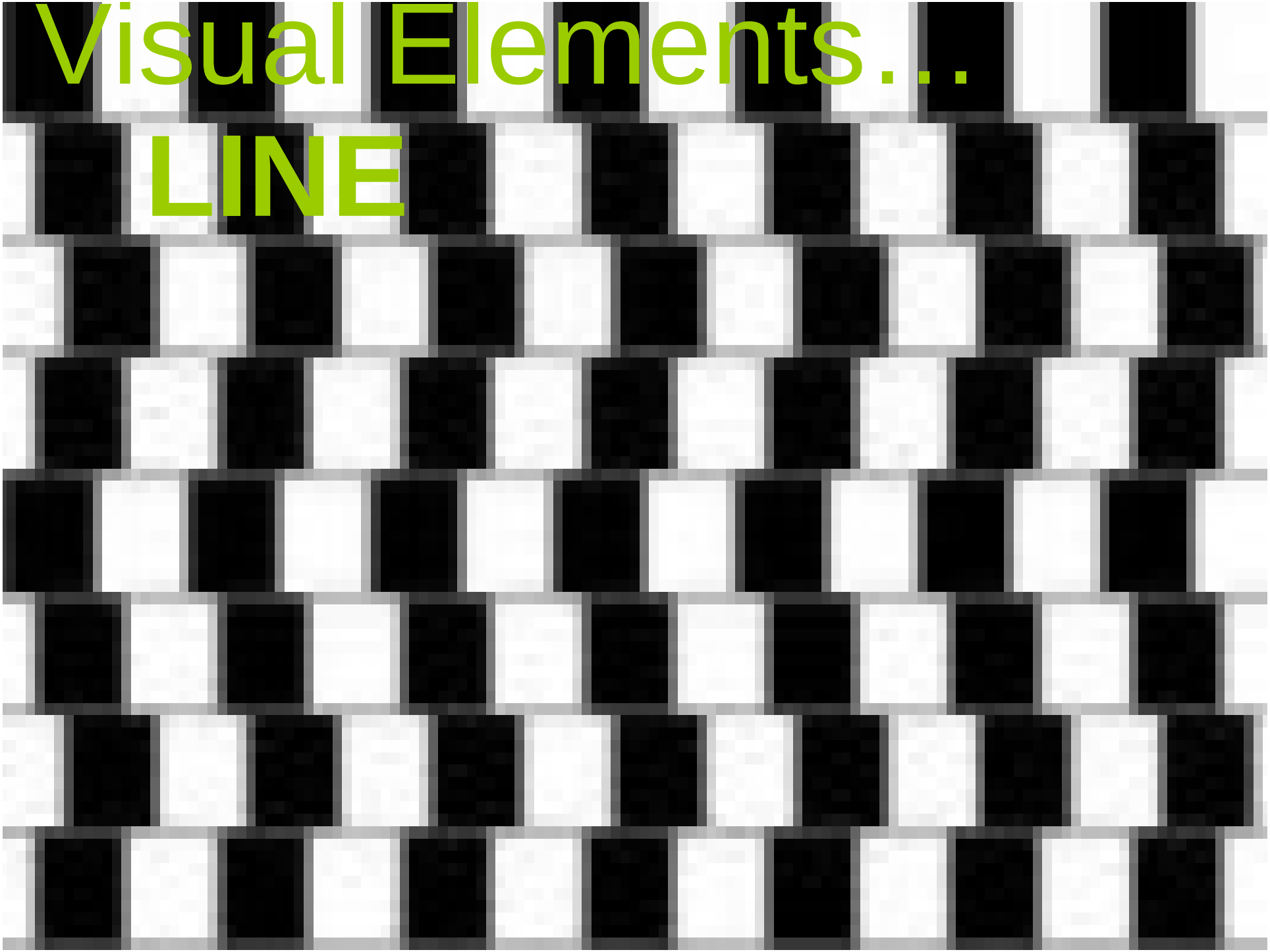
Visual Elements…

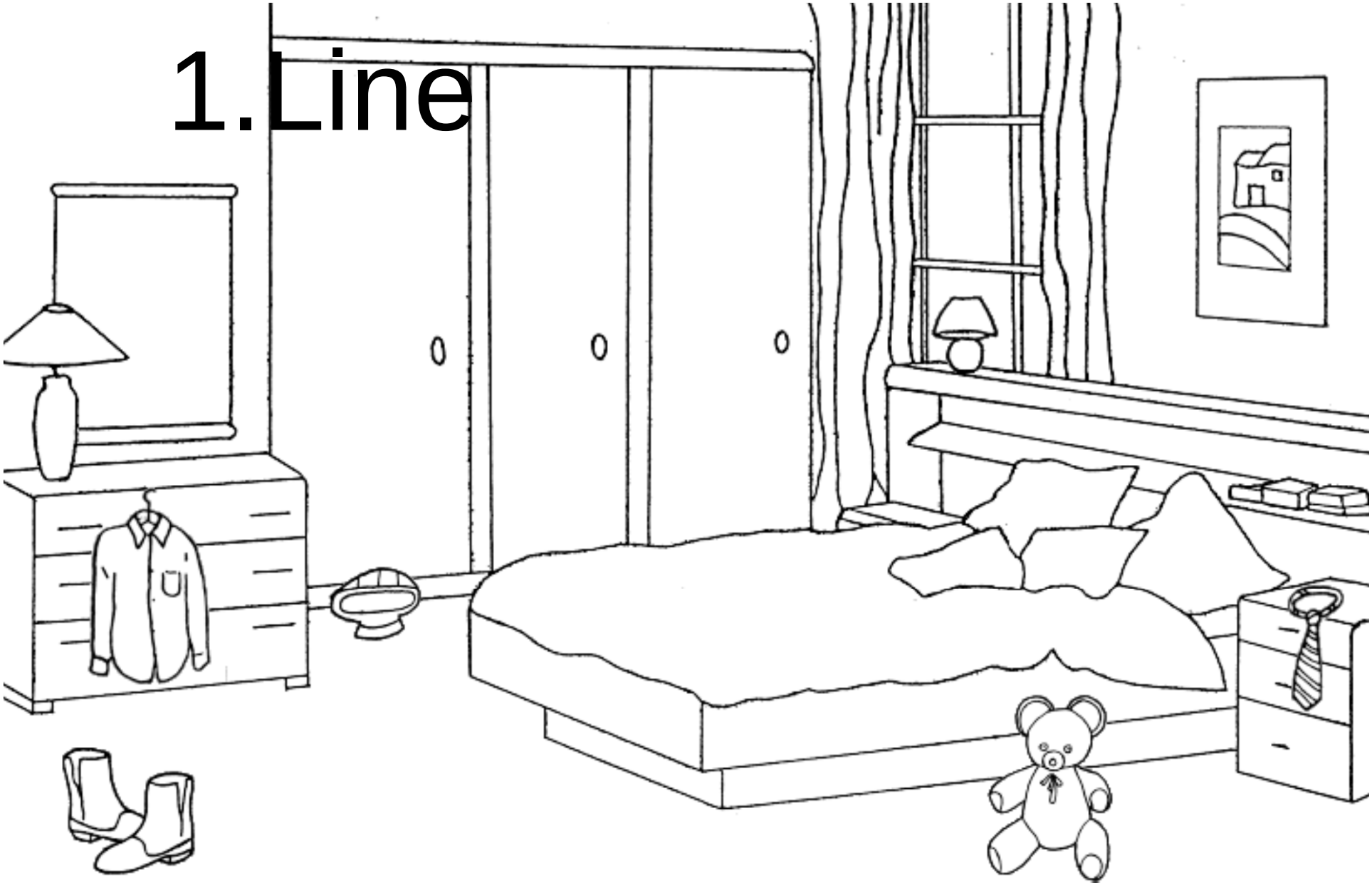
LINE



To be able to talk about art, you need to learn the language!

