



All About Me Cloud and Class Cloud

Learn:

Student leaders can effectively speak and listen.

Objective:

Students will be able to create a personalized word cloud and contribute to a collaborative class word cloud. Students will be able to identify similarities and predict trends.

Materials:

Access to computers; Wordsalad or another [word cloud generator](#); Edmodo, or class blog (extended learning).

Steps:

- Have students brainstorm a list of words including their interests, future goals, and personality characteristics.
- Direct them to the Wordsalad app. This tool generates a “word cloud” from text that students provide. Students will edit the shape, the direction of the words, and the colors to personalize their word clouds.
- To start, students will click the plus sign in the corner and begin building their cloud. Students will enter words and click start. Next, students can edit the format. Students can export their images to save or share.
- Next, ask students to generate a list of words to describe the class as a group. Tell them to get creative. Have them define the goals, attributes, and personality of your class. Everyone should contribute to a list.
- Then create a class word cloud using all the students’ input. One student can be the scribe for the class.
- Before printing or posting the word cloud, have students predict what the common trends in this word cloud will be. The trending words will appear larger in the word cloud.

Personal Reflection:

Have students choose three words in their personal word clouds and reflect on why they picked these words.

- Ask: What do these words mean to you? Suggest that in their explanation, they include links to relevant websites for classmates to learn more about their interests, values, or personal characteristics. Share this on a class Edmodo page, social media page, or class blog.



Source: Created using Wordsalad.

Group Discussion:

Why is it important to acknowledge and embrace both similarities and differences?

Extended Learning:

Option 1: Have students post their word clouds to Edmodo, a class blog, or class Twitter account.

Option 2: Have students help you create a bulletin board in your classroom displaying the word clouds.

Notes:
