

## WAYS TO APPROACH WRITING LYRICS

### USING PICTURES (USED BY SARAH WILSON)

Using pictures or photos can be a good way to start thinking about ideas for writing a song. Choosing contrasting pictures, such as different landscapes, can work really well.

- Show the group a choice of 4 different pictures/photos and vote on which one appeals to them the most.
- To generate ideas, ask the group for words associated with the picture/photo – this can be actual descriptors or how the picture makes them feel. This will generate a mixture of words relating to moods and imagery.
- Try to then write sentences including the words that have been suggested. Often, thinking of making it into a story-based song will help to focus.
- Pick out words that can have rhymes and make a list. This will help to form the structure of the song.

