

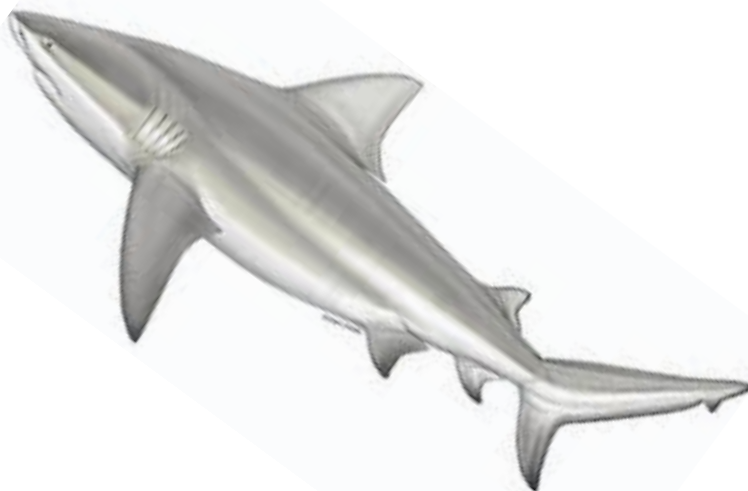
### 1. Bull Sharks

Bull sharks are the most dangerous sharks in the world, according to many experts. This is because they're an aggressive species of shark, and they tend to hunt in waters where people often swim: along tropical shorelines.

Bull sharks live throughout the world, in shallow, warm ocean waters. They've been known to swim up into freshwater rivers. Humans are not part of a bull shark's normal prey. Bull sharks will eat almost anything, but their diet consists mainly of fish. They also sometimes eat dolphins and sea turtles. Bull sharks even eat other sharks. They hunt during the day and at night.

Sharks must keep salt in their bodies to survive, and most can live only in salt water. But bull sharks have developed special adaptations—the way their kidneys function and special glands near their tails—that help them keep salt in their bodies even when they're in freshwater. Scientists are still studying these sharks to **figure out** why they developed this unusual ability.

[National Geographic Kids]



1. This text talks about:
  - a. animals that live in tropical waters
  - b. a specific type of shark
  - c. surviving in salt and freshwater
2. Bull sharks are the most dangerous because:
  - a. They can eat meat
  - b. They eat day and night
  - c. They hunt where people swim
3. Which word would best describe the phrase "figure out" in paragraph 3?
  - a. Explain
  - b. Disclose
  - c. Invent
4. Kidneys help bull sharks survive in freshwater by:
  - a. storing salt in their body
  - b. filtering the freshwater
  - c. producing a special gland near their tails

5. Write 2 facts you found interesting in this text:

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## 2. Peppers

Peppers are a warm-season crop. Red and green peppers are good sources of vitamin C, some vitamin A, and small amounts of several minerals. Red peppers have more vitamin A than green peppers do. Peppers are good raw or cooked. Eat them as a snack, use them to decorate food, or add them to salads and casseroles. You can also stuff peppers with seasoned bread crumbs or meat and bake them.

**Planting:** Peppers grow in all types of soils but do best in heavier, well-drained soils. Plant them in areas that receive at least 6 hours of sunlight each day. Peppers grow best in warm weather. Plant them only when all danger of cold weather has passed.

Because a few plants are enough to feed most families, it is best to buy pepper plants rather than grow them from seed. Buy healthy plants that are 4 to 6 inches tall (Fig. 1).

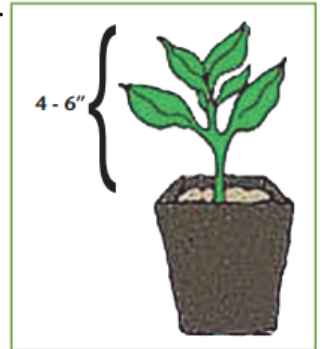


Figure 1. When buying pepper plants, choose those that are dark green and 4 to 6 inches (10-15cm) tall.

**Watering:** Water the plants enough to keep them from **wilting**. Slow, deep watering helps the root system grow strong. Do not let pepper plants wilt because this will reduce yield and quality of the fruit.

**Harvesting:** If you pick the peppers as they mature, the yields will be greater. The first peppers should be ready 8 to 10 weeks after transplanting. Pick bell peppers when they become shiny, firm, and dark green. If left on the plant, most peppers will turn red and are still good to eat.

**Storing:** Store peppers in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator or use other covered containers. Use them within 3 to 5 days after harvesting.

[Texas A&M AgriLife Extension]

1. Peppers usually grow in the summer:
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. Which type of peppers have more vitamin A:
  - a. Red
  - b. Green
3. It is best to plant pepper seeds
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. Pick the best synonym for the word "**wilting**" in the sentence: "*Water the plants enough to keep them from wilting*":
  - a. Flourishing
  - b. Dying
  - c. Flooding
5. The best time to harvest peppers is:
  - a. Only when they turn red
  - b. In 8 to 10 weeks after planting
  - c. When they are firm and dark green

### 3. Wordle

#### What is Wordle?

It's a once-a-day word game that went viral earlier this year. It can only be played on a website.

