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Creating Word Clouds using Wordle™

What is 'Wordle'?

'Wordle' is a web-based application designed to create 'word clouds' from text that you provide. The more a word is mentioned in the text the more dominant it will appear in your word cloud.

What does a 'Wordle' look like?



Above: Example of a 'Wordle' word cloud created with text taken from the article **'Dot.anything to take over internet: expert'** - Technology News, SMH, 24/5/2011

Where can I find Wordle?

'Wordle' is located at the following URL:
<http://www.wordle.net/>

What does Wordle cost?

Nothing. Wordle is a free application.

Do I need a Wordle account?

No. You can create a word cloud in Wordle without having to set up an account.

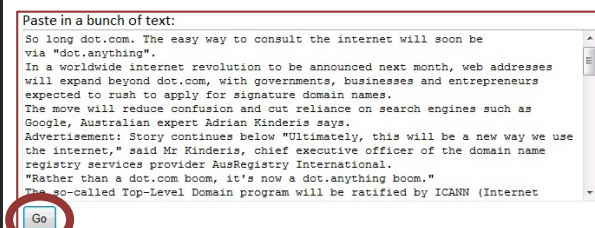
How does Wordle work?

You can create a Wordle word cloud in five easy steps:

1. Copy the text you would like to make into a word cloud
2. Go to the Wordle website
3. Click on the 'Create' button in the menu up top



4. Paste your text into the text box



5. Click on the 'Go' button under the text box

Can I format my Wordle?

Yes. You have a series of options that allow you to format or 'personalise' your Wordle word cloud including changing the font style, the layout of the words and the colour combinations displayed:

Edit Language Font Layout Color

Most of the options under each menu are fairly self explanatory and the changes are instantaneous, so as you select an option your word cloud will automatically change to accommodate the selected option. There is also a [Randomize](#) button that will randomly change your word cloud when you click it, using various combinations of font, layout and colour. Try some of the options and see what they do!

How do I share my Wordle?

There are a few ways you can share your Wordle word cloud with others:

1. Save your Wordle into the online Wordle gallery. This will make your word cloud available on the Internet and accessible to anyone visiting the site;
2. Take a screen shot of your Wordle and save it as an image file. This will allow you to upload your word cloud to your website, moodle or blog;
3. Print your Wordle using the [Print...](#) button at the bottom of the text box to allow you to display your word cloud in your classroom.

How can I integrate Wordle into my teaching program?

There are endless opportunities for the relevant integration of Wordle into your teaching program, particularly considering it is a language focussed application and literacy runs across all areas of the curriculum. Here are three ideas that you might like to try using Wordle for in your classroom:

1. **Brainstorming around a central theme**
Collect brainstormed words and create a word cloud focussing on topic specific vocabulary.
2. **Finding the dominant themes in a text**
Input the text from a research article, information text, speech, script, manual or any other relevant document.
3. **Creating a personalised artwork**
Input personal attributes (e.g. name, personality traits, likes, dislikes, hobbies, etc) and create a book cover, wall hanging, placemat, T-shirt transfer, etc.

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