

# Unearthing Creativity

## Gateways to creative activity - Worksheet

### Word-play, poetry & paint

*'I decided to make art out of the first book I found from the charity shop' – Tom Phillips*

**Purpose:** Play with words and turn them into a unique artwork that might become poetry or even tell a story. Practise gathering your unique colour choices and sharpen your skills.

**Materials:**

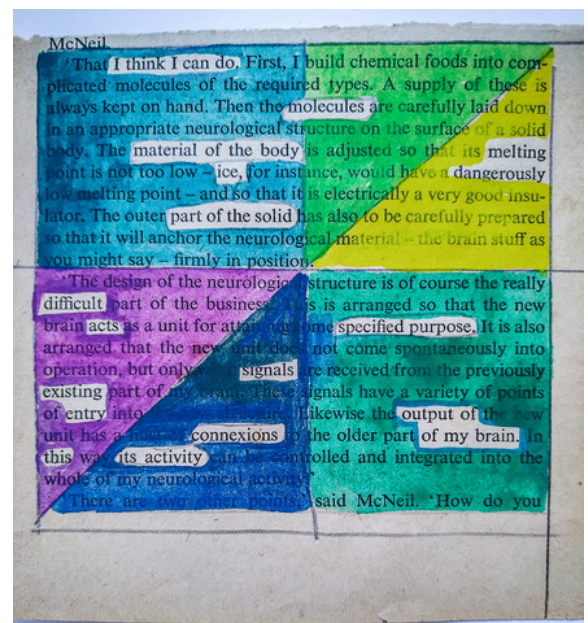
- An old, unwanted book. Old journal, paint - watercolours, acrylics, gouache, DIY tester pots, felt pens.
- A small paintbrush, jar of water, pencil, ruler (optional).

#### Process

1. Tear out one page and skim the text. Without over-thinking, circle any words that stand out for you (use a pencil for this).
2. Choose your favourite colours and without colouring over the words chosen, paint the rest of the page (or colour it in, if you like felt-pens) so that the words stand out.

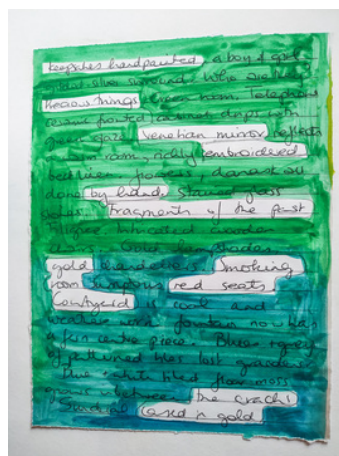
#### Things to consider...

Divide different parts of the page with a compass or a ruler to make shapes. Try doodling so there is a mixture of images and words.



## More things to consider...

- When you read back the words, does it sound like a poem?
- Look at Tom Phillip's work called 'Humument'. He has created a series that spans decades using this technique and has inspired many artists over the years.
- We'd love to see what you make. Please share your creations with us!
- Tag us on Instagram: #UnearthingCreativity #Unearthing #paintedpoetry
- Join our private Facebook group 'Unearthing Creativity'  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3995839470641387>



Unearthing Creativity is a collaborative project which is being delivered by artists Marion Cheung, Naz Syed, Creative Lives and Age Cymru.

For further information, please see  
[www.creative-lives.org/unearthing-creativity](http://www.creative-lives.org/unearthing-creativity).

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