

A picture is worth a thousand words... A thousand words can tell a story...

Using words as a visual give a different impression than text alone. Visuals can allow us to “see” a concept or, a relationship that text alone might not make apparent. It can tell a visual story of words, keywords, thoughts, text, and data or create a summary.

A relatively new tool, called Wordle, is allowing anyone, without registering to create so called Word Clouds by entering keywords. Create your own Word Cloud with or for your students at <http://www.wordle.net>



Wordle is a toy for generating “word clouds” from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share with your friends.

Create your own.

View the latest created by others...



Allow keywords to tell a story:

- Create a visual of a concept
- Make a summary
- Collaboratively work on a word cloud as a group
- Write a poem
- Spelling words
- Showcase characteristics of a protagonist in a book
- Lyrics of a song
- Essay

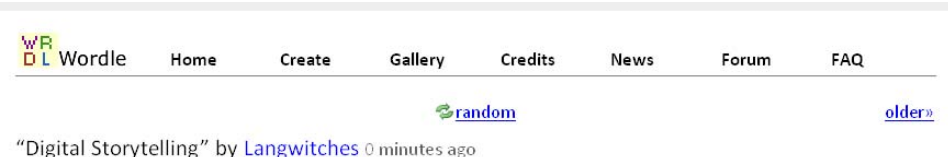
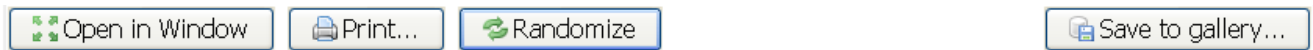


Once you have created a Word Cloud, you have different choices of how to save your creation.

- Print – print to paper or print to .PDF file
- Take a screenshot- Open in Window, then use Print Screen button on your keyboard or screencasting software, such as Jing, Camtasia, Snag it
- Save to gallery – give your creation a title and description

Once you cloud is saved to the gallery, two new choices will be available:

- Save to Del.icio.us account – tag with wordle and other descriptive words.
- Copy code to create a link on your blog or website.



"Digital Storytelling" by [Langwitches](#) 0 minutes ago

open word cloud in new window and take a screenshot to save as .JPG or .PNG

print word cloud out or print to .PDF

save link to word cloud to your del.icio.us account

Paste this code into your blog or home page to link to this Wordle:

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<a href="http://wordle.net/gallery/wrd1/91406/Digital_Storytelling"
title="Wordle: Digital Storytelling"></a>
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highlight this code, copy (CTRL-C) then paste (CTRL-V) into your blog or website to create a direct link to your word cloud

Brainstorm

- Enter Keywords

Edit

- Change Font Style
- Change Layout
- Change Color Scheme

Wordle

Export

- Embed Code to link to Word Cloud into your website or blog
- Print
- Take a Screenshot
- Save as .PDF file

