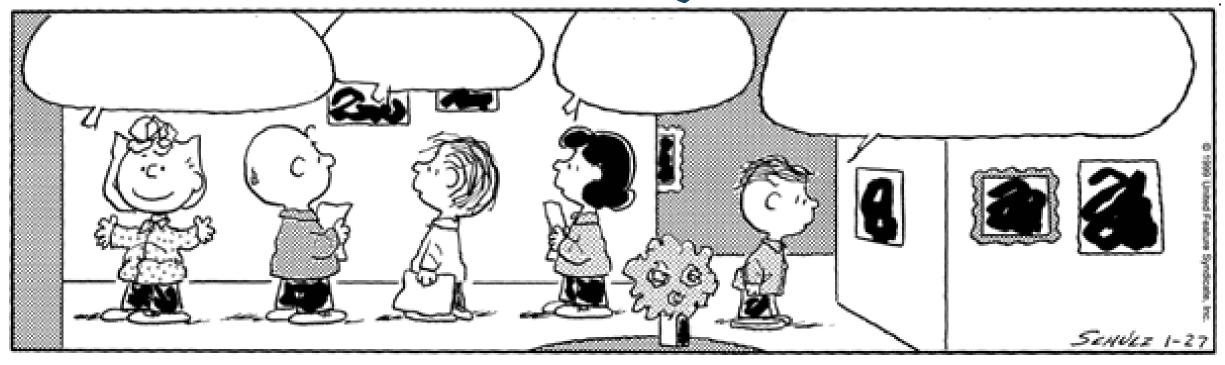
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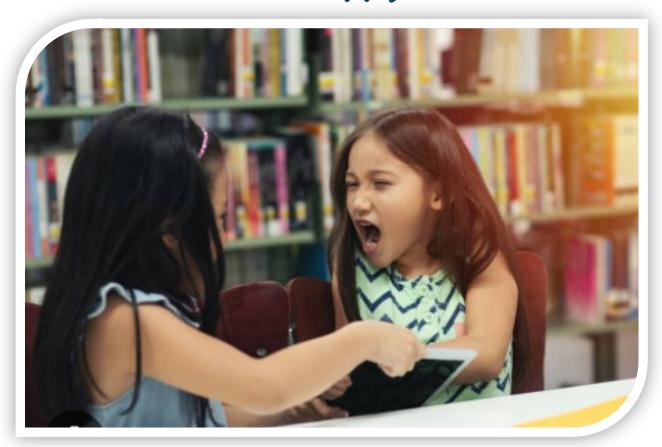
Peter Sansom Art teacher, Maaslandcollege, Oss

Artist



.....blogger, language enthusiast, but not a language natural

When else am I happy?



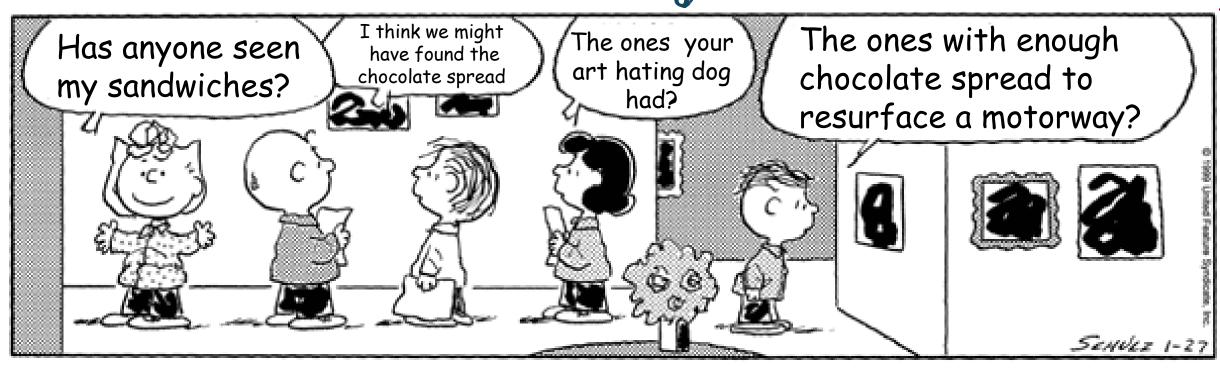
It is about the levels of engagement

Engagement is key in education, and today I want to share a number of approaches I use.

