

WAYS TO APPROACH WRITING LYRICS

USING NEWSPAPERS (USED BY ADAM MOFFATT)

Using newspapers can be a great way to get inspiration for song themes, titles and lyrics. Here's how we used them in the Wavelength project.



- Give everyone a few sheets from a newspaper. It doesn't matter what kind of paper.
- Choose a piece of music to listen to – again, it doesn't matter what style but probably best if the lyrics aren't too obtrusive.
- Whilst listening to the piece of music, everyone has a look through the pages of their newspaper to pick out words, phrases or sentences that stand out to them or relate to the mood of the piece of music they are listening to.
- Everyone then shares the words, phrases and sentences and these are written on a whiteboard.
- Once everyone has contributed, have a discussion around what bits stand out as a theme or an idea for a song.
- The words, phrases and sentences can then be used for inspiration for the lyrics.