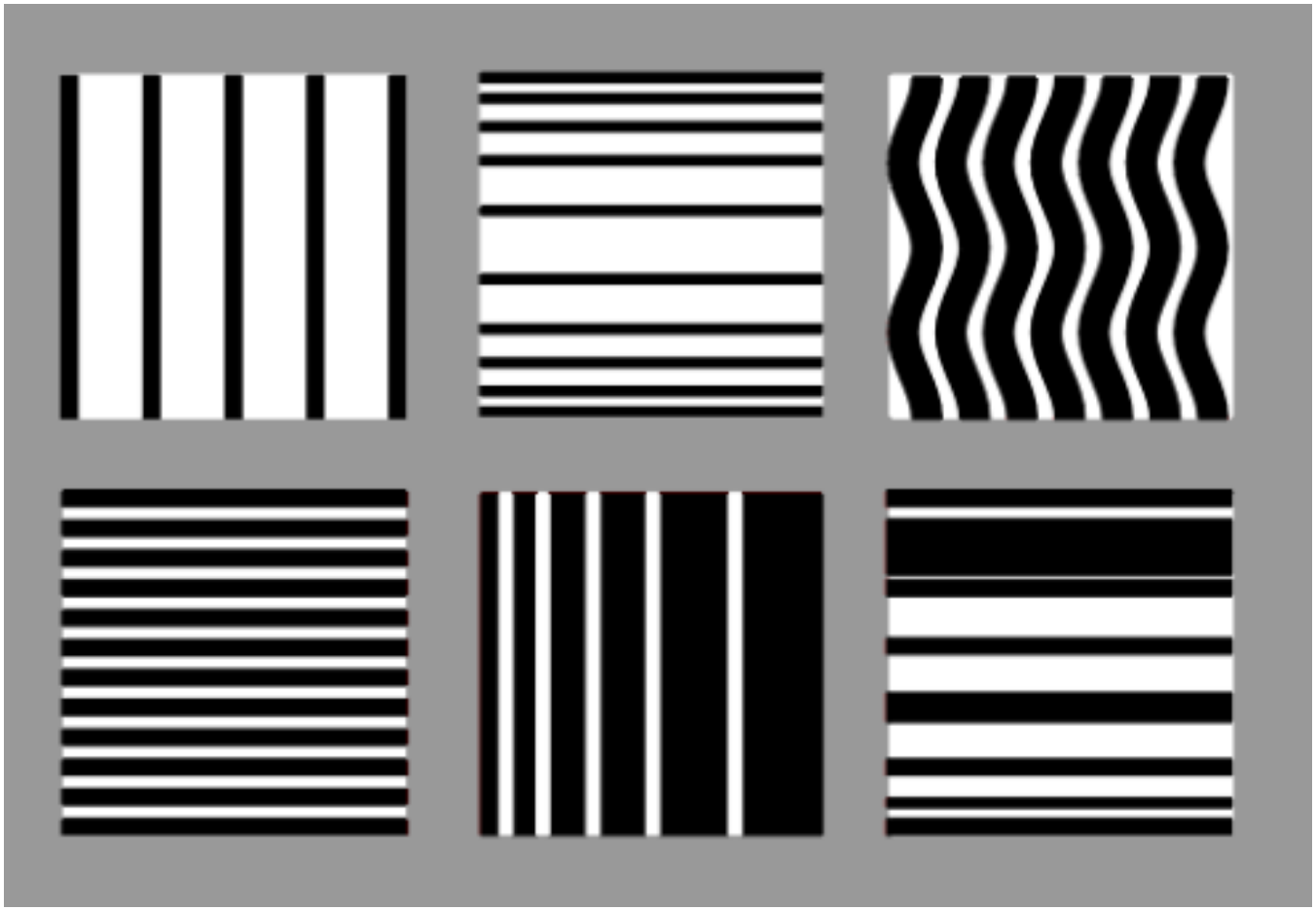
- Fortunately there aren’t too many words to remember

1.Line

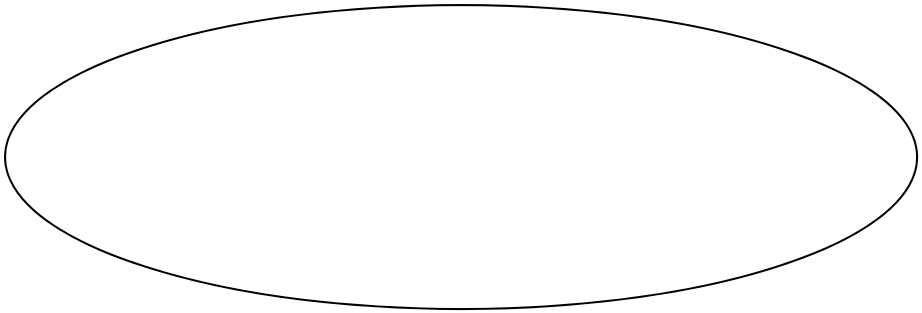


What is a line, anyway?

