

Found poetry is a type of poetry **created** by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages **from other sources** and reframing them by making changes in spacing **and** lines, or by adding or deleting text, **thus imparting new meaning**

More Ideas

Other possible resources/ideas for your found poems can be well-known statements or phrases that you can manipulate through repetition and the rearrangement of words. Consider the following:

- You could write a found poem based on the comments that parents make, for example: *clean up your room; I didn't do that in my day; what time do you call this?; you're grounded; have you got any homework?*, and so on!
- You could write a found poem based on statements and/or phrases selected from writing you would find in a school, for example: school signs, canteen menus, school newsletters, teachers' worksheets, various textbooks, notice board messages, homework diaries, notes passed between students (!), school reports, letters home to parents, parents' letters to teachers and so on.
- You could write a found poem based on proverbs, homilies or sayings, for example, any of the following:

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle

A drop of ink may make a million think

A friend to all is a friend of none

Wealth is hard to come by, but poverty is always at hand

A rolling stone gathers no moss

For age and want save while you may: no morning sun lasts a whole day

A people without history is like the wind on the buffalo grass

When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers

Proverbial Found Poem

A rolling stone gathers no moss

A moss rolling gathers no stone

No rolling stone gathers a moss

No moss gathers a rolling stone

Rolling a stone gathers no moss

No rolling moss gathers a stone

Rolling a no stone gathers moss

A moss stone gathers no rolling

A stone rolling gathers no moss

Rolling a moss gathers no stone

No stone rolling gathers a moss