- to activate pupils
- to generate language output
- to be creative

But above all to have fun

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A workshop....with so many people???

I hope you will all be up for playing along!

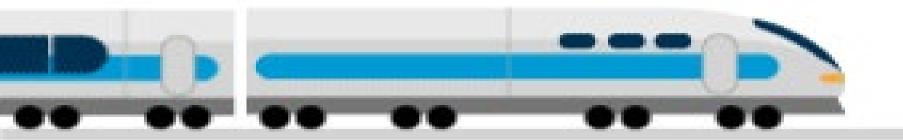
The seven word challenge

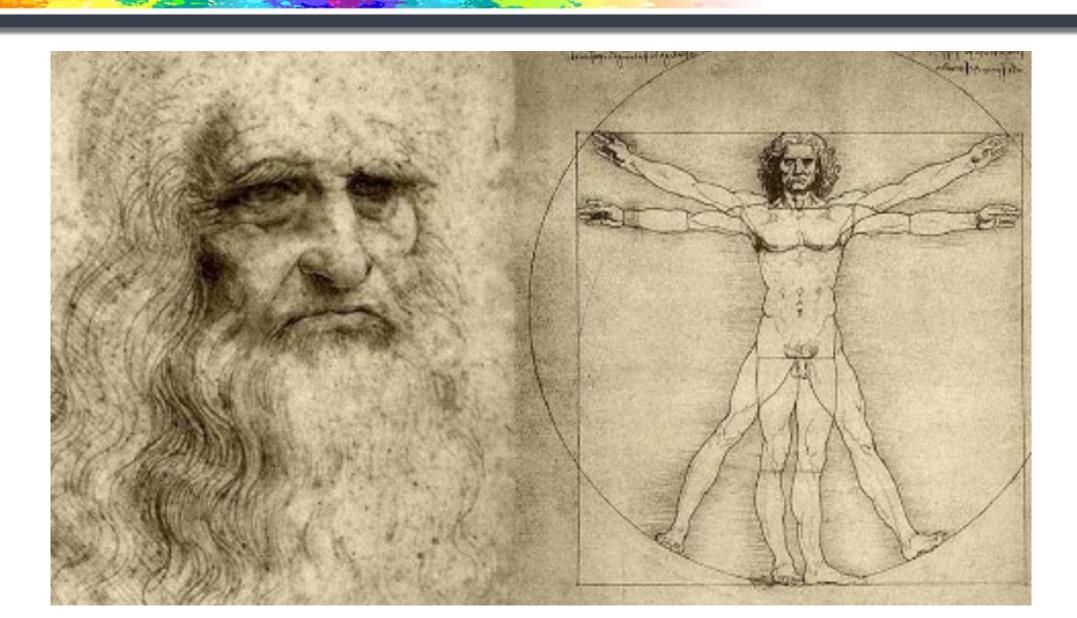
Write a seven word sentence that in some way describes your journey to Leuven

Travelling from school to Lewen by train

Write a second sentence where six of the seven words begin with the same letter

Travelling towards Lewen, train tracks through towns



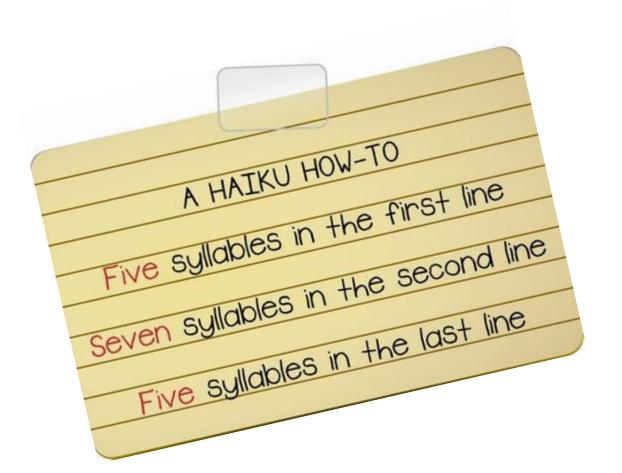


Now we have a little shared context, let's do a little.....

