

## Word Cloud step by step using Word It Out

Go to <u>www.worditout.com</u> and click Create



What's a word cloud? An attractive arrangement of randomly positioned words, where the most important words are bigger than the others.



Mostly for fun! ...and now you can print them automatically onto items: a great idea for making custom gifts! Plus they are fantastic at summarising large documents (reports, speeches, questionnaires, etc), teaching kids and more...



• Now copy and paste your text into the Original text box





• Click on the left-hand menu options of **Font**, **Colour, Layout** and **Size** to change the design of your word cloud. (*Tip*: Uncheck the Random on Regenerate option for Fonts)

• Then click on **Regenerate** for your choices to be applied.

• Click on **Original source** to go back to the initial screen where you can select **Settings** and make changes to how words are included in your Word Cloud as follows:

Settings 🗢	S Examples		
Minimum number of letters in a word		2	
Filtered words			
a also am an and are aren't as at be been but by can can't cannot could couldn't did didn't do			
Separate by a space or a ne Filtered punctuation chara	w line. Replace with default.		
1	()*+,/:;<=>?@[\]^_`{ };¢£¤	-	
Each will be removed from t Replace with default.	he beginning or end of any word.		
Replace with a space			
~_			
Each character is replaced to together.	by a non-breaking space, keeping w	ords	

• Here you can change the number of letters in a word (this is 2 by default)

• You can add to or change the **Filtered** words that are automatically discounted

• You can amend the punctuation characters that are automatically discounted too

• And specify that where a certain character is used e.g. hyphen – this will be replaced by a space (useful if you want to include phrases in your Word Cloud)

See our example Word Cloud using the text you've been provided with:



- Now select the Word list option in the left-hand menu.
- You can make changes to the number of times a word appears in your text in order for it to appear in your Word Cloud.

Total number of words	25	Display on word cloud
134 were filtered from the original source.		Display (set by user)
Minimum frequency	2	Do not display
Only display words found at least this often.		Do not display (set by user)
The highest frequency is 8.		Current word
Letter case	lowercase 🗢	Recently modified word
25 match the filtering criteria.		
access many social health support unab	le digital advice local covid	more during lack friends
prevents internet services family govern	ment being main pandemic	elderly employment difficult

- Changing the above to 2, now reduces the number of words appearing from 100 to 25, which will now display a Word Cloud as below:
- Remember to click on 'Regenerate' to see your changes made in the Word Cloud.





- You might now want to go back and e.g. remove the words 'being', 'main', and maybe others from the list?
- Word it out allows you to download the Word Cloud you create as an image file. Alternatively use the Snipping Tool (Windows) to take screenshots to paste into reports or presentations or save as images. (hold down the Windows, Shift + S keys)
- Word It Out also provides you with an Embed Code to add the Word Cloud to your website.