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World's Greatest Word Game



A super silly way to fill in the _____ !

PLURAL NOUN

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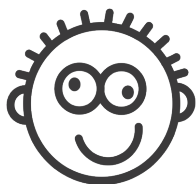
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INSTRUCTIONS

MAD LIBS® is a game for people who don't like games! It can be played by one, two, three, four, or forty.

• RIDICULOUSLY SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

In this tablet you will find stories containing blank spaces where words are left out. One player, the READER, selects one of these stories. The READER does not tell anyone what the story is about. Instead, he/she asks the other players, the WRITERS, to give him/her words. These words are used to fill in the blank spaces in the story.

• TO PLAY

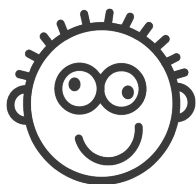
The READER asks each WRITER in turn to call out a word—an adjective or a noun or whatever the space calls for—and uses them to fill in the blank spaces in the story. The result is a MAD LIBS® game.

When the READER then reads the completed MAD LIBS® game to the other players, they will discover that they have written a story that is fantastic, screamingly funny, shocking, silly, crazy, or just plain dumb—depending upon which words each WRITER called out.

• EXAMPLE (*Before and After*)

“ _____ !” he said _____
EXCLAMATION ADVERB
as he jumped into his convertible _____ and
NOUN
drove off with his _____ wife.
ADJECTIVE

“ **OUCH** !” he said **HAPPILY**
EXCLAMATION ADVERB
as he jumped into his convertible **CAT** and
NOUN
drove off with his **BRAVE** wife.
ADJECTIVE



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QUICK REVIEW

In case you have forgotten what adjectives, adverbs, nouns, and verbs are, here is a quick review:

An **ADJECTIVE** describes something or somebody. *Lumpy, soft, ugly, messy, and short* are adjectives.

An **ADVERB** tells how something is done. It modifies a verb and usually ends in “ly.” *Modestly, stupidly, greedily, and carefully* are adverbs.

A **NOUN** is the name of a person, place, or thing. *Sidewalk, umbrella, bridle, bathtub, and nose* are nouns.

A **VERB** is an action word. *Run, pitch, jump, and swim* are verbs. Put the verbs in past tense if the directions say **PAST TENSE**. *Ran, pitched, jumped, and swam* are verbs in the past tense.

When we ask for **A PLACE**, we mean any sort of place: a country or city (*Spain, Cleveland*) or a room (*bathroom, kitchen*).

An **EXCLAMATION** or **SILLY WORD** is any sort of funny sound, gasp, grunt, or outcry, like *Wow!, Ouch!, Whomp!, Ick!, and Gadzooks!*

When we ask for specific words, like a **NUMBER**, a **COLOR**, an **ANIMAL**, or a **PART OF THE BODY**, we mean a word that is one of those things, like *seven, blue, horse, or head*.

When we ask for a **PLURAL**, it means more than one. For example, *cat* pluralized is *cats*.

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A TRIP TO THE LIBRARY

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NUMBER _____

VERB _____

SOMETHING ALIVE _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

ANIMAL (PLURAL) _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VEHICLE (PLURAL) _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

EXCLAMATION _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _____

A PLACE _____

VERB _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

CELEBRITY _____



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A TRIP TO THE LIBRARY

I just finished reading my book about _____
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
and that means it's time to head to the library! Where else can you
find _____ amazing books all in one place? When those
NUMBER
doors _____ open like a giant _____, it's so fun to
VERB SOMETHING ALIVE
see the art that is _____ on the walls of the library. The
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
pictures of _____ always put a smile on my _____.
ANIMAL (PLURAL) PART OF THE BODY
First, I flip through a book about _____
ADJECTIVE VEHICLE (PLURAL)
that I'm _____ head over heels to read! Then I drop by
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
the resource desk to say " _____ " to my favorite librarian. I
EXCLAMATION
love getting free bookmarks with pictures of _____ on
PLURAL NOUN
them before I kick off my _____, get cozy in an
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL)
armchair, and pick which books I'll bring home to my _____.
A PLACE
Finally, I _____ to the bulletin board to see if any
VERB
famous _____ are coming to read their books in
OCCUPATION (PLURAL)
person. Then, I bump into _____ at the check-out desk. I
CELEBRITY
guess they love the library too!

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I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN

EXCLAMATION _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

PERSON YOU KNOW _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

TYPE OF FOOD (PLURAL) _____

VERB _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

VERB (PAST TENSE) _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING _____



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I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN

My librarian is the best! They always greet me with a big
“ _____ ” When I can't find the _____ I want,
EXCLAMATION NOUN
they are there to _____ me in the right direction. The other
VERB
day I was looking for a book about _____ but it was
OCCUPATION (PLURAL)
already checked out to _____. Fortunately, the librarian
PERSON YOU KNOW
started _____ for the book on their i- _____
VERB ENDING IN "ING" NOUN
and found me another copy. The librarian also has a/an
ADJECTIVE
_____ bowl on their desk filled with _____
TYPE OF FOOD (PLURAL)
that you can eat. And there is a wheel that you can _____
VERB
to win a/an _____. Sometimes the librarian even helps me
NOUN
with my craft projects and we make _____ .
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
Once my project got _____ to my _____ but
VERB (PAST TENSE) PART OF THE BODY
the librarian peeled it off for me. Another time, they helped me
sharpen my _____ so I could _____ my
NOUN VERB
homework. Librarians are like superheroes and should be wearing
a/an _____ .
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING

