

Guided Exercise from Leanne Dunic

For our exercises, I want to stress that there's no wrong way to do them. If you're writing, then you're doing it right!

Write a list of 5-10 facts. I'll give you a few to get you started:

- -the skin is the body's largest organ
- -sharks have been around longer than trees
- -Vancouver has the highest real estate prices in Canada

Write something using this recipe as inspiration:

- -a fact
- -a memory
- -something you can smell
- -a question
- -something you want to believe
- -a simile

Now, choose two unrelated facts, then connect them using only ten lines between.

I love long titles. A favourite is "My Father with Cigarette Twelve Years Before the Nazis Could Break His Heart" by Philip Levine, or "Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist" by Sunil Yapa.

You could use one of those facts as a title for something new, or to apply to something you've already written.