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**SOUTHBANK  
CENTRE**

# WORDS AND POETRY ARE ALL AROUND YOU TO BE **DISCOVERED.**

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You can download an accompanying guide from [poetrylibrary.org.uk](http://poetrylibrary.org.uk) or pick up a copy and explore more poetry in the Poetry Library, open Tuesday to Sunday 11am-8pm

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BECOME A POETRY EXPLORER AND

# SEARCH

OUT WORDS EVERYWHERE  
AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE,

THEN USE THEM TO  
MAKE YOUR  
OWN POEM.

# WATCH OUT FOR

THE WORDS THAT EXCITE YOU,  
THE ONES THAT MAKE YOUR

SENSES **TINGLE** AND YOUR  
BRAIN START  
WHIRRING.

THESE ARE THE WORDS YOU WANT  
TO MAKE YOUR POETRY COME ALIVE.

ON EACH PAGE, YOU WILL FIND EXERCISES TO HELP YOU  
COLLECT WORDS THAT YOU CAN USE AT THE END OF THE  
TRAIL TO WRITE YOUR POEM.

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP WATCHING OUT FOR WORDS  
BEYOND SOUTHBANK CENTRE - YOU WILL FIND SOME  
IDEAS ON THE FINAL PAGE.

YOU CAN START  
HERE

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LIBRARY  
LEVEL 5

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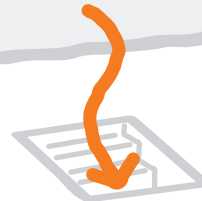
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BALCONY  
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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

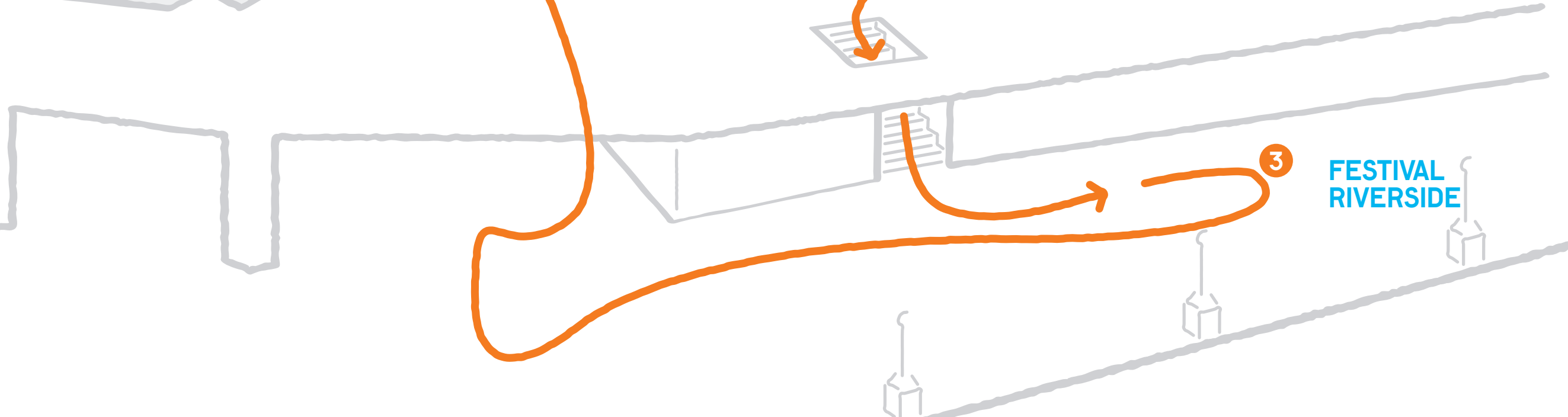
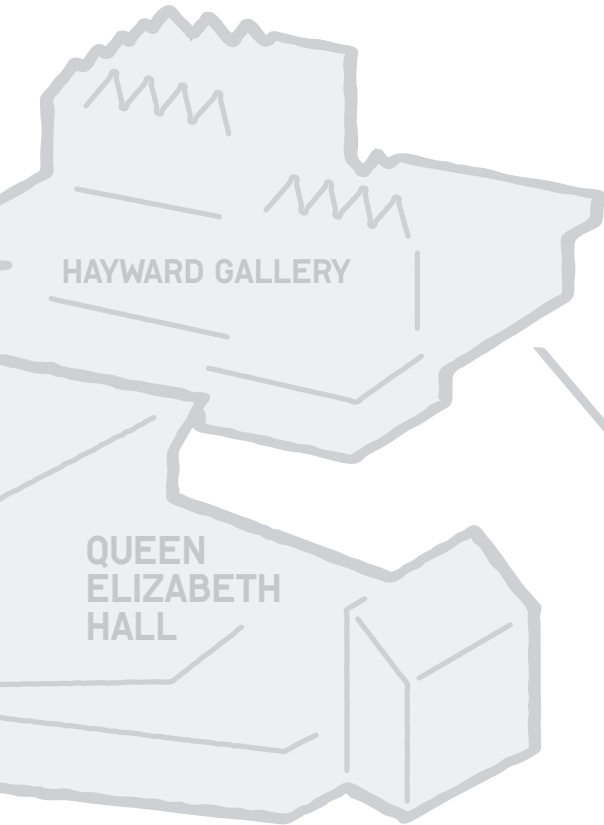
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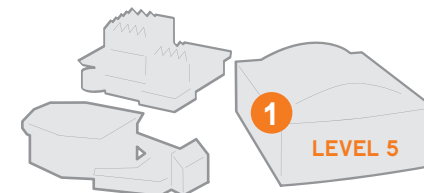
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FESTIVAL  
RIVERSIDE