Summarizing, or getting down to the essence

What have we just learnt about? How can we make language a bit more than just the vehicle of communication?

We are going to write a haiku to summarize a part of the film of our own choice.....explanation of the classic haiku form coming up!



A haiku about volcanic eruption may go something like:
Pressure underground
The surface cracks with a roar
Glowing lava flows

Or one about simultaneous equations:

Shared variables

Parallel calculations

Searching x and y

But now one about Leonardo da Vinci!

auotations - who said what about this jamous image?



- 1. 'Look at the careful use of light and dark on the face, it creates the illusion of three-dimensional form'
- 2. 'If the museum was ever to choose to sell the artwork I think, drawing on my experience in these things, it would probably become the most expensive artwork ever sold'
- 3. 'When I look at the artwork, all I see is the layer of 12mm impact resistant ballistic glass'
- 4. 'I see it every single day, it does nothing for me'
- 5. 'It's so small'
- 6. 'It's interesting but of so much less interesting than his helicopter design'

Quotations - who said what about this scene?

.....but turned around. What might these people say



The local police commander

The tourist guide

The geologist

The mother of the tourist

The artist/photographer

Collective nouns

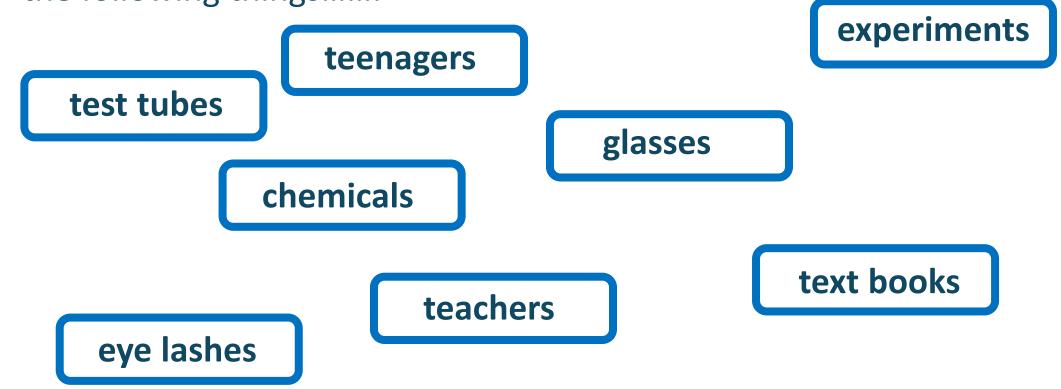
A curious corner of language, but one full of playful opportunities

A of fish	A of crows
A of sheep	A of ferrets
A pod of dolphins	A of whales
A gaggle of geese	A of bishops



Unknown / creative/invented collective nouns

What could be a suitable creative, imaginative, playful collective nouns for the following things......



