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"As condensed cast iron steams on Sunday"

UnivPécs was also present at the 3rd Go to the UP! Culture Festival on 14th October at the Expo Center. At our booth you could try a game called "It could be you!" with Tóth Mariann, but the really confident high school students could even write a poem.

I was the leader of the poetry writing game, which we realized together with Évi Harka and Vivi Barta, based on the poem "A Long Coffee" by Lajos Nagy Parti, suggested by Robi Balogh. At the beginning we had several ideas - for example, we wanted to write haikuks with the participants because of the simplicity of the form, but the popularity of the genre was doubtful, so we put aside this plan and started to think up a poem-like game.

The concept is essentially to create a new poem or prose by extracting individual words from an original text. We ended up making a reusable version of this idea, where you could build on the words of the poem mentioned above. We broke the poem down into building blocks and, using some glue putty, we put them on two boards on the site visitors could write any poem they wanted using the vocabulary they already had.

At first we were a bit worried about whether there would be people interested in such a game, but fortunately there were a good number of people from the humanities departments of the university, so that almost until the end of the event there were people who had the courage to compose a poem. The participants also loved the fact that we printed out their own poems on a small piece of paper, so they could take their creations home as a souvenir.