

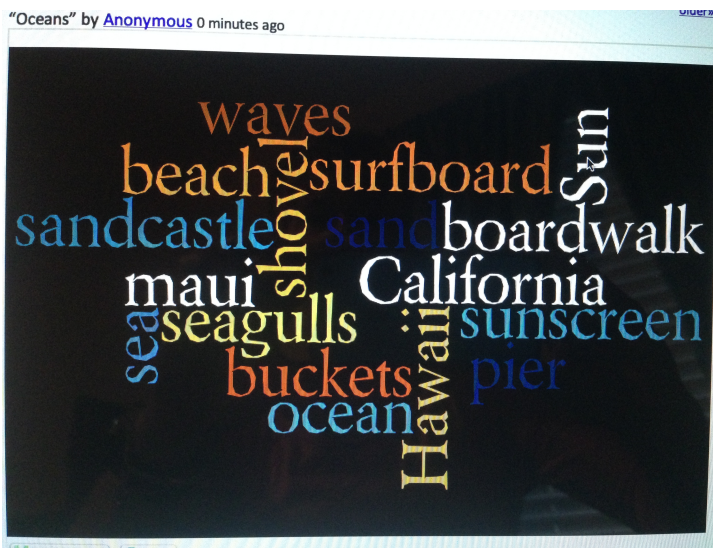
Tip Sheet: Creating a Wordle

You can create “word clouds” by using www.wordle.net. This is a fun activity for students of all ages and can be used as a time filler exercise or as an extension to a lesson. *Wordles* add a little flair to newsletters as well. To create a *Wordle*, your computer must have the most recent Java software installed. To begin:

1. Open a blank Word document and type in words or phrases about a specific topic or subject, then save your work to the desktop or a zip drive.
2. Next, go to the Internet and type www.wordle.net into the address bar.
3. Once the *Wordle* webpage appears, you have two “create” words to click on and create your *Wordle*. You can click on the “create” on the bar at the top of the page or the purple hyperlink “create.” Click either one.
4. You are now on you’re way to creating a *Wordle*. The current page allows you paste text from another source, such as a Word document or the Internet, right into the box at the top of the screen. Once this information is pasted, click “go.”
5. *Wordle* may take a few seconds, as it is generating the information you pasted and trying to form a “word cloud.”
6. Your “word cloud” will appear on the next screen. From here, you have the option to edit your *Wordle*, to include changing font, colors, and layout. Also from this screen, you have the ability to save your work or print it out.

**Remember that if you share your *Wordle* with others, it is on the World Wide Web for everyone to view, so be sensitive to the information you use in your *Wordle*. Do not use private information, such as names, addresses, emails, or phone numbers.

7. Have fun creating your *Wordle* “word clouds.”



Wordle about “Oceans”