

WORDLE

<http://www.wordle.net>

What is Wordle?

Wordle is a free on-line web 2.0 tool that allows users to create a word cloud from written text.

How do you get started? Simply follow these steps:

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Navigate to the Wordle Web Site: <http://www.wordle.net>
Once you arrive at the site you are ready to get started.
Click on the **CREATE** button



Tip #1:

Words appearing multiple times in the text will be larger in the word cloud.

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Students can then paste text that they have copied **OR** text can be typed directly into the text rectangle.

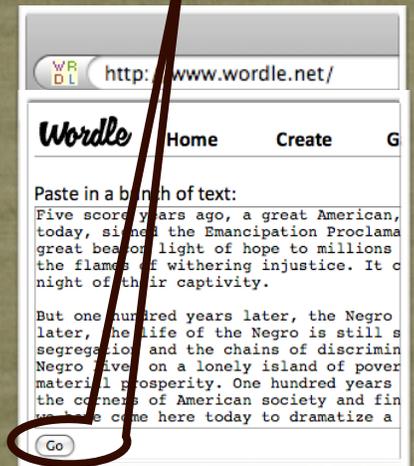


Tip #2:

To keep phrases together use a ~ (tilde) between words such as "21st~Century~Skills"

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Click the **GO** button at the bottom of the rectangle to create a "Word Cloud" from the text in the rectangle.



Tip #3:

It works best to type the words in a document & copy and paste them into Wordle.

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After a few seconds a “Word Cloud” of the writing will appear. Click the **LANGUAGE** button to add common words or numbers.

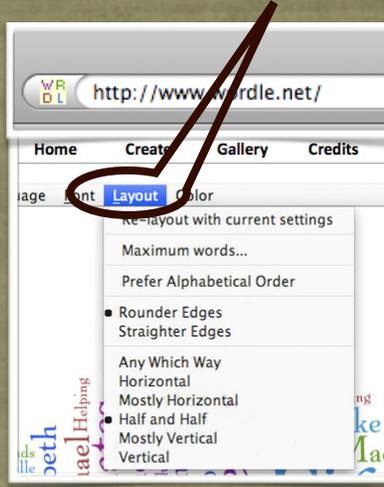


Tip #4:

Click on the “Advanced Button” to learn how to control colors, size, and other great tips.

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At this point, users can select the **LAYOUT** button and change the word cloud shape to be more horizontal, more vertical, rounder, etc.

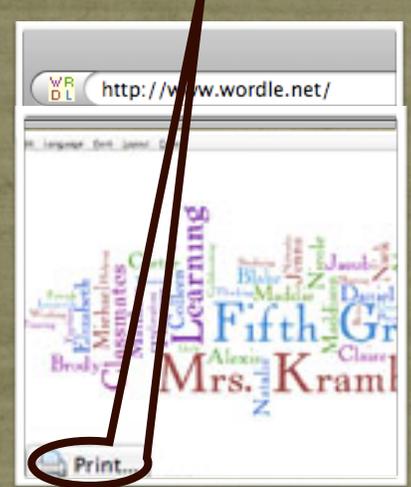


Tip #5:

Read the entries under the FAQ button. Did you know that right clicking a word will remove it from a word cloud?

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COLORS & FONTS can also be changed with their respective buttons. Click the **PRINT** button to print the word cloud.



Tip #6:

Use a screen capture tool or save the image as a .pdf to retain a copy for use later.

How are teachers using Wordle?

1. Auto-summarization tool for a passage of text that visually represents main ideas.
2. Visual thesaurus for commonly used words (see at right)
3. Class brainstorming tool
4. Visual representation tool for student writing
5. Create a graphic of a literary character using adjectives & character traits

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