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Speaking truth to power means standing up for what you believe in. It means fighting to be heard. Your truth may not be popular, it may lose you friends. It takes courage to say and do what you believe is right.

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The truth can be hard. Seeing injustices around you and knowing how to react to them can be challenging. Speaking up for what you believe can sometimes feel like the most difficult thing in the world.

Think of your world. Perhaps you saw something on the news that made you sad, or made you think 'that isn't right' or 'why is this happening?' Perhaps you saw something on your journey here today.

What did you see and wish you could change? **Draw, write, describe.**

In pairs explore the gallery. Look out for artworks that use text/words to convey a message.

Choose one that interests both of you.

What is it saying to you?

How do the words make you feel?

What do you think the words mean? What do they mean to you? (You and your partner might have different answers, that's OK.)

Say the words in the artwork.

Say them to each other at least five times.

Say them back to the artwork.

How can you make them come alive? Experiment by changing the tone, volume, speed, or perhaps even the language.

Do the meanings of the words change when you play around with them?

Does anything happen, does anyone stop to listen or respond?

How do you both feel?

Use this space to record your thoughts.

Note: This activity provides a space to develop opinions and explore text and spoken word in artworks. It develops strategies to speak truth, challenge things and make change in the world.

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artworks from tate.org.uk

Think again about the things you wish you could change in the world.

How would you communicate them to someone in power?

Where/how should you stand to be seen/heard?

Find a place in the gallery to do so, then share with your group.

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