A fizz of test tubes

A park bench of teenagers

A transparency of glasses

An explosion of experiments

A boredom of textbooks

A cardigan of teachers

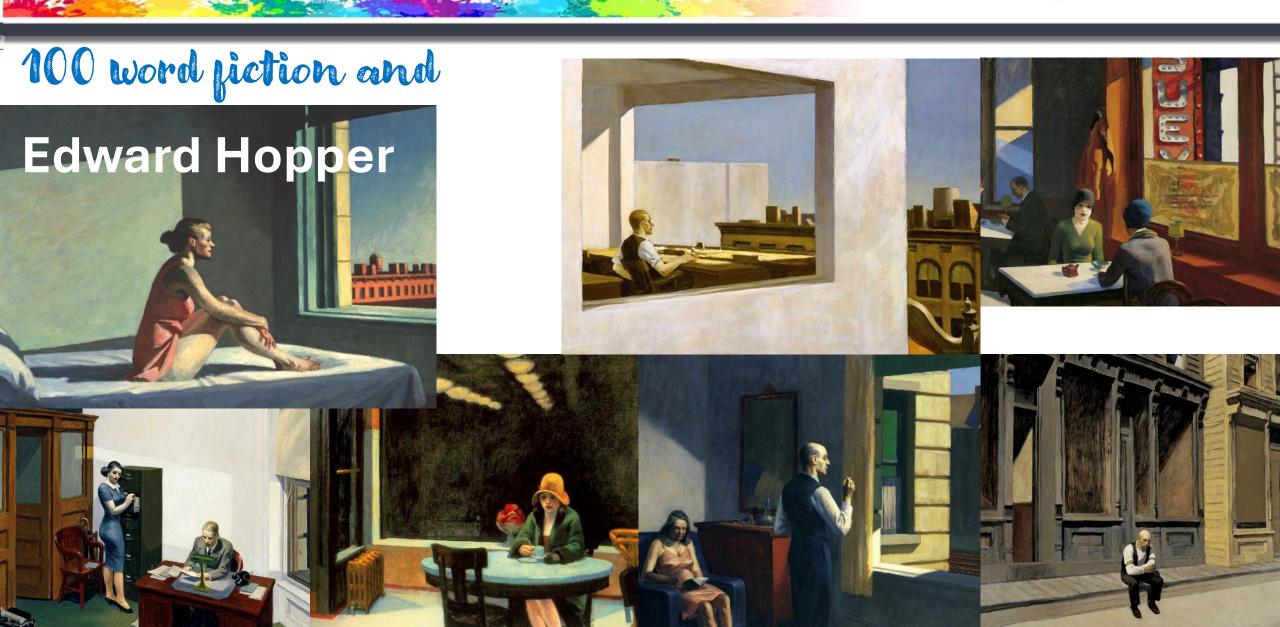
A toxic of chemicals

A flutter of eye lashes

But then the creative and puzzling bit Write your collective nouns into a short story.....

Miss Atom the chemistry teacher stepped out of the storage room. She was carrying a complete fizz of test tubes. We sat waiting to see what happened next, the room was full, there were at least four park benches of teenagers looking on. She peered over her blue rimmed spectacles, her favourite pair, taken from her extensive transparency of glasses.

There had recently been an explosion of experiments in the chemistry lessons. The boredom of textbooks had been left stacked up in the corner of the classroom. Miss Atom seemed to have become a completely different person, she no longer belonged to the standard cardigan of teachers. There was a glint in her eye as she carelessly mixed her toxic of chemicals, heated it rapidly over the Bunsen burner and in a flash of light completely incinerated her beautiful flutter of eyelashes.

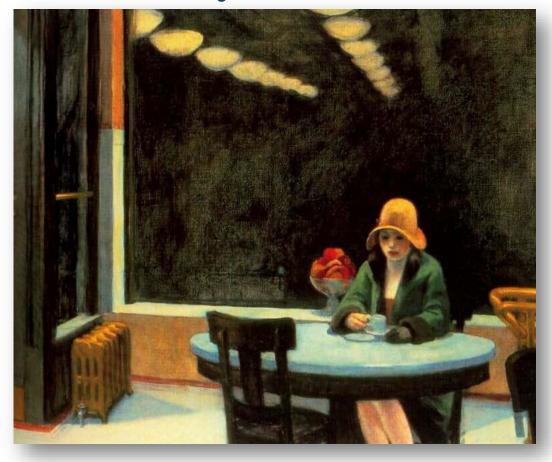


	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	thoughtful	uncertain	expectation	waiting	hopeful	melancholy
2	doubting	disappointed	optimistic	silence	change	flux
3	empty	subdued	decaying	erosion	crumbling	peace
4	tranquil	spacious	confined	trapped	breathing	doubting
5	freedom	observed	identity	mysterious	anticipation	body
6	intentions	desire	nervously	knowledge T	embarrassed nis sort of ga	confident amification
	content can work well in					

3, 1 and 4, 6

subject area

100 word piction



Enough was enough. It was time to leave. Day after day, week after week, always the same story.