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MY LIBRARY CARD

A PLACE _____

NUMBER _____

SOMETHING ALIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

PERSON YOU KNOW _____

VERB ENDING IN "S" _____

NUMBER _____

TYPE OF BUILDING _____

VERB _____

ADVERB _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

TYPE OF CONTAINER _____

NOUN _____

ADVERB _____



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MY LIBRARY CARD

(The) _____ Public Library
A PLACE

_____ Street
NUMBER *SOMETHING ALIVE*

“Where _____ Minds Go to _____”
ADJECTIVE *VERB*

Reader: _____
PERSON YOU KNOW

Card _____ : May 1, 20- _____
VERB ENDING IN "S" *NUMBER*

_____ Rules:
TYPE OF BUILDING

_____ nicely to the librarian
VERB

Read and talk _____
ADVERB

Return _____ to the book _____
PLURAL NOUN *TYPE OF CONTAINER*

The above _____ is responsible for the use of this card.
NOUN

Report loss or theft of this card _____ !
ADVERB

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TOP TEN LIBRARY BOOKS

ADJECTIVE _____

CELEBRITY _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

TYPE OF FOOD _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING _____

ADJECTIVE _____

SOMETHING ALIVE _____

FIRST NAME _____

COLOR _____

ANIMAL _____

OCCUPATION _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

TYPE OF BUILDING _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _____



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TOP TEN LIBRARY BOOKS

Here's the top ten books in my local library:

1. *Where the _____ Things Are*
ADJECTIVE
2. _____ and the Sorcerer's _____
CELEBRITY NOUN
3. *James and the _____*
ADJECTIVE TYPE OF FOOD
4. *The Cat in the _____*
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING
5. *Diary of a Wimpy _____*
SOMETHING ALIVE
6. _____ of _____ Gables
FIRST NAME COLOR
7. *The _____, the _____ and the _____*
ANIMAL OCCUPATION NOUN
8. *To _____ a Mockingbird*
VERB
9. *Little _____ on the Prairie*
TYPE OF BUILDING
10. *Sisterhood of the _____*
VERB ENDING IN "ING" ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL)

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NEW BOOK TUESDAY

NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

NOUN _____

ANIMAL (PLURAL) _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING _____

FIRST NAME _____

SILLY WORD _____

SOMETHING ALIVE _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

VEHICLE _____

NUMBER _____

NOUN _____

COLOR _____

ANIMAL _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

NOUN _____



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NEW BOOK TUESDAY

It's New _____ Tuesday! And that means the hard-
_____ librarians down at your local library have lots
of brand-new books to check out! Come on down to pick up the
latest fantasy novel about _____-breathing three-headed
_____ and knights in shining _____ written by
Sir _____ himself! Or, if you prefer a mystery,
check out *The _____ and the Missing _____*!
This book has critics sitting on the edge of their _____!
And if science fiction is the genre that shoots your _____
into space . . . well, then we've got enough books for you to read for
the next _____ light-years! So come on down to the library
today at the corner of _____ Street and _____
_____ Avenue, where the first 100 _____ to
tag us on social media will also receive a free _____!

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GET LOST IN A BOOK

ANIMAL _____

A PLACE _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

ADJECTIVE _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

VERB _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

EXCLAMATION _____

ADVERB _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NUMBER _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

PLURAL NOUN _____



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GET LOST IN A BOOK

How do you know if you're a true book- _____ ? Well, would
you rather spend time at a library than at a theme _____ ?
Do you always bring a/an _____ with you whenever you
_____ out of your house? Are you on a/an _____
name basis with all the _____ at the library? Are you
always the first person in your book club to _____ a new
book? And do your _____ and family know not to bother
you when you're _____ ? Then, _____ , it
sounds like you're _____ a book lover. That means there's
nothing you'd rather do after school than find a/an _____
place in the library to read. And that you read over _____
books a year. You'd probably be able to read a book in the middle of a
_____ -ball game! Or even while sitting on a bed of
_____ !

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INSTAGRAM ONE-LINERS

VERB _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

NOUN _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

VERB _____



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INSTAGRAM ONE-LINERS

INSTAGRAM ONE-LINERS:

- I never met a library I didn't _____ !
VERB
- Every book is a/an _____ -turner for me!
NOUN
- Libraries are my _____ place!
ADJECTIVE
- You can't judge a book by its _____ !
NOUN
- I can _____ you like a book!
VERB
- I use every _____ in the book!
NOUN
- My _____ is always in a book!
PART OF THE BODY
- My librarian is my Best _____ Forever!
NOUN
- Don't _____ me, I'm reading!
VERB
- When in doubt, _____ to the library!
VERB

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