Technically, it is thin continuous mark, as that made by a pen, pencil, or brush applied to a surface.

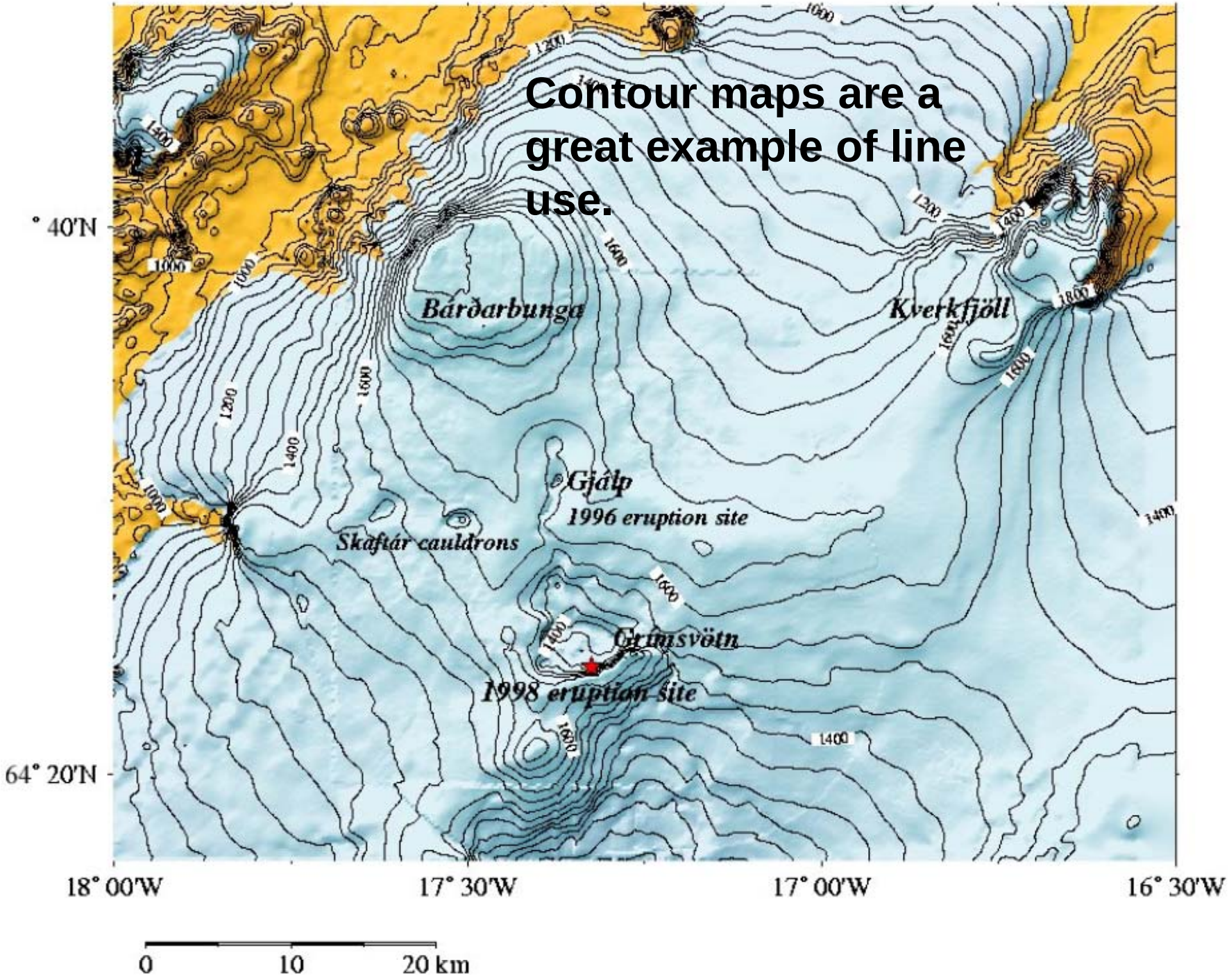


Might be straight…

