

Cut-up TECHNIQUE

The 'cut-up' technique is a process of combining words from different places and texts in a new way. It began during the 1920s and was linked to the Surrealist and Dada art movements. Using this method can give you surprising results!

You will need:

- a bag
- newspaper
- plain paper
- scissors
- glue



What to do

- 1 Choose a newspaper article that you want to use to make your poem.
- 2 Cut out words from the article and put them all in a bag.
- 3 Shake the bag to jumble up the words.
- 4 Take out each word, placing one word after the other.
- 5 You can either keep the words in the exact order you pulled them out of the bag or you can rearrange them.
- 6 Insert other words, connectives and punctuation to complete your poem.
- 7 Copy or stick down your final poem.