

A selection of Word Cloud Generators for Students, Teachers & Parents

Wordle – (<http://www.wordle.net>) The king of word cloud generators generating awesome results with full editing capabilities. Check out the advanced tools for even more capabilities. Want to put words together so they stay together in the cloud, **then** just put a (~) in between – Example (**Home~Town**). To have students avoid forums and galleries **that may not be appropriate** be sure to link them using URL: → (<http://www.wordle.net/create>).

ABC Ya - (http://www.abcya.com/word_clouds.htm) An application may be the most Wordle like and, operates much like Wordle. It creates final results that allow for font change, color change, and a randomized layout. It does not seem to provide the function on word frequency, important to older users. Save options are in jpeg format and there are print options. If you are used to Wordle this application may be an good alternative. **No email or log in.**

Tagxedo - (<http://www.tagxedo.com/>) I often get emails from people who wish to have their site reviewed. I always take the time to check out these inquiries and pass on worthy findings to you. Some of the features pointed out to me include; highly interactive (no server round-trip), fast cloud generation time, custom shapes and themes, powerful layout engine for lots of fun.

Tagul - (<http://tagul.com/>) – Tagul has some features that Wordle doesn't, like custom shapes selection and multiple fonts usage in one cloud. It also allows for the use of tagged words that can act as pointers to URL's if embedded in a web page. It abounds in options but registration may limit classroom use. **Requires a log in with email UN&PW.**

Word It Out (<http://worditout.com/>) – Much like Wordle, it creates word clouds out of any text that you paste into the text box. This application allows the word cloud to be customized by size, font, and color scheme with options.. Word It Out allows the user to ignore certain words and thus keeps them out of the word cloud. Can be used without a login, although saving option requires an email. By pass this option by **Rt. Tap** to save as jpeg or **SS /PS**.

Tag Crowd (<http://tagcrowd.com/>) – While it does not give the color, unique style, or layout variation of Wordle, it does allow one to see frequency of words. It also allows a file to be uploaded or a URL address to be used. The word cloud creations can be saved as a PDF files or printed from a full print menu. **No login or email is required**

Make Word Mosaic – (http://www.imagechef.com/ic/word_mosaic/) – A creative tool put out by Image Chef. This is one tool in their suite of tools to be used for people who like to create tag clouds. **Caution using this site: Don't click any [Download]!** Go to top of site & **Tap** on **Create** then other options later. This site has some interesting features **but again Do Not Click or Tap on any [Download]!** Please if you want to use this site then try this **suggestion at top: Create => Flower Text!**

VocabGrabber – (<http://www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber/>) – Another creative tool which also allow students to analyze a group of words like Wordsift (**below**) . While it lacks flashy pictures and clouds Wordle, it can create and has content with creating lessons that can be used to really understand a word passage. Students need this activity to do more than just Wordle!

Word Clouds – (<http://www.wordclouds.com/>) This generator allowing pasting in of text for various sources by using the provided Wizard.. The effects are remarkable **since** the results can be downloaded. It also provides an HTML tag cloud which is an added features for those knowing HTML tags. It supplies a **Typography Tool** too. **Don't click any [Download]!**

Wordsift - (<http://www.wordsift.com/>) – This hidden gem has several great features allowing students to **analyze a word cloud**. One unique feature allows **words to be listed** by how common or rare they are. Allows for words to be **listed in alphabetical order**. Wordsift allows user to click on words to view in a visual thesaurus with dictionary, google images. It even allows the user to view words by subject area and cross curricular areas by unique color coding and definitions relating to specific disciplines. Watch [video lesson](#) **No login or email required.** ([Tap to see many Wordle – Google Images!](#))