

HOW TO MAKE A WORD FIND

Creating your own Word Find or Word Search puzzle can be a puzzle in itself. How do you build one from scratch? Follow the steps here, create a puzzle to share with your friends and family.



1 Decide on the theme of your word search.

Picking a theme for your word search can be lots of fun. The words need to relate to each other ie names of book characters, names of countries, names of cars, names of Gaming characters, or names of animals. I'm sure you can think of a topic that appeals to you.

2 Select your words.

Choose 10-20 words that all relate to your theme or topic. Write them in a list.



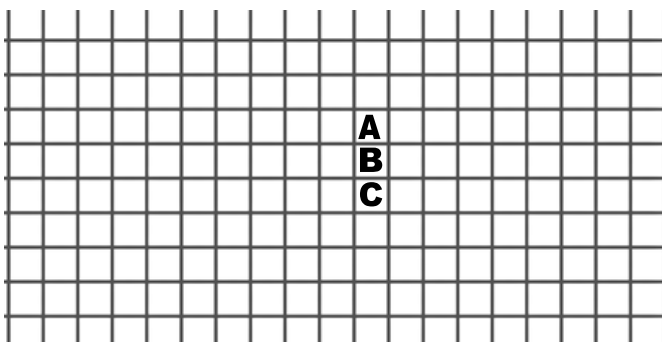
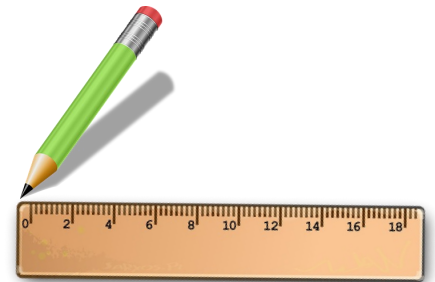
3 Check your spelling.



It can be confusing for someone doing the word find/word search if the words in your puzzle are misspelled.

4 Draw a grid.

Decide how big your word find/word search will be. Draw a grid of squares using a ruler. It can be any size you like: 10 squares x 10 squares, 10 squares x 20 squares.



Each square will contain a letter. Use a ruler to draw your lines and make sure the lines are straight.

To make it easier, you might like each box to be bigger, so make your lines further apart.

Remember someone else will be searching for these words, so make sure they can be seen clearly.

5 Fill in the Grid.

Write out your list of words next to your grid. You will need to fit these words into the grid. One letter from each word goes into one box.

You can write them backward, forward, diagonally, and vertically. For example, my theme might be animals. My example below will be small, so I am only using 4 words. Your word find/search can have up to 20 words! I will include the following words:

Cat			C	A	T			T					
Dog	H	T	O	L	S			R		D			
Turtle								T		O			
Sloth								L			G		
								E					



Once you have put in all your words, you will need to fill in the blank squares with other letters and fill up the whole grid. This will take time, so be patient!

F	T	S	C	A	T	Q	M	Y	T	A	D	S	A	T	L
O	M	G	A	X	M	F	K	G	U	J	K	A	X	U	B
H	T	O	L	S	Q	E	A	R	R	G	O	D	E	E	S
B	A	D	G	J	F	P	U	E	T	T	R	K	O	F	H
B	O	E	J	R	O	R	B	C	L	O	D	U	S	G	O
C	T	S	K	S	L	M	U	H	E	Y	L	A	O	K	R



6 Present the finished word search/word find to someone else and see if they can find your words.

F	T	S	C	A	T	Q	M	Y	T	A	D	S	A	T	L
O	M	G	A	X	M	F	K	G	U	J	K	A	X	U	B
H	T	O	L	S	Q	E	A	R	R	G	O	D	E	E	S
B	A	D	G	J	F	P	U	E	T	T	R	K	O	F	H
B	O	E	J	R	O	R	B	C	L	O	D	U	S	G	O
C	T	S	K	S	L	M	U	H	E	Y	L	A	O	K	R

- Cat ✓
- Dog ✓
- Turtle ✓
- Sloth ✓

How many different word find/word searches can you create?