

Media / Advertising Language The way in which a text is constructed to create meaning for a reader or viewer of a text



Key terms in the analysis of media language:

Denotation, Connotation, Signifier, Signified

Semiotics
The study of signs
And the role of signs in social life

HOW IS MEANING MADE AND UNDERSTOOD
THE STUDY OF MEANING-MAKING AND
MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION



Symbolic, Technical and Written SIGNS

Symbolic signs: colour, positioning, setting and location, positioning, facial expression & body language, objects, lighting, hair, make up, clothing

Written signs: captions, body copy, slogans, word choice, word emphasis, style, font, type size, ecc.

Technical signs: Camera angle, Framing



SIGNS

SIGN= Signifier + Signified

The Treachery of Images







SIGNS

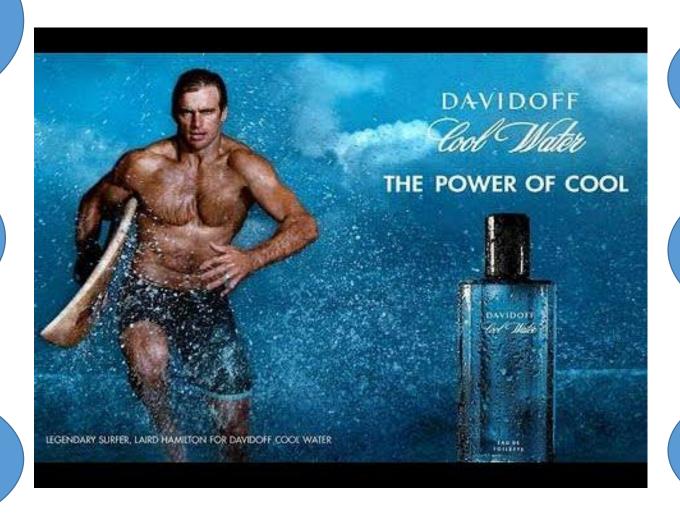
Signifier — The form of a sign. The form might be a sound, a word, a photograph, a facial expression or <u>Magritte's painting of pipe that's not a pipe</u>.

Signified — The concept or object that's represented. The concept or object might be an actual pipe, the command to stop, or a warning of radioactivity.

SIGNIFIER: Body language, Facial Expression SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER: Water, Ocean SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER:
Men Body,
Torso, Muscles
SIGNIFIED:



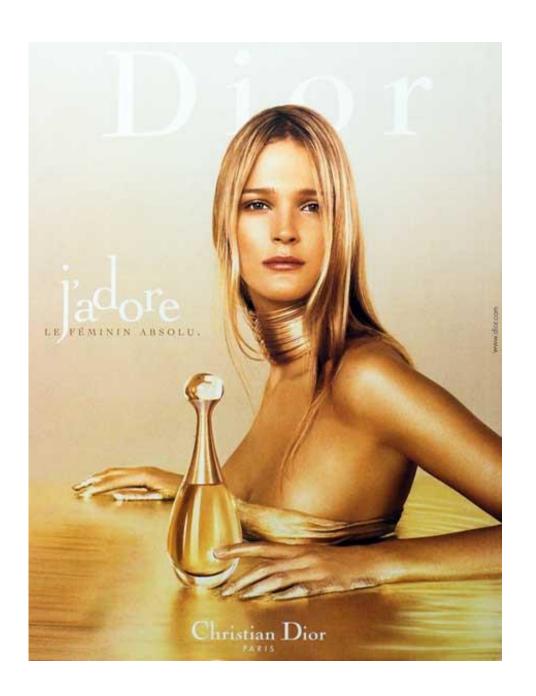
SIGNIFIER: Words
SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER: Callilgraphy, Style, Font SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER: Droplets on bottle SIGNIFIED: SIGNIFIER: Blond Hair SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER:
Body
Language,
positioning
SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER: Colour Gold SIGNIFIED:



SIGNIFIER: Jewellery SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER: Slogan Words SIGNIFIED:

SIGNIFIER:
Perfume Bottle
SIGNIFIED: