

Being Creative Words

Given that language is such a powerful force in determining how we interpret the world around us, then it follows that the words we choose to describe situations shape our experience. Which words do you use that support you to 'be creative'? Which words do use often that don't?

To get you started thinking about this, here's a puzzle for you to find some creative words. On page 3 we offer a list of 'creative' words in various categories to further stimulate your thinking.

The Puzzle

There are 53 words hidden in the puzzle below. They may be written forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically, diagonally and some may overlap. There are also 18 letters that are not included in the creative words. When you find the remaining letters a simple statement about 'Being Creative' will be revealed.

Choose your challenge

As an extra challenge for you, reward yourself with 2 points for every word you are able to find **without** looking over the page at the list of words included in the puzzle. Your clue is: each of these words hints at Being Creative. Then when you have found as many words as you can, turn the page, and reward yourself with one point for every word on the list the you can find. Give yourself a bonus 25 points for deciphering the hidden message. The maximum score is 131. Any score over 90 is a stunning effort! The answer to the puzzle is on Page 3, no points for cheating!

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

List of Puzzle Words

The following 53 words are included in the word puzzle on the previous page.

act	idea	pool
art	imagination	rave
awe	jam	sage
being	jazz	seek
blunder	joke	sketch
boo boo	joker	speak
build	juggle	studio
buzz	learn	surprise
carnival	make	think
cook	map	uncertain
creative	metaphor	unknown
curious	milk	value
dance	mood	visionary
design	new	wish
dud	oops	wonder
energetic	ooze	yes
explore	plan	zulu
fascinate	play	

Be More Creative

Share this pdf file with your friends and work colleagues. Have a brainstorm to expand this list of Creative Words. Then play a 'creative word for the day' game by using that word as often as possible during your day. It will not only be fun to play the game, the results may surprise you! Find out which words stimulate your creativity the most.

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Some Creative Words

Moods and Emotions

The moods and emotional spaces we find ourselves in dictate our ability to be creative. Which of these moods support us in being creative? Which do not?

- awe
- energetic
- mood
- resignation
- uncertain
- curious
- fascinate
- play
- surprise
- wonder

Creative Actions

Whilst we are taking action constantly through our lives, a simple change in the label we choose to describe our actions can alter our perception of the task at hand. Do you have 'meetings' or 'jam sessions'? Do you write a 'to do' list or a 'wish' list?

- design
- jam
- make
- plan
- sketch
- think
- explore
- learn
- map
- seek
- speak
- wish

Creativity in different fields

In the many different 'creative' fields, there are lots of words that can be borrowed and used in different settings to alter our approach to the task at hand. Have you considered the 'art of ironing' or 'have you jazzed up some vegetables for dinner lately?'

- act
- build
- cook
- joke
- rave
- art
- dance
- jazz
- juggle
- rap

Phrases

There are lots of great creative phrases and colloquial expressions to spice up your creative love life. Consider these and make a list of the ones that you hear on your travels.

- cook (to cook up a storm)
- fresh (take a fresh look)
- ignite (ignite the spark)
- milk (milk an idea)
- pool (pool your thoughts)
- rampage (on a creative rampage)
- springs (springs to mind)
- midas (the midas touch)

Words that Sound Great

Some words just sound great and are fun to say!

- abracadabra
- buzz
- gobbledegook
- perplex
- verve
- bewilder
- dada
- ooze
- superduper
- zulu

When things go wrong

Whenever you take action in life you risk things going wrong. How you respond to things not going to plan is critical to your willingness to play again in the future. Instead of creating 'stuff ups' and 'disasters', here's some other ways to admit things went wrong.

- blunder
- bungle
- experience
- oops!
- boo boo
- dud
- learning
- weed

Roles

We play many roles in life and the title we apply to those roles provides a frame of reference for what behavior is permitted. For example, are you a 'manager' or a 'leader'?

- artist
- change agent
- go-to girl
- joker
- magician
- sage
- bright spark
- creative beacon
- go-to man
- leader
- playmaker
- visionary

Places

Like the roles we play, the places we play also come with social rules for acceptable behaviour. Consider, being 'at work' versus being in the 'studio'.

- ballpark
- carnival
- kitchen
- playground
- bazaar
- fun palace
- laboratory
- studio

General Words

The answer to the puzzle is "your words r (are) creative" Here's some general words associated with 'being creative'.

- being
- idea
- magic
- new
- value
- creative
- imagination
- metaphor
- unknown
- yes