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| **Design thinking** invites creatives to tinker with different approaches to notice what might wow their intended audiences. It encourages writers to translate their works through different mediums/modalities creating multisensory experiences that others will find meaningful and memorable. It requires writers to consider more than words; motivating them to write for worthy purposes, to tuck well-crafted print inside of beautiful packages and to deliver it efficiently to people, they hope to influence.  |

The beauty of poetry is that it uses metaphor, sound symbolism to convey a story. Its purpose is to evoke emotion. More importantly, poetry is about playing with words.

*“A metaphor can be more accurately described as a strategy for talking about one thing while MEANING SOMETHING ELSE. And the way you do that is not by setting up a comparison, but by setting up an EQUATION! An equation in which you claim two things are essentially the same thing and can be interchanged.” Taylor Mali*

**Equipment each person:** metaphor dice, post-it notes, mobile device (ipad with Voice Record Pro), online platform (student blogfolio, website, OneDrive)



**Fire Starter:** How might you build a poem that invite others to experience the story?

(For the teacher: How might you document shifts in the student’s thinking, learning and work?)

**Procedure:**

* Take 3 dice (one of each colour: red, green and white).
* Roll the dice and take a picture of the three words (this is your starting brainstorm draft).
* Play with the words until you come up with phrases that are generated from the 3 words. Start by recording any number of ideas that might be generated. They can be as outlandish as whatever pops in your head. (\*Using post-its may help to move ideas around or use strips of paper.)
* Weave these ideas together by saying them and filling them in with other ideas that pop in your head. (\*You might use an ipad with Voice Record Pro to record some of your drafts.)
* Write your story. Poetry is meant to be spoken not statically sit on a page. Read and record your voice. Self-assess: what parts do you like; what is still missing?
* Record your final piece.
* Upload both the picture you took at the beginning and the sound recording to a digital platform for sharing (student blogfolio, website, OneDrive).

**Communicating Student Learning:**

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| **Documenting Action…** |
| Does it…* Support growth?
* Move learning forward?
* Tell a story about the learning?
 | Does it…* Encourage reflection and metacognition?
* Make meaningful connections to future learning?
* Support focused collection through curation?
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Example using LOVE IS, FALLING, DOG:



Make your own:

