



Create A Word Collage Using Found Objects

# 1: Choose A Word

Your word must be at least 5 DIFFERENT characters. If you repeat a letter, it does not count toward your 5 characters.



# 2: Choose a Theme

Your letters should all be made of objects and items that go together. You should not have one letter made with sticks, another with kitchen spoons, and a third with tennis balls. Pick a theme that makes sense for your word.

Possible Themes or Items Include:

- Nature Objects
- Art Supplies
- Kitchen Utensils
- Toys / Collections
- Sports Equipment
- Other Hobby Items (Fishing? Camping?)





### 3: Take Photos

Your letter should be **LARGE** and **CENTERED** in your photo. If you are using a camera or smartphone, there may be grids to help you line your images up. If you are using a webcam on a laptop, tilt your screen down towards the objects and do your best to line up the letter on your screen!

#### Photo DOs:

- Take Picture From Directly Above
- Make Letter Fill the Space (without going off the edge)
- Take Photo in Good Lighting
- Try Different Things!



# ***Avoid:***

## **Far Away Photos:**

Your letter wants to be BIG! Make sure you move your camera closer or crop your final letter to take up more space.



## **Distracting Shadows:**

Move or rotate until you can take a shadow-free picture! Most of the time just standing on the other side helps.



## **Backgrounds that**

### **Blend:**

Make sure there is contrast between your items and your background (either in color or value)



## **Bad Angles:**

Take your photos from above, not at a strange angle or from the side.



## 4: Practice and Try Variations

-Even within your theme there are many ways to create each letter

-Consider the textures, colors, materials and backgrounds to increase variety.



## 5: Organize and Combine Your Letters

A google doc template has been provided for you with instructions.

- Consider how your letters look next to one another. My top example has three gray/brown background next to one another. The “A” might have looked better on a dark or bright background.
- Switch up backgrounds and materials. Try not to repeat materials, or at least put them on different backgrounds! My second example places light items on dark surfaces, and dark items on light surfaces. No surface is repeated.
- Make sure your images are consistent. If you filter one letter, they should all be filtered. My final example is clothing items that are all sepia toned.

**When you are done, submit!**

