

Figures with Speech

Make an Image with Imagery

Draw from a list of words to create a poem that takes the shape of its meaning.

Activity Challenge

Select from the list of words below to write a poem about a topic or image. In each verse (stanza), arrange the words to look like something in the poem. For example, the poem *The Red Wheelbarrow*, by William Carlos Williams, mimics the form of a wheelbarrow in each verse (stanza).

so much depends
upon

a red wheel
barrow

glazed with rain
water

besides the white
chickens

Preparation

1. Write, or cut out, the words provided below. You can cut them out in rectangles, circles, or any shape that will help you make an image.
2. You will need another piece of paper to either write or paste your poem.

To Do

1. Think about a topic or image that you would like to write about in your poem. Using the cut out words, arrange them in a sequence to write your poem.
2. Once your poem is complete, on another sheet of paper, arrange your words to look like the topic of your poem. For example, if you are writing about love you can arrange the poem in a heart shape. Arrange your words by cutting and pasting or by handwriting them.

Observations

Read your poem aloud. After reading your poem see if you can remove any unnecessary words.

Extensions

- Create a three-dimensional model based on your image and poem. Use materials from around the house.
- Use your own words to write and illustrate another poem.

Materials Needed

- Scissors
- Paper
- Paste
- Pencil

Grade Range

3-5

Topics/Skills

Sight words, poetry, found poetry

Learning Standards

Common Core ELA RI [3-5](#)

Duration

25 minutes

Prep Time

5 minutes

The Content behind the Activity

Poetry is a form of art. Poetry provides a platform for people to express their thoughts and emotions. It has many different forms and functions. In many cultures, the essence of the spoken word has been connected to a person’s spirit or soul. As such, words and how we express them, offer glimpses into our shared views as well as our unique views and this makes the world beautiful.

Word List

decided	Its	sure	while
different	Journal	terrible	whole
discover	Knew	that’s	winner
does	Know	their	wouldn’t
doesn’t	Laughed	there	years
afraid	Especially	loveable	they’re
almost	Everybody	money	think
also	Everything	morning	thought
always	Except	myself	threw
animals	Exciting	never	through
another	Even	night	told
anyone	finally	once	too
asked	friendly	outside	trouble

Word list continued

believe	Goes	prettier	until
better	Hard	prettiest	upon
build	Heard	probably	vacation
buy	High	problem	want
by	Hidden	question	watch