THERE'S POETRY EVERYWHERE  
AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE.

YOU JUST HAVE TO

**LOOK** FOR IT.

BY THE END OF THE TRAIL, WILL  
YOU HAVE DISCOVERED A POEM?

BEGIN BY  
FINDING **5** GREAT  
WORDS

YOU LIKE FROM ANYWHERE IN THE **POETRY LIBRARY.**

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# I SPY WITH MY LONDON EYE

I AM EYE  
THAMES AM I  
I SEE EYE  
THAMES I SEE

MICHAEL ROSEN

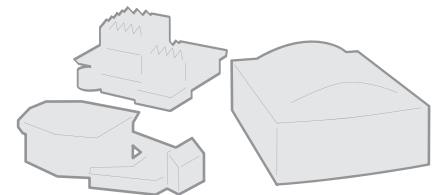
THIS IS A POEM CONVERSATION BETWEEN  
THE RIVER AND THE LONDON EYE.

WHAT DO YOU **SPY**  
FROM THE BALCONY?

WHAT **SHAPES**  
CAN YOU SEE?

WHAT SOUNDS CAN YOU **HEAR?**

WRITE DOWN OR DRAW WHAT  
YOU CAN SEE AND HEAR.



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LEVEL 1

**FIND** THE POETRY PAVING STONES  
ON THE FESTIVAL RIVERSIDE.

WHAT CAN BE FOUND,  
WRITTEN ON THE GROUND?

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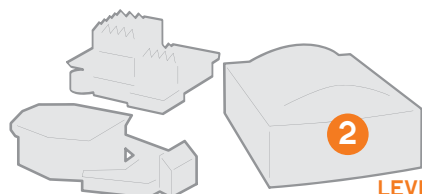
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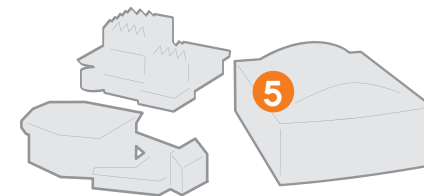
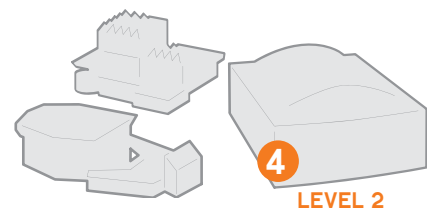
BACK IN THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL,  
FIND THE CLORE BALLROOM

YOU'RE ON THE **LARGEST**  
BALLROOM FLOOR IN LONDON.

THINK OF YOUR FAVOURITE SONG.

CAN YOU **DANCE** TO  
THE BEAT  
IN YOUR HEAD?

WHAT WORDS DESCRIBE YOUR  
FEELINGS WHEN YOU'RE **DANCING?**



TAKE THE JCB LIFT TO LEVEL 5

A POEM WILL  
**FLY PAST**  
**YOU!**

ONCE YOU'RE BACK OUTSIDE THE  
POETRY LIBRARY, WATCH IT RISE UP.

WRITE DOWN ANY WORDS FROM  
THE POEM THAT YOU LIKE.

WHAT'S THE POEM  
YOU'VE **DISCOVERED?**

USE THE BEST **WORDS** YOU'VE FOUND AROUND SOUTHBANK  
CENTRE TO CREATE A POEM.

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LOTS OF **POETS** PERFORM AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE.  
**CAN YOU BE ONE OF THEM?**  
**READ** YOUR POEM OUT LOUD.