So many good intentions. She just wanted the best for them. But that arrangement didn't seem to work in both directions. She feels drained and **empty**. The bus leaves in a matter of minutes. Is she **doubting** her decision? Yes, absolutely, it wasn't meant to end this way.

Today pushed her over the edge. Those angry words, the raised voices, a slammed door. Her mind is made up, there is no going back, teaching isn't going to be her future.

Playing with idioms, and making them fun

Idioms are a tricky area of language. This is an assignment that puts idioms central, get pupils reading a lot of them, and then puzzling out how to give them a creative twist.

But first this......





Lost Consonants is

a comic collage series created by Graham Rawle, appearing in the Guardian newspaper from 1990 to 2005. The text and image word play series illustrates a sentence from which one vital letter has been removed, altering its meaning.



Graham LOST CONSONANTS The hunter was an expert at tracing animals in the wild

LOST CONSONANTS Professor Stone was explaining the big bag theory

Graham LOST CONSONANTS



P.C. Dodd was anxious to try out his new bulletproof vet

Graham LOST CONSONANTS



(21) The collected woks of William Shakespeare

Lost Consonants using idioms

Look through the list of idioms, you are allowed to remove just one consonant, no more and no less!

But be creative and try and imagine the collage you would make if you were given enough time.



https://www.ef.com/wwen/english-resources/english-idioms/





The much-discussed issue of speaking English in a CLIL classroom

A mono-language culture in the classroom? Duo-language culture and code switching? Multi-language inclusivity?

..... there are a lot of choices and possibilities.

But what if everyone is slipping into the ease and comfort of the first language?

What works best to get the class back in line?
.....a playful approach the Gold Pot Paint
.....And why does the Gold Pot work?



...and for the Loser!!

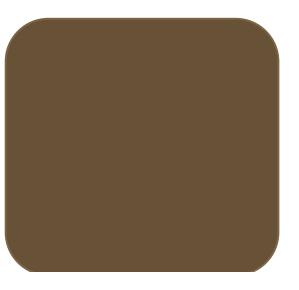


Beautifully **C**reative Dutch **E**xpert **F**ootballer Gives G H Hope. **Incredibly** Just **K**icked Last M **M**inute



Adjective, noun, colour

Pantone has a code for all its full colour range. Useful, but not very interesting.



What colour is this?

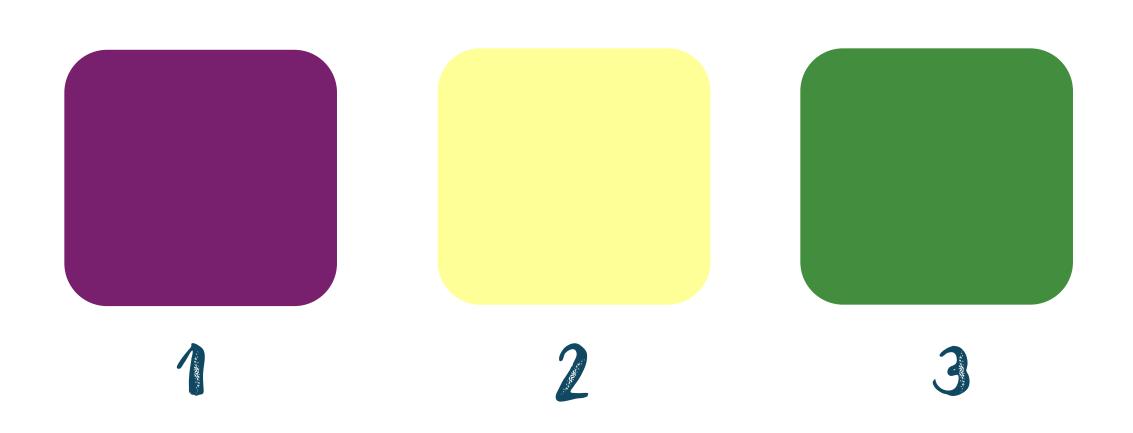
If I described it using the adjective, noun, colour rule...

