

Create Your Own Word Wall Cards



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Create Your Own Word Wall Cards includes a set of **13** editable PowerPoint templates and directions that will make it easy for you to create your own word wall cards. After choosing a border design from 6 different options, you can add your own words, change the background, and customize the font. These templates do not include images or definitions, but it's possible to add them if you wish. To get the most out of this product, it's best if you've had prior experience with PowerPoint. I have included basic editing directions, and if you need more help, you can find excellent PowerPoint tutorials online. Ready to create your own word wall cards? Let's get started!

Step-by-Step Directions

1. Choose Your Border

First, if you would like your cards to have a border, decide which border style you like best from the six options on pages 4 and 5. The template images include examples of 8 different fonts so you can see how each font would appear with a particular border. The thumbnail images also show each as it would appear in black and white or with a colored background, but the fonts and backgrounds shown can be changed. For now, open the Editable Templates folder, and select the PowerPoint template of your choice.



Next, save the template with a descriptive name, like "Math Word Wall Cards." Doing so will prevent you from accidentally overwriting the original file. However, if you do happen to overwrite the template file, you can always download it again from TpT.

2. Customize the Font

The phrase "Insert Word" on each template is in Georgia or Comic Sans, two fonts that are installed on just about any PC or Mac. If you like the font on your template, move to step 3.

If you want to change the font, do that now. Just highlight "Insert Word" on each card, and change the font to the one you prefer to use instead.



If you're not sure which font to use, try one of the suggested fonts shown on pages 6 to 9. These fonts are easy to read, and they are free for personal and classroom use. You should already have Fonts A and B installed on your computer. Fonts C through H were created by Kimberly Geswein and they can be found in her TpT store or on DaFont.com. Click the purple arrow next to each font name to hop to that page online, then download the font file and install it. You might have to exit out of PowerPoint and open the file again to see the font appear in the font menu. Don't forget to save the file before you exit the program!

After installing the new font, highlight the words on each card and change the font style and size as needed. You may need to move the entire text box up or down to ensure that the words are centered on the card. However, you will NOT be able to resize or move the borders because they are grouped together as one image file.

3. Change the Background Color or Image

If you're using the black and white template, skip to step 4. To change the background, click on the words "Format Background" in the PowerPoint design menu. Then experiment with the Fill options to change the background color or to insert an image. If you don't have a suitable image, do a quick Google search for "digital background papers" and you'll find a variety of styles and colors. I purchased digital papers for these templates from TpT; you can find links to those stores at the end of this PDF.

4. Add Your Own Words

Hopefully you already have your list of words handy. If not, look for a vocabulary list in your course curriculum guide or the teachers' edition of your textbook. You can also find hundreds of suitable word lists online Before entering any words, duplicate the slide you customized as many times as needed to create enough cards for all the words on your list. When you're ready to add your own words, replace "Insert Word" on each card with the words you've selected, and adjust the font size and spacing if needed. Be sure to save your work when you finish!

5. Print and Laminate

Start by printing just ONE page of cards to see how the borders, fonts, and colors look. You almost always have to tweak something about the print settings to make the cards print properly. Sometimes you'll need to enable "Borderless" printing to ensure that background colors print to the edge of the page. If you have problems, you might try converting the file to PDF format and then printing the PDF. If possible, laminate the word wall cards before using.

8 Font Samples (Pages 6 - 9)





Squiggle Dot Border Templates



Rounded Rectangle Border Templates







Font D - KG Corner of the Sky

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Font F - KG Primary Penmanship

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Font G - KG Second Chances

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Font H - KG Beyond These Hazel Eyes

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