# Guillaume Appolinaire: Caligrammes

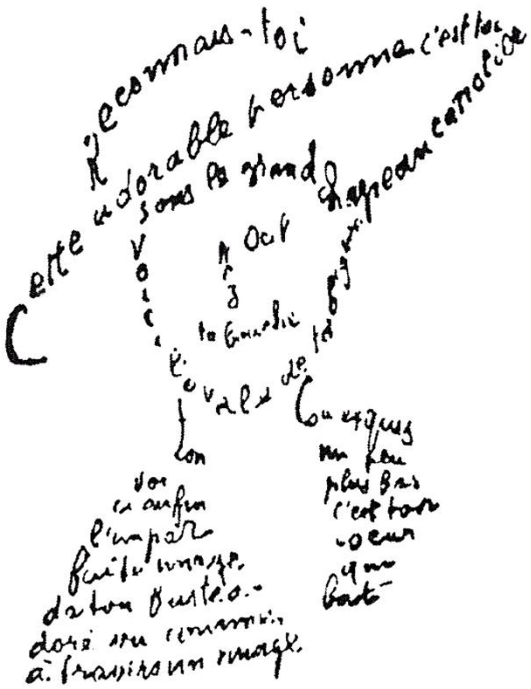
Guillaume Appolinaire was a **French poet**, playwright and novelist. He was born in 1880 and died from the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918, after fighting in WW1.

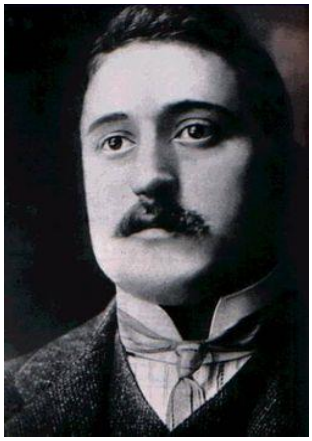
Appolinaire is famous for some poems he wrote called **Caligrammes**.

"Caligrammes' are poems where the words form a **shape** that can be easily recognised by the reader. The **shape** of the poem usually represents what the **poem is about**.

Below are some exampes of his caligrammes; as you can see, these poems are about a lady, a horse, the Eiffel Tower, a vase of flowers and a cello. Don't worry if you can't see or understand all the words.

Your task today is to create your **own caligramme** using some of the words you have been learning in French lessons. You could choose body parts, or ice creams or any topic you like, in French! Get creative!





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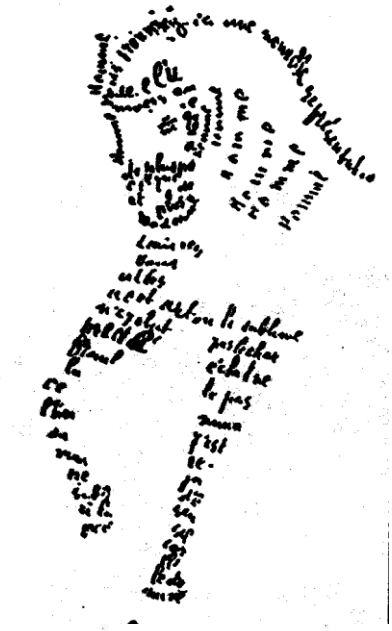
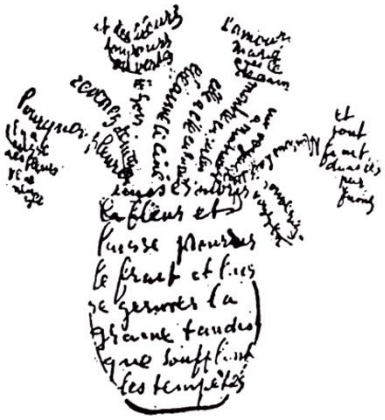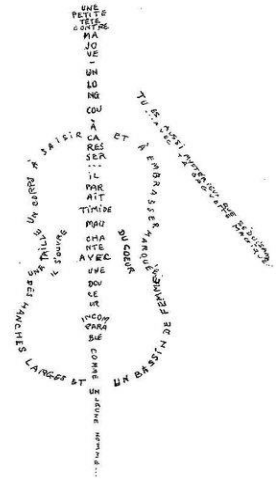
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