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| **Major Concept nouns (red)**  | **Noun blue/green** | **Adjective (white** |
| **MY TEACHER** | **BULLSEYE** | **BEAUTIFUL** |
| **POETRY** | **MIRROR** | **MAD** |
| **LOVE** | **HANDED-DOWN** | **BLESSING** |
| **FAILURE** | **BACK-HANDED** | **WONDER** |
| **CANADA** | **GENIUS** | **STABLE** |
| **THE FUTURE** | **SILENT** | **PROMISE** |
| **YOUR MOTHER** | **SMALL TOWN** | **ZOO** |
| **THE FUTURE** | **CHAOS** | **FLEXIBLE** |
| **MY SOUL** | **UNRULY** | **ACT** |
| **THE PAST** | **UNOFFICIAL** | **APOLOGETIC** |
| **HAPPINESS** | **MAD** | **UNOFFICIAL** |
| **I AM**  | **IMPOSSIBLE** | **BROKEN** |
| **THE WORLD** | **RUGGED** | **BURNING** |
| **YOUR BODY** | **MIRROR** | **SACRED** |
| **MY SOUL** | **PROMISE** | **SILENT** |
| **MY FATHER** | **BLESSING** | **GENTLE** |
| **MY MOTHER** | **UNSPOKEN** | **SAD** |
| **POWER** | **CITY** | **HAPPY** |
| **HOPE** | **DOG** | **BRIGHT** |
| **GRIEF** | **CAT** | **SILENT** |
| **SADNESS** | **THUNDERSTORM** | **UNRULY** |
| **TIME** | **SONG BIRD** | **WICKED** |
| **HOME** | **SUPER HERO** | **BEAUTIFUL** |
| **THE HEART** | **BLESSING** | **CURSE** |
| **THE WORDLESS** | **MEADOW** | **SAD** |
| **WEDDING** | **PARTY CLOWN** | **DIVIDED** |
| **ACT** | **SIDE SHOW** | **EXQUISITE** |
| **I WAS**  | **ZOO** | **ARTIFICIAL** |
| **MY HEART IS A**  | **MIRROR** | **HANDED DOWN** |
| **HAPPINESS IS A**  | **GAME** | **MIDNIGHT** |
| **LOVE IS A**  | **THUNDERSTORM** | **DESPERATE** |
| **SADNESS IS A**  | **SNOWSTORM** | **PERSPECTIVE** |
| **THE MIND** | **MIND** | **MIRROR** |
| **THE MIND IS A**  | **PRAYER** | **LIKE OWNING A** |
| **GROWTH MINDSET**  | **TEDDY BEAR** | **MIDNIGHT** |
| **CRITICAL THINKING** | **SONG BIRD** | **UNSPOKEN** |
| **COURAGE** | **CAGE** | **JOYOUS** |
| **CHANGE IS**  | **PERSPECTIVE** | **BEAUTY** |
| **FAIRNESS IS**  | **MYTH** | **CLEVER** |
| **JUSTICE** | **IDEA** | **COOL** |
| **SURVIVIAL** | **BEAUTY** | **HAPPY**  |
| **PERSPECTIVE** | **PATTERN** | **JOYFUL** |
| **CONFLICT** | **EMPATHY** | **MIRROR** |
| **EXPLORATION** | **CULTURE** | **VISUAL**  |
| **MYTH** | **VOICE** | **FANTASTIC** |
| **IDEA** | **CYCLE** | **COLOUR** |
| **FANTASY**  | **BIRDS**  | **WONDER** |
| **COMMUNICATION** | **ROUTINE** | **RUGGED** |
| **RELATIONSHIP IS**  | **ACTION** | **SILENT** |
| **MIGRATION** | **SEASON** | **SOFT** |
| **I CAN**  | **CURSE** | **QUIET** |
| **HISTORY IS**  | **HEART** | **QUESTION** |
| **SUCCESS IS**  | **STRAIGHT** | **WHISPER** |
| **GROWTH IS**  | **HOUSE** | **FAINT** |
| **THE WORLD** | **POET** | **STRETCH** |
| **MY LIFE**  | **PROMISE**  | **LIKE HAVING A** |
| **MY FAMILY**  | **ELEPHANT**  | **CHILL** |
| **WORDS** | **SHADOW** | **RELUCTANT** |
| **TRUTH** | **ANIMAL** | **DIVIDED** |
| **BEAUTY** | **THUNDER STORY** | **SPELL-BOUND** |
| **MEMORY IS** | **BRAND NEW TOY** | **BURNING**  |
| **HOME** | **KISS**  | **BRILLIANT** |
| **LIFE IS**  | **HAZARD** | **DARK** |
| **LIFE**  | **TREES** | **HAZARD** |
| **LOVING YOU** | **BEES** | **HEARTY** |
| **LOSS** | **BIG CITY**  | **RANDOM** |
| **MY BIRTH**  | **SHRINE** | **REBUFF** |
| **MEMORY IS THE**  | **SKY**  | **SHINY** |
| **DESIGN IS**  | **TRAGEDY**  | **SPELL-BOUND** |
| **KIDS TODAY** | **SHRINE**  | **MIDNIGHT** |
| **STORY IS**  | **HARVEST** | **SIMPLE** |
| **WORDS ARE**  | **SIDEWALK**  | **WORDLESS** |
| **FREEDOM**  | **STORY** | **UNSUNG** |
| **LEARNING IS**  | **TECHNOLOGY**  | **OLD**  |
| **MY TEACHER**  | **LIFE-CHANGING** | **DAYLIGHT** |
| **LEADERS ARE**  | **GARDEN** | **LIGHT** |
| **CULTURE** | **TOY BOX** | **AWESOME**  |
| **TECHNOLOGY**  | **IDEA** | **SPARK** |
| **TODAY** | **HOLIDAY** | **SMOKY**  |
| **DIVERSITY IS**  | **WORD** | **GRATEFUL**  |