

## Create a word cloud using Wordle

<b>Snapshot</b>	Use Wordle to interrogate and deconstruct texts.
<b>Explanation</b>	<p>Wordle is a Web 2.0 tool that generates 'word clouds' with text that the user provides. The more frequently a word is used in the text, the more prominent it appears in the word cloud. Once generated, the word cloud can be customised and individualised with different fonts, colour schemes and layouts. The word clouds can be printed out or saved as a jpeg file.</p> <p>How you can use Wordle to enhance learning and teaching experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy – Wordle can be used to display a range of words that students then select as either nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns and more. The text use could be from a novel, news article, sentence and even the students' own work.</li> <li>• Wordle is an effective way of displaying key words or topics at the beginning of a unit to establish students' prior knowledge and understandings.</li> <li>• Wordle can be used for students to write and display information about a range of topics. For example: a word cloud displaying the students' own hobbies, interests and characteristics.</li> <li>• Use Wordle when discussing current affairs by placing the text from a news article to display the most frequently used words. In this way, Wordle can invite discussions about the use of persuasive language to portray point of view.</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching tips</b>	<p>Whole-class lesson to introduce Wordle.</p> <p>Brainstorm ideas as a whole class about the use of Wordle in learning experiences and display them in a Wordle word cloud.</p> <p>Encourage students to evaluate their own work by adding the text from their writing or assessment pieces.</p> <p>The Wordle word clouds could be displayed on the classroom walls and used for revision of content learned in class.</p> <p>Students can easily access Wordle via their personal computer, and they should save and store the word clouds that they generate in a digital portfolio or folder on their device.</p>
<b>Images/media</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="411 1193 703 1357"> </div> <div data-bbox="1107 1193 1369 1357"> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div data-bbox="411 1368 1034 1397"> <p>A word cloud of Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1098 1368 1358 1397"> <p>A word cloud 'About Me'.</p> </div> </div>
<b>Links to Statements or Standards etc.</b>	<p>Year 3 Creating with ICT – Students have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explore different ICT to represent imaginative ideas and responses to problems</li> <li>• experience ICT as a creative learning tool.</li> </ul> <p>Year 5 Creating with ICT – Students have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use ICT as a tool to represent creative thinking and ideas</li> <li>• make simple plans to use ICT to create solutions for learning</li> <li>• reflect on the use of ICT and explain strategies for innovative use of ICT</li> <li>• evaluate ICT solutions based on the choice of ICT, the extent to which the required features work to meet the purpose, and then make modifications, where appropriate</li> <li>• recognise ICT as a creative tool for recording their planning, thinking and learning.</li> </ul> <p>Year 5 Communicating with ICT – Students have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use different digital media to improve the communication of ideas.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting software</b>	<p><a href="http://www.microsoft.com.au/partnersinlearning">http://www.microsoft.com.au/partnersinlearning</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.microsoft.com/australia/education">http://www.microsoft.com/australia/education</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.wordle.net/">http://www.wordle.net/</a></p>