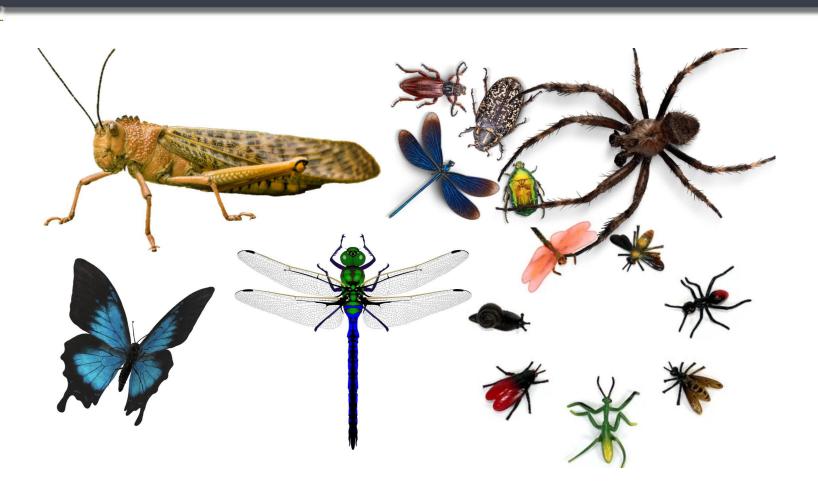
Gluey, goal mouth brown



- Sticky goalkeeper gloves yellow
- Juicy asparagus green



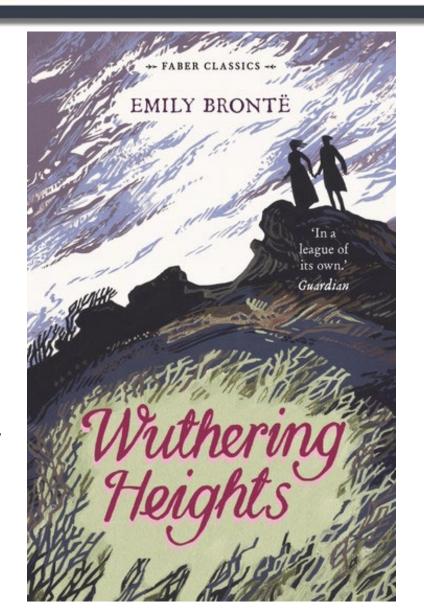




Adjective, adjective, insect name

Obliteration Literature

A literature and art project



We start with a page from a piece of classic English literature...

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

"Wuthering Heights" by Emily Brontë is about Heathcliff, an orphan who falls in love with Catherine Earnshaw. Their powerful love creates a lot of trouble and sadness. Eventually, the next generation finds hope and happiness, breaking the cycle of revenge.

But for us the full story is a side issue!

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WUTHERING HEIGHTS

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You have to read through your own page of text and make use of only the words you have to create a new, mini-storyline of your own.

A good way to start is to read through and gently underline any really interesting words that you think might be really interesting to use.

"Get up, you idle boy!", I heard Cathy inquiring.
It's some damnable English cousin, such a colossal dunce.
He looked so stupid, his laugh, laziness, his frightful Yorkshire accent.
The devil is his daily companion.
The devil, bad words and open mouth, his face burnt with rage.

The only thing you may add (or take away) is a little punctuation. Full stops, commas etc.

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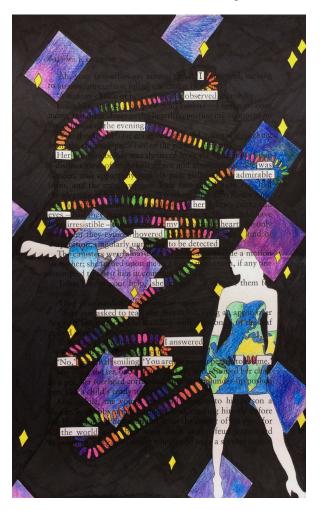
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Examples of pupils work from previous years......







