

# Technology in the Classroom - Wordle

## www.wordle.net

Wordle is an online tool that allows you to make word clouds from text. There are tons of ways to use Wordle in the classroom!

#### **Getting Started is Easy!**

Visit www.wordle.net to get started. Visit the Gallery to view other Wordle clouds or click Create to get started. Enter text in the box and click Go.

You can compose your own list of words or copy and paste text from a story.

- The size of the word in the cloud depends on how many times the word appears in the text box. To make a word appear **LARGER**, type it **MORE** times in the text box.
- Use a tilde symbol ~ to keep two words together in the cloud. Otherwise, the two
  words will be scattered apart in the cloud. Example: solar~system
- Before clicking Go, copy your text just in case you want to "go back" to make changes to your word cloud.
- Once the word cloud is created, you CANNOT add more words, but you CAN right click on a word to REMOVE it. You create a new cloud and re-paste and revise the text to edit the cloud.



- You can make modifications to your created word cloud by changing the language, font, layout, or color. Click Edit to undo any of those changes.
- Click **Print** on the bottom to print your word cloud. Press the **Print Screen** key on your keyboard to copy a picture of your word cloud, which you can paste into any document.

### Some Ways to Use Wordle in the Classroom

"All About Me" cloud (have students list their strengths/weaknesses, likes/dislikes, etc.) • Book Character Description • "Wordle Walk" (similar to a word wall or vocabulary walk for a book) • Learning Poster (students list what they've learned this week/month/semester) • Projects (e.g. Solar System)

#### SAMPLE ONE:

From a short story "The Boy Who Became a Bird." The entire story was copied into Wordle to create the following word cloud. Ask students to draw inferences about the story based on what they see.



#### SAMPLE TWO:

Students or teacher can create a word cloud with important vocabulary terms that they've learned or will learn for a Solar System project.