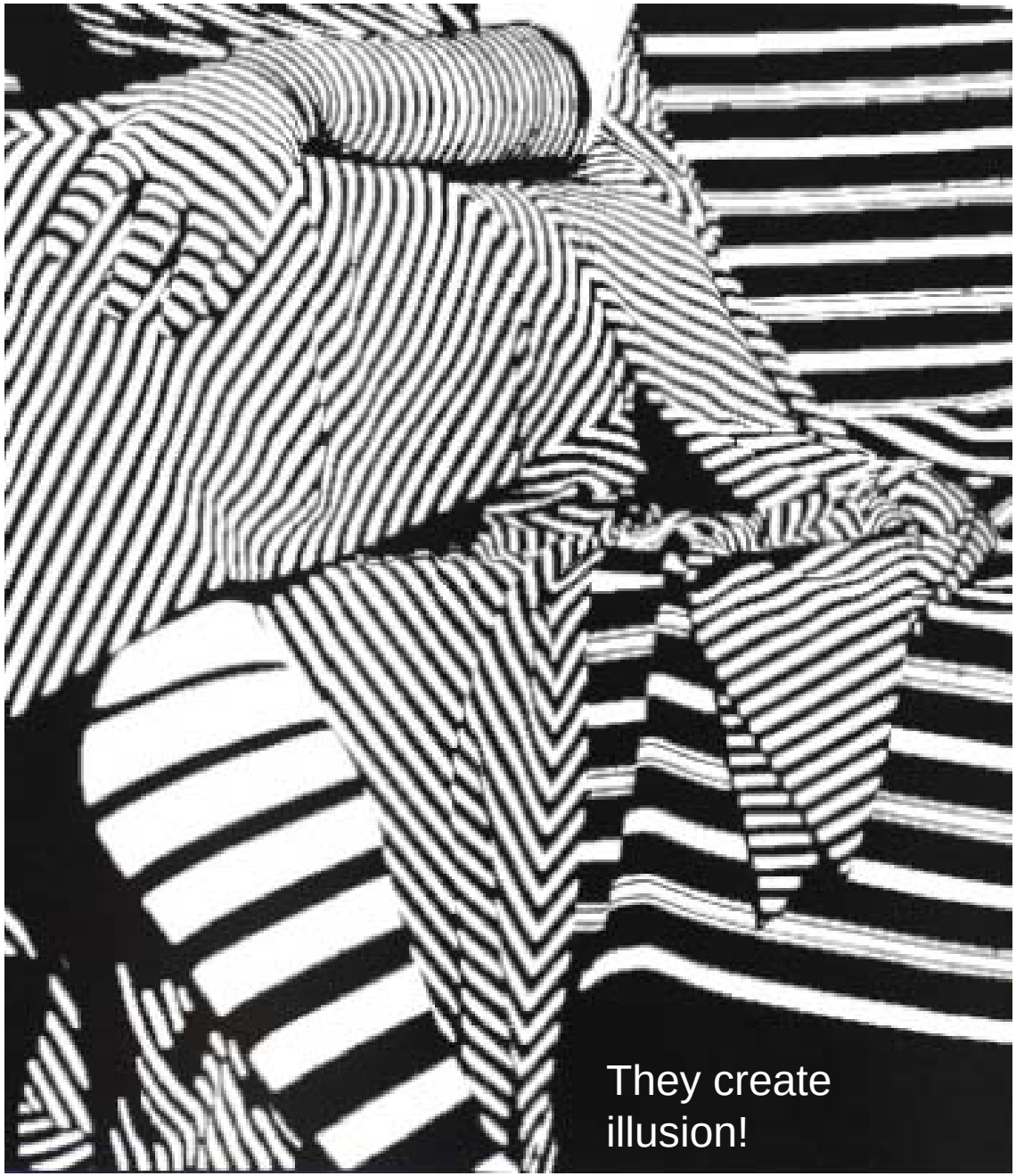


It might be curvy

In reality, lines “create” recognizable forms, like cartoon characters, cars, anything!

