

Wordle

www.wordle.net

Create word clouds with ease

what is it?

Wordle, according to its website, is "a toy for generating 'word clouds' from text you provide." This simple to use application enables users to visually depict a cloud of words with its association.

educational use?

There are a number of educational uses of wordle ranging from visually displaying data from a research project to having students brainstorm to adding exciting diagrams like text-based concept maps to your online course or PowerPoint presentations. But if you want to read about some exciting uses of Wordle, check out Joni Dunlap's chapter on Wordle in 2009 CU Online Handbook:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/CUOnline/FacultyResources/additionalResources/Handbook/Documents/Chapter_10.pdf

pros & cons?

Wordle is free and easy to use. Perhaps the only drawbacks to wordle are limitations with saving, editing, and sharing Wordle word clouds. Another drawback could be the overuse of word clouds could begin to bore students overtime.

what's it cost?

Free to use.

alternatives?

WordItOut (<http://worditout.com>) and Tagul (<http://tagul.com>) are two alternatives to Wordle.

resources?

Wordle Tutorial

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhL5D9nz5aI>