

# KOESTLER ARTS + ART AID

*Hello from all of us at Koestler Arts!*

*Koestler Arts + Art Aid sheets suggest creative tasks that can be done in-cell. All you need is paper and a pencil - though if you have further materials please use them.*

*Please note that as the 2020 Koestler Awards deadline has now passed (7 July 2020) Art Aid sheets will be produced monthly rather than weekly. They will now be available from the first Monday of each month. We hope they will continue to inspire you.*

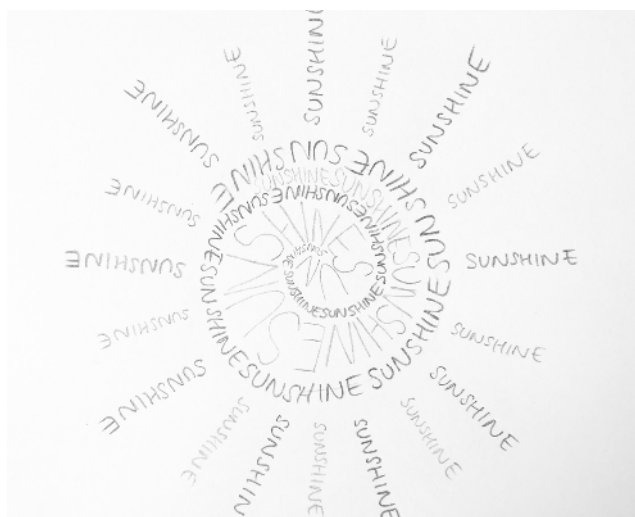
*You might want to keep whatever you make or share it with someone. If you don't feel like making anything right now, on the back of this sheet is something to look at from the Koestler back catalogue.*

*With best wishes from the Koestler Team.*

## **Idea #24: Draw with Words**

People often think of drawing and writing as two separate ways of expressing themselves. For this task, have a go at combining the two!

Can you make an image entirely out of words? Don't use any lines or shading (although you might like to start with some basic guidelines) and just use words to build the image.



Consider:

- How do the image and the words relate?
- Are the words your own or are they taken from somewhere else?
- Do you use whole paragraphs of text or just repeat a single word over and over again?
- Can you change the size, weight and shape of your writing to create different tones and textures in your image?

Have a look at the image on the other side of this sheet. It is entirely made up of words! The image shows the artist sat in his cell reading feedback he received from members of the public after one of his works was exhibited by Koestler at the Southbank Centre, London. The words he's used to make the image are all quotes from his feedback!



**Comfort: A Self Portrait (Or A Picture Paints A Thousand Kind Words)**  
 Koestler Arts Mentoring Scheme  
 Unilink Gold Award for Themed Category: Comfort  
 Doughty Street Chambers Audience Choice Silver Award, 2016