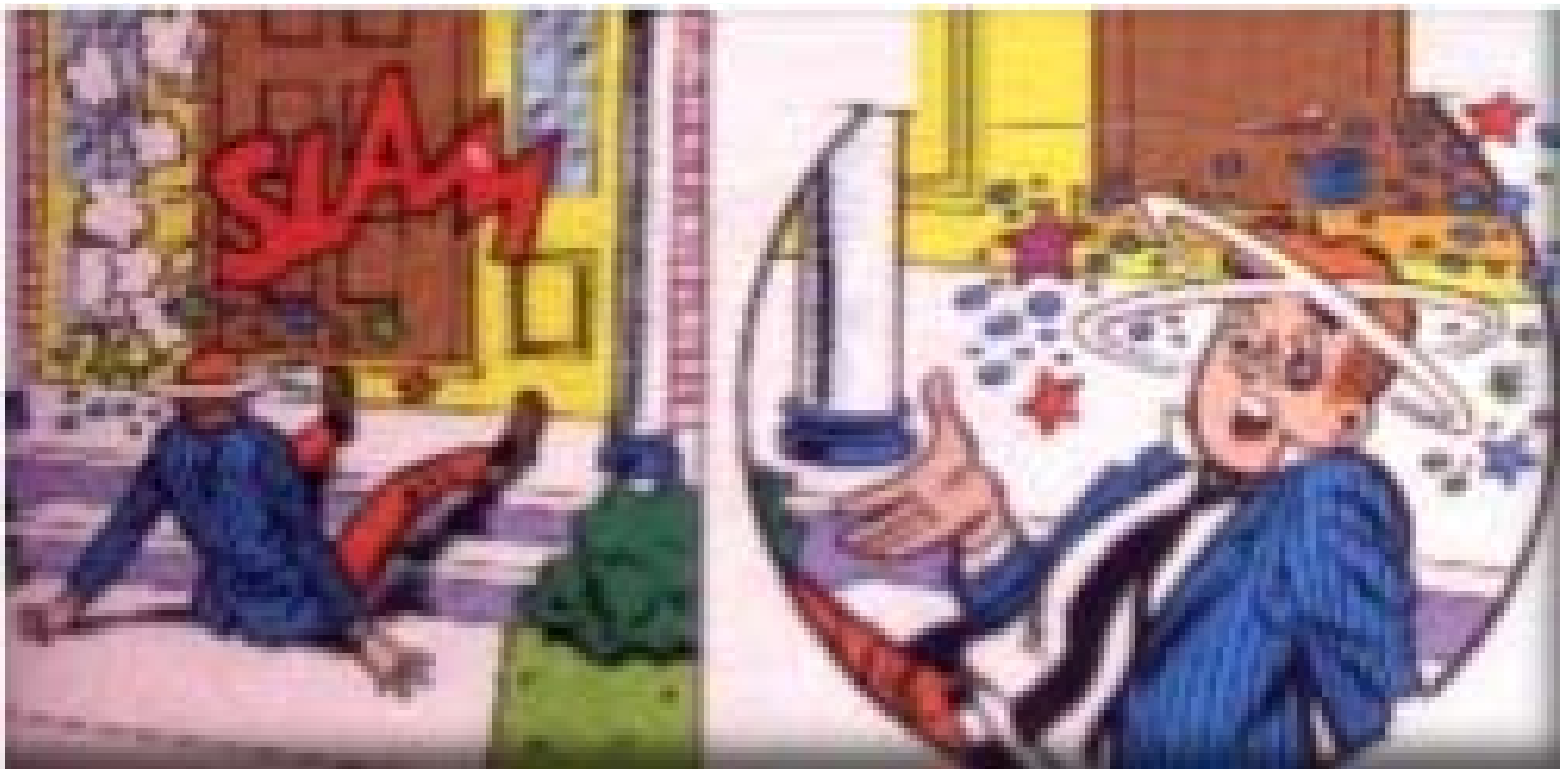

Contour maps are a great example of line use.
Bárðarbunga
Kverkfjöll
Gjálp
1996 eruption site
Skaftár cauldrons
Grímsvötn
1998 eruption site
° 40′N
64° 20′N
18° 00′W
17° 30′W
17° 00′W
16° 30′W
0
10
20 km

So what does a line do?


They create
illusion!

They create depth!

Lines create texture and feeling



Movement!

Can you identify 1 of 3 ways in which line is used in this comic strip?

So what am I going to do with lines?