



ESKER YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

FOUND POETRY

+ COLLAGES

Poetry is a great way to express yourself, but it can be tricky to get started. Try this found poetry and collage exercise and get your creative juices flowing!

All you need is a magazine or section of the newspaper, glue and paper. Go through the magazine or newspaper, and **cut out words** from the headlines, sub-headlines, advertisements and other larger text. First, focus on verbs, nouns and adjectives that interest you:

verbs:



nouns:



adjectives:



You'll also need at least 15 each of determiners, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions & pronouns:

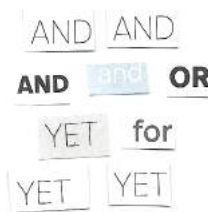
determiners:



adverbs:



conjunctions:



prepositions:



pronouns:



Assemble the words into poems. Because you can only use the words you've cut out, you'll have to think outside the box. You can **freestyle** your poem, or use the **templates** below as a starting-point. This isn't about grammar- swap words, or switch their order. When your poem is finished, **glue** your word collage to a sheet of paper or into a notebook. You can glue the words in lines, in a circle- any way you like.

DETERMINER—NOUN—CONJUNCTION—DETERMINER—NOUN—VERB—
NOUN—PREPOSITION—DETERMINER—ADJECTIVE—ADJECTIVE—NOUN.

DETERMINER—VERB—PRONOUN—VERB—CONJUNCTION—NOUN—VERB—
NOUN—PREPOSITION—DETERMINER—NOUN.

ADVERB—ADJECTIVE—NOUN—VERB—PREPOSITION—NOUN—PRONOUN—
VERB—ADJECTIVE—NOUN.



Create short poems, or long poems. Illustrate your poems with collaged images or drawings. Assemble them into an 'Isolation Poetry' book. Anything goes 😊

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