



“Quick Bytes”

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“Today’s Quick-Byte is all about reflections — not just in lakes and mirrors, but in the everyday surfaces we walk past without noticing.

Reflections can create symmetry, surprise, and a sense of magic in ordinary scenes.”



What Counts as a Reflection?

A reflection is any surface that bounces light back to you

“It doesn’t have to be perfect or mirror-like.

Even a faint or distorted reflection can add interest and depth to a photo.”

“You’ll find reflections everywhere — windows, cars, puddles, glasses, metal surfaces, even phone screens.

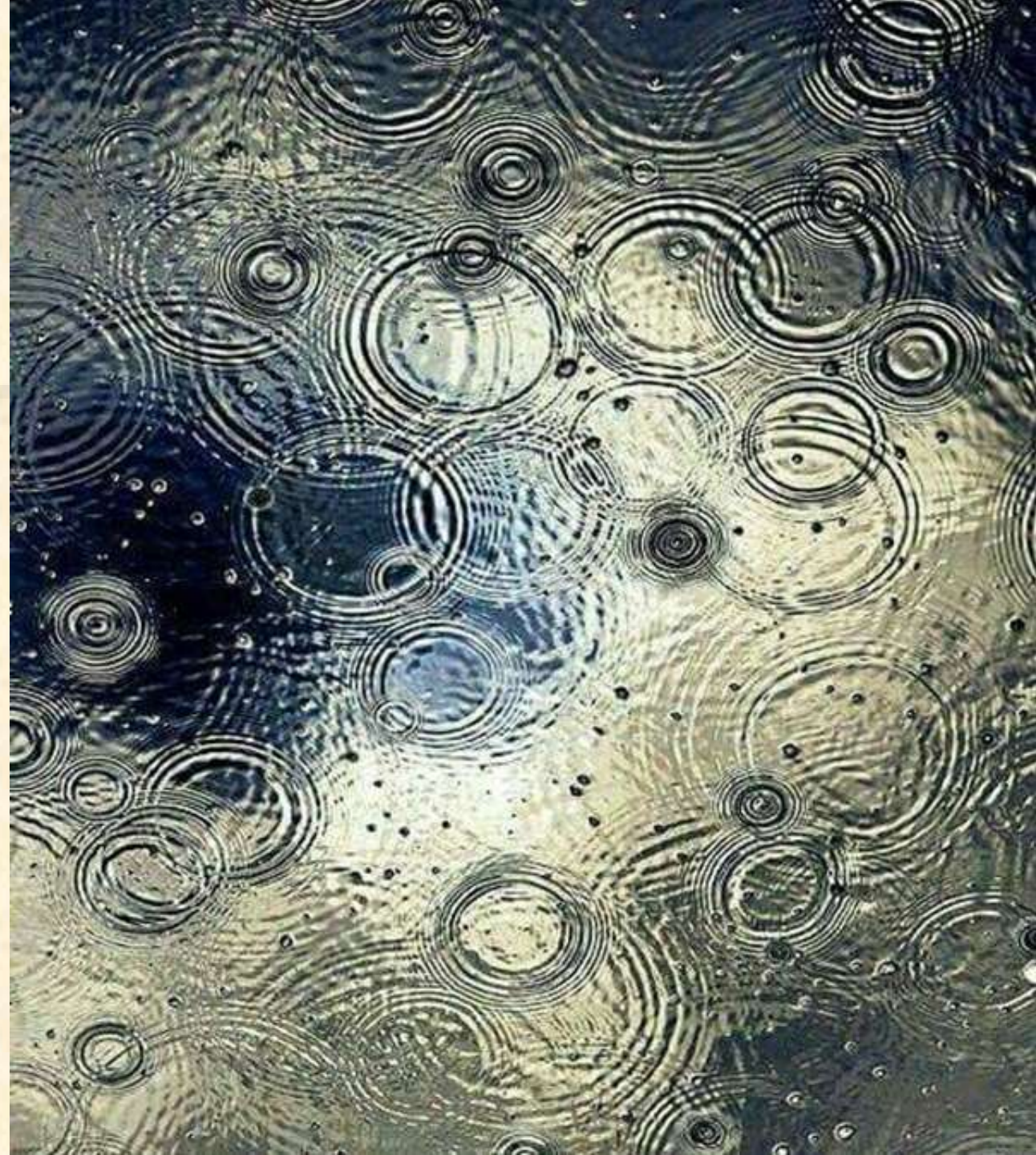
And once you start looking, you’ll see them constantly.”



Natural Reflections

Reflections found outdoors.

- ❖ Puddles after rain
- ❖ Wet sand at the beach
- ❖ Still water in ponds or rivers
- ❖ Reflections in car windows parked outdoors
- ❖ Dew or water droplets catching reflections



Urban or Man-Made Reflections

Reflections created by human surfaces.

- ❖ Shop windows
- ❖ Car doors or windscreens
- ❖ Glass bus shelters
- ❖ Shiny metal surfaces (kettles, bins, railings)
- ❖ Mirrors in public places



Creative or Unexpected Reflections

Reflections that surprise or distort.

- ❖ A spoon or curved metal object
- ❖ A phone or tablet screen
- ❖ A glass ornament
- ❖ A reflection inside a pair of sunglasses
- ❖ A reflection framed inside another object



Why Reflections Work

Reflections can double your scene, flip it upside-down, or reveal something behind you.

They add layers and invite the viewer to look twice.

They're brilliant for creating unexpected compositions.”

- ❖ Symmetry
- ❖ Surprise
- ❖ Depth
- ❖ Storytelling



Walk around with eyes wide open:

Next time you're out, check puddles, windows, and shiny surfaces.

Move around until the reflection lines up with something interesting.

Sometimes the reflection is more beautiful than the real thing.”

- Look down
- Look up
- Look behind you



And finally, as you get into position to take the shot, ask yourself these questions:

- “What made you notice this reflection, and how should you position yourself to capture it?”
- “What was the first thing you noticed — the reflection or the real scene?”
- “Is this a good example of reflections in everyday places?”
- “Does the reflection add surprise or symmetry?”
- “Does the reflection add a second layer to the story?”
- “Does my angle really transform the scene?”



Conclusion: What Reflections Teach Us

A quiet summary of the journey

“Reflections show us that the world is never just one thing.

There’s always another angle, another layer, another way of seeing.

Whether it’s water, glass, metal, or something unexpected, reflections invite us to slow down and notice the quiet doubles in our everyday world.

And sometimes the reflection is more interesting than the thing itself.”

Reflections remind us to:

- Look twice
- Notice the hidden layer
- Let light shape the story
- Embrace stillness and surprise
- See the world differently

