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It's an attempt to make a visual aid using a metaphor, yet it **doesn't make sense** or has a **vague meaning**; the metaphor is **illogical** and **clashes** the image.

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In Orwell's passage, he uses "The Fascist octopus has sung its swan song, the jackboot is thrown into the melting pot" as an example of a mixed metaphor

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Using words **that** no one will even recognize or are **outdated** to modern speaking and writing styles. Generally only words that will score big points in Scrabble

Orwell defines archaism as "**salvaging** of **obsolete** words and turns of speech."

words like "**hither**," "**betwixt**," "**thee, thy**", and "**commence**"

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