

# Create a Character Word Cloud

## What's a Word Cloud?

A word cloud is an artistic arrangement of words of different sizes. The size of each word is related to the number of times it appears in the text used to create the word cloud. Frequent words appear larger than words that are not used as frequently. See the examples on right.



## Part 1 - Complete Character Rating Scale

1. Choose a character for your Character Word Cloud. It could be a fictional character from a book, a historical figure, or even yourself! Write your character's name on the line at the top of the Character Rating Scale.
2. List any 8 character traits below the name of the character. Be sure to choose a variety of traits - some that describe the character very well and some that do not describe the character very well.
3. Rate each character trait from 1 to 10 depending on how well it describes the character. (1 = lowest and 10 = highest) Hint: This activity works best if the scores range between 4 and 10.

## Part 2 - Create Character Word Cloud

1. Use your scores on the rating scale to create a Character Word Cloud for the character. Open a word processing document and type the first character trait. Then copy and paste that word over and over the number of times equal to its score. For example, if you wrote "persistent" and gave it a score of 9, copy and paste the word "persistent" over 9 times. Do the same for the remaining character traits. You'll end up with one long list of words.
2. Visit a word cloud website such as [Wordle.net](http://Wordle.net), [ABCya.com](http://ABCya.com), or [Tagxedo.com](http://Tagxedo.com). Look for the "create" or the "word cloud" link and click it to get started creating your own.
3. Copy and paste your list of words into the text area and check to be sure there are no spelling errors. Click Submit.
4. Play with the color, font, and layout options until the words are arranged in a pleasing manner.
5. Check with your teacher before printing your word cloud.
6. If you want to save the word cloud as an image to use later, look for the Save option. If you can't find one, you may need to ask your teacher how to capture it with a screen shot and save it as an image.

# Character Clouds

Write the name of a character at the top of the character rating scale box. Then list any 8 character traits on the line below their name. Rate each trait from 1 (low) to 10 (high) according to how well it describes the character.

absent-minded  
adventurous  
ambitious  
argumentative  
belligerent  
bold  
bossy  
brave  
busy  
carefree  
caring  
careless  
cautious  
cheerful  
clumsy  
conceited  
confident  
considerate  
cooperative  
courageous  
cranky  
creative  
curious  
dainty  
daring  
dedicated  
defiant  
demanding  
determined  
devious  
disagreeable  
dreamer  
energetic

fighter  
friendly  
fun-loving  
generous  
gentle  
gullible  
handsome  
happy  
hard-working  
helpful  
honest  
humble  
humorous  
imaginative  
impatient  
independent  
intelligent  
inventive  
joyful  
lazy  
leader  
logical  
lovable  
loving  
loyal  
messy  
methodical  
mischievous  
obedient  
observant  
outgoing  
optimistic  
patient

## Character Rating Scale

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

patriotic  
persistent  
pessimistic  
polite  
proud  
quiet  
reckless  
resourceful  
respectful  
rude  
selfish  
serious  
shy  
sly  
stubborn  
studious  
successful  
suspicious  
thoughtful  
timid  
unruly  
unselfish  
witty