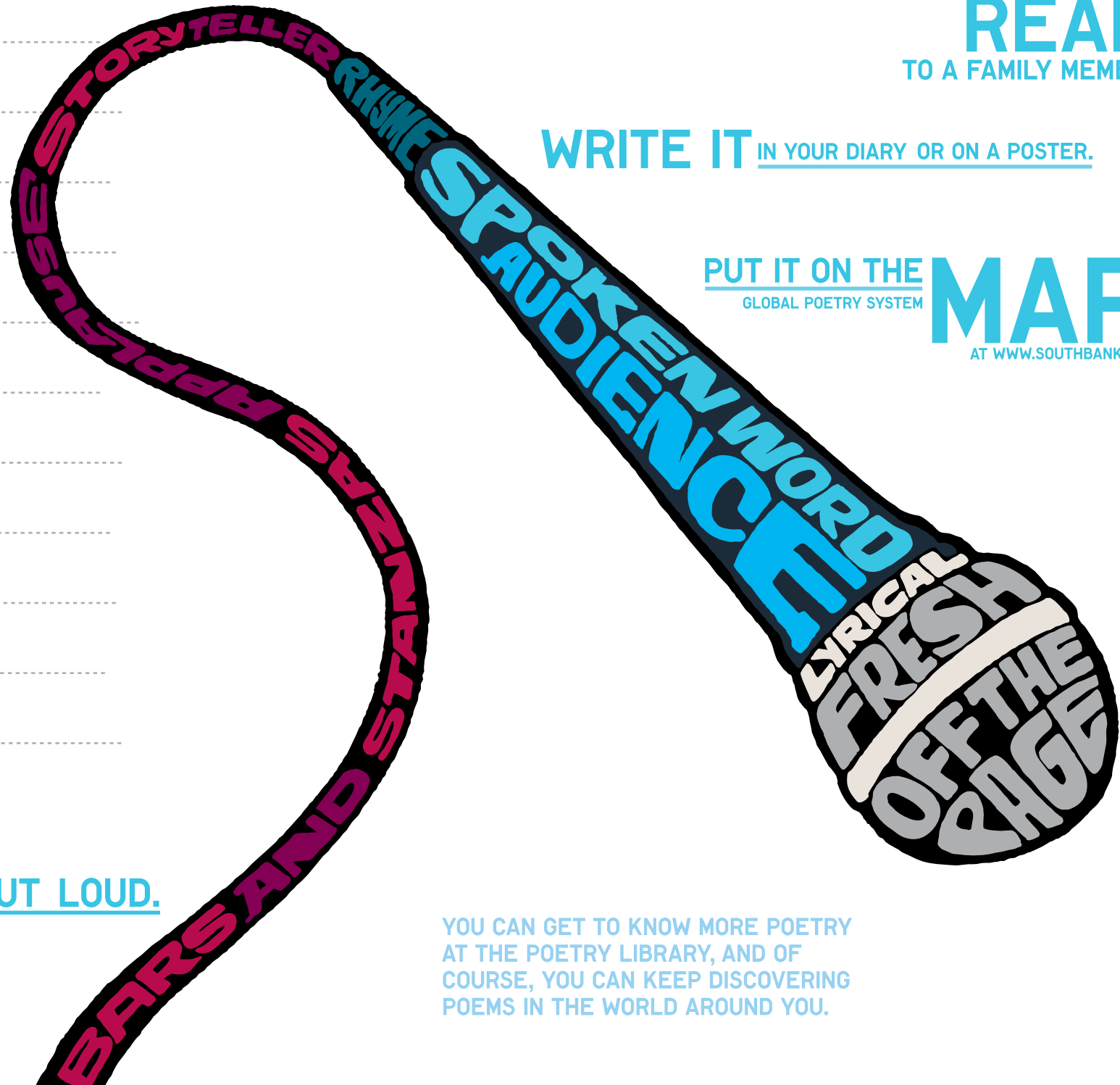
NOW YOU'VE MADE YOUR POEM  
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?

**SHARE IT** WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

**READ IT**  
TO A FAMILY MEMBER.

**WRITE IT** IN YOUR DIARY OR ON A POSTER.

PUT IT ON THE **MAP**  
GLOBAL POETRY SYSTEM  
AT [WWW.SOUTHBANKCENTRE.CO.UK/GPS](http://WWW.SOUTHBANKCENTRE.CO.UK/GPS)



YOU CAN GET TO KNOW MORE POETRY  
AT THE POETRY LIBRARY, AND OF  
COURSE, YOU CAN KEEP DISCOVERING  
POEMS IN THE WORLD AROUND YOU.