



# CUT & PASTE POETRY

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## Cut and Paste Poetry

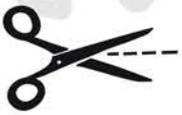
Cut and Paste Poetry is a collaging technique using found words and phrases cut from magazines and newspapers which when rearranged and reassembled create new text pieces. It is a liberating and playful way to explore creative writing and expressive language.

## Preparation (to be done in advance if possible)

Using a range of source magazines and other printed material, cut out words and phrases making sure that there is a range of text sizes and typefaces. Parenting and women's lifestyle magazines are great for this.



## Materials:



## Exercise

Brief intro to Cut and Paste Poetry approx. **5 min**

Exercise lasting approx. **20 / 25 mins.**

- 1) Put all the words collected into a plastic bag and shake to mix, then ask everyone to take a small handful.
- 2) Spread the words out in front of you and spend some time looking and thinking about them.
- 3) What do you want to say? ... think about how you could use the given words to say it.
- 4) Arrange and rearrange in your journal but do not stick until you have finalised your piece. Be creative in how you place it on the page.

## Sharing

Use the final half hour of the session for sharing your poem with the group.

Each member to read their piece. **30 mins**

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