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Image Sites

(Not an Exhaustive List)

- Nappy
- Pixabay
- Unsplash
- <u>Pexels</u>
- Freepik
- Icons and Photos for Everything

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Example 2



Example 3

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Example 4



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Example 6

Image Editing Tools

- Canva (Quick, free, and user-friendly tool to edit images)
- GIMP (Free and open-source image editor)
- Adobe Creative Suites (Professional image editor; Free access using the MTSU account)

Other Resources for Multimedia Elements

- MTSU External Support Resources
- MTSU Online



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