

Word Association Game

Another type of Surrealism was called Automatism, in which artists created work without thinking too much about it, like doodling or using word association, which is when one word makes you think of something else, for example water – sea.

Using the starting words listed below, build a chain of words, with each word being associated with the one before it. Write these words down, and when you have done ten words read back and see what your fifth and tenth words were. Are there any surprises? Can you see the links between these words and your starter word?

Starting word	Ending word	Number of words
star	earth	
flower	river	
house	glass	
fairy	dragon	
cold	Christmas	
hot	coconut	
angry	happy	
wet	sky	
bread	fork	
pen	maths	

Another way you could play the Surrealist word association game is by using the six degrees of separation idea.

Six degrees of separation is the idea that everything in the world is connected by six or less steps. Can you link these unrelated words using the six degrees of separation idea?

1	cactus
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2	
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6	guitar

1	house
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	coconut

1	star
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	fork

1	gold
2	
3	
4	

5	
6	dragon

1	flower
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	trainers

1	mountain
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	pencil