Ordering of images and text through looking, reading and discussion

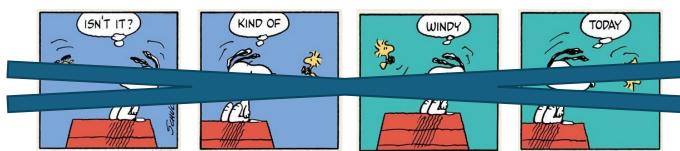








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Something a little more challenging, for a lot more discussion....

PIKE PLACE, SEATTLE - STYLE

SALMON CHOWDER with Leeks & Potatoes

By PictureTheRecipe.com

INGREDIENTS: (Serves: 4)

- * 3 Tbsp Butter
- * I Leek, sliced
- * 2 stalks Celery, sliced
- * 4 cloves of Garlic, minced
- * 2 medium Russet Potatoes, diced
- * 1/2 tsp Fennel Seeds, lightly crushed
- * I Bay Leaf
- * 1 tsp dried Parsley
- * 1 tsp dried Dill
- * 2 Tbsp Capers with Brine
- * 1 Tbsp Tomato Paste
- * 4 cups Seafood/Chicken Stock
- * 1/2 cup Cream Cheese
- * I cup heavy Cream
- * 1 lb Salmon, cut in chunks
- * Salt & Pepper, to taste























In groups of two or three discuss the correct order, and be prepared to explain your thinking!

SALMON CHOWDER
with Leeks & Potatoes

BY PICTURE THE RECOPPLISHED





















Are there orders of images in your own subject area that you could make use of in a similar way?

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What could the ordering criteria be?

- Chronological.....Artworks
- Size......Cities
- Rarity.....Animals
- Density......Metals

Or maybe a bit more subjective for more discussion......

- Beauty.....in architecture
- Violence in images
- Influentual in inventions

We brought our cat up bilingually

It makes no difference to her if you speak English or Dutch

Where do I go looking for my ideas?

Art, but art that invites the use of language in particular

Other areas of culture that lean more heavily on the use of language; film, theatre, poetry, song writing.....

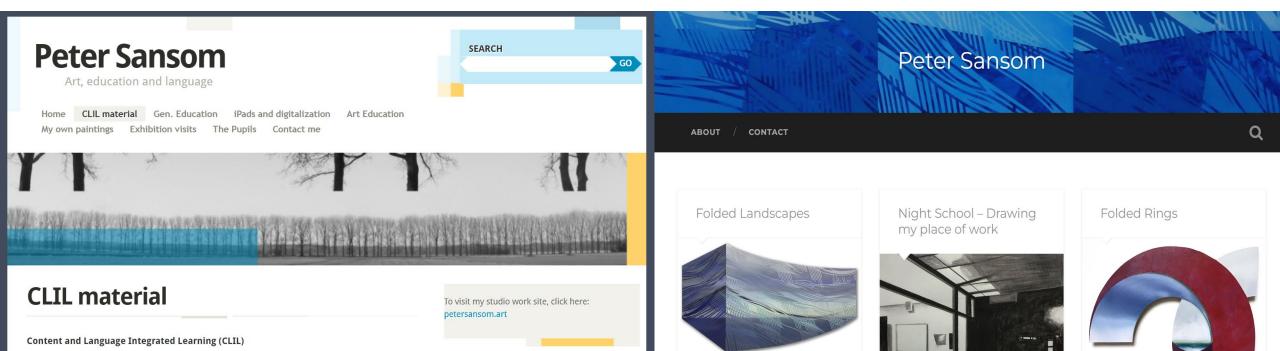
Areas where image and language are more often combined - advertising, comicbooks and cartoons, graphic design.....

Puzzles and party games

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What happened next?



One syllable word conversation