

Learning Unit 4 Independent Reading: ESL Word Artist Song Festival

Tuesday, 3 February and Thursday, 5 February

Become a word artist. Paint a picture of with vivid language.

In this project, you will become a word artist—someone who uses vivid sensory language to create sophisticated, memorable, beautiful descriptions. You will:

- Choose a song you love
- Create Word Art, a vivid 5-8 sentence description of how the songs makes you feel.
- Share your song & Word Art in a **5-minute, 3-slide Canva presentation**.

Week 1: (January 20th - 26th): Explore & Imagine

- Pick an English song you love.
- Listen 3–5 times. Close your eyes. What do you see? Feel? Smell? Hear? Taste?
- Open your eyes & listen again. Read the words. Highlight lines that sound beautiful or powerful. Highlight lines that contain sensory details or figurative language devices.

Week 2: (January 27th - February 2nd) Create

- Create “Word Art” (5-8 sentences) using 5+ descriptive, sensory words or figurative language devices to describe how the song makes you feel.
- **NO!** The Music Critic (Literal): “This song makes me feel optimistic. . . .”
YES! The Word Artist (Expressive): “This song feels like a warm hug of hope. . . .”
- Create 3 clean, beautiful Canva slides (see the guide below).

Week 3: (February 3rd and February 5th) Share (5 minutes or less)

- Present your 3-slide Canva presentation, including a 30-second or less excerpt of your song

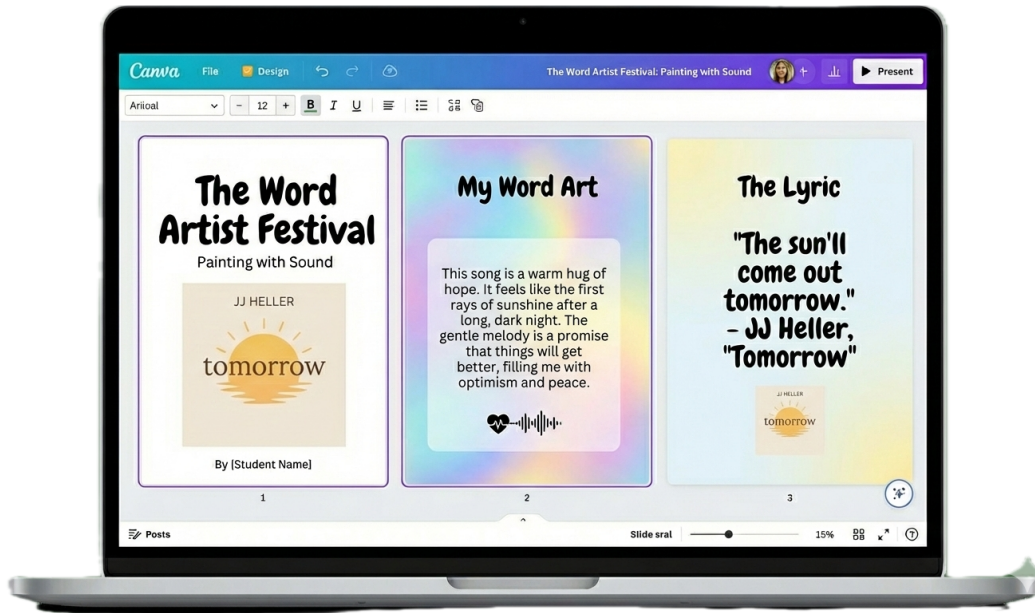
The 3-Slide Canva Guide: Keep your slides simple. Use high-quality images and very little text.

Slide	What to Include	Design Ideas
1: Introduction	Song Title & Artist. 30-second excerpt of song & written lyrics from excerpt	The album cover or a photo that fits the mood.
2: The Word Art	5–8 sentence description with 5+ sensory words or figurative language devices	A clean background with large, easy-to-read text.
3: The Lyric	A favorite line from the song.	Use an “artistic” font appropriate for the quote.

Project Checklist:

- My song is in English.
- My song excerpt is 30 seconds or less.
- My “Word Art” description is 5–8 sentences long and uses at least 5 sensory words.
- My Canva presentation has exactly 3 slides and is no more than 5 minutes long.

Example: "Tomorrow" (cover) by JJ Heller



Slide 1: Introduction

- Song Title: Tomorrow (Cover)
- Artist: JJ Heller
- 30-second excerpt of the song
- Visual: The "Tomorrow" single cover art (featuring the soft, warm tones and JJ Heller's signature aesthetic).

Slide 2: My Word Art

- "This song feels like the first rays of a sunrise after a very long, dark night. JJ Heller's voice is as soft as a lullaby, like a kind friend whispering that everything will be okay. The gentle acoustic guitar sounds like a steady heartbeat, calm and brave. It makes the heavy clouds in my mind feel lighter. When I listen, I feel a warm glow of hope growing inside me. This music is a quiet promise that a new day is coming."

Slide 3: The Lyric

- The Quote: "The sun'll come out tomorrow."
- Why it's powerful: The artist uses the contraction "sun'll" (sun will) to make the song feel more personal and natural. It focuses on a simple image—the sun—to represent a massive feeling of hope.
- Visual: Large, golden text on a clean, cream-colored background.