Brooklyn Museum

MAD LIBS®

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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

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ADJECTIVE
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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CAN’T WAIT TO GO TO THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM

PLURAL NOUN __________________________
ADJECTIVE ____________________________
PLURAL NOUN __________________________
NUMBER ______________________________
A PLACE ______________________________
TYPE OF BUILDING _____________________
PART OF THE BODY _____________________
TYPE OF LIQUID _______________________
ANIMAL (PLURAL) ______________________
CELEBRITY ____________________________
VERB (PAST TENSE) _____________________
VERB __________________________________
NOUN __________________________________
OCCUPATION __________________________
VERB __________________________________
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _______
PLURAL NOUN __________________________
EXCLAMATION _________________________
I can’t wait to go see all the ___________ and ___________ works of art at the Brooklyn Museum! Inside the Museum’s many ___________ are over ___________ pieces from all over (the) ___________. It’s amazing they can fit it all inside one ___________. Any visit is truly a/an ___________-popping experience! The ___________ paintings are my favorite!
But I also like the arts and crafts that are shaped to look like ___________. Oh, and I love the ancient sculptures of ___________ that were ___________ out of solid pieces of marble. I guess I ___________ it all! Here’s a piece of ___________ for you from a museum ___________:
When you go to the Museum, arrive early so you can ___________ through all the exhibitions, and always remember to wear comfortable ___________. That way you can soak up all that culture without getting ___________ on your feet!

___________!
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I miss __________________ the Brooklyn Museum so much that I decided to create my very own museum right in my own __________________. After asking for permission from my ____________, I made some artistic sketches using some scrap ______________ and ______________ markers I had in my pencil ______________. Then, I used the cardboard ______________ and leftover ______________ we had in (the) ______________ to make modern sculptures. When I was done, they looked so ______________! I even ______________ a huge painting of a/an ______________ on the back of one of my ______________ posters! Sorry, ______________! But the art must go on! Once I was done, I invited everyone in my family, even ______________, up to my room to ______________ my museum. What they saw put a huge ______________ on their ______________. This proved once and for all that art really does bring ______________ together!
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MUSEUM TIME MACHINE

NOUN ____________________________
CITY ____________________________
COUNTRY _________________________
TYPE OF EVENT ___________________
VERB ENDING IN “ING” _____________
PLURAL NOUN _____________________
NOUN ____________________________
OCCUPATION _____________________
NOUN ____________________________
NUMBER __________________________
NOUN ____________________________
ADJECTIVE _________________________
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) ______
VERB ______________________________
ADJECTIVE _________________________
VERB ENDING IN “ING” _______________
I love going to the Brooklyn Museum because it’s like getting into a time ________ and traveling to a totally different place! When I’m there, I can see what life was like in ancient ________ or see artifacts from ________. I can feel like I’m attending a/an __________ in the Colosseum in Rome or __________ through the dense ________ of Africa, looking for a lost __________. I can even see what a/an __________ in Japan wore when they dressed up for __________ over ________ years ago! Where else can you do all that in one __________? And the ________ part is, at the end of the day I get to go home, put on my comfy ________ and ________ my family all about my ________ adventures! I’ve learned so much by __________ the Museum!
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