Wordle is simple: You have six chances to guess the day's secret five-letter word. Type in a word as a guess, and the game tells you which letters are or aren't in the word. The aim is to figure out the secret word with the fewest guesses.

#### What do the green and yellow squares mean?

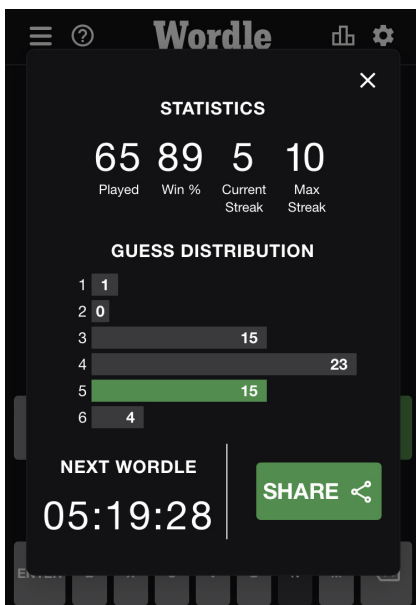
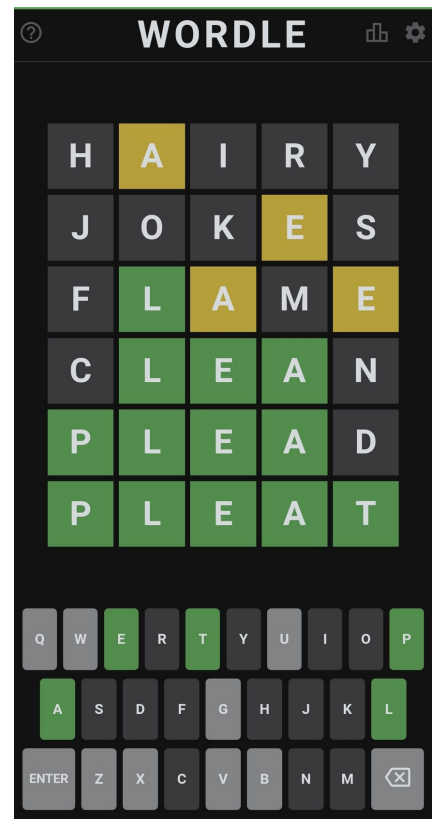
When you make a guess in the game, the letter tiles change colors to show how close you are to the secret word. If you guess "weary," and the "W" turns green, that means the secret word starts with a "W." If the "E" turns yellow, the letter is in the word but not in that spot. Any letters that aren't in the secret word turn gray.

#### How do I share my results?

After you finish a game, tap or click on the "share" button that pops up. You can then go to Twitter, Facebook or a messaging app and paste in your results to share.

#### How many people are playing?

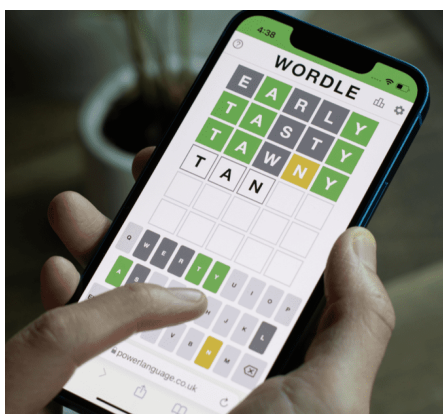
When the New York Times bought Wordle, it said millions play it, but didn't give an exact number. That's a big increase from Nov. 1, 2021, when 90 people played the game, according to Mr. Wardle. He said some 1.8 million people played it on Jan. 7.



#### Why is it just once a day?

The once-daily aspect also helped the game go viral. Since everyone in the world gets the same Wordle game at midnight in their time zone, it enables players to talk to each other about how they did and what guesses they made. "It becomes a shared experience," Mr. Wardle said.

[The Wall Street Journal, March 30, 2022]



1. The aim of the game is to:
  - a. Figure out the word within a day
  - b. Figure out the word with as few mistakes as possible
  - c. Figure out the word as efficiently as possible
2. If a letter is green, this means:
  - a. The letter exists in the word and is in the right position
  - b. The letter exists in the word but is not in the right position
  - c. The letter does not exist in the word
3. If a letter is yellow, this means:
  - a. The letter exists in the word and is in the right position
  - b. The letter exists in the word but that is not the right position
  - c. The letter does not exist in the word
4. Between November 2021 and January 2022, there was a steep increase in the number of users:
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. How many Wordle games can you play per day?
  - a. Unlimited
  - b. One
  - c. As many as your friends have played



CHAPTER I.

ALICE was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversations?"

So she was considering in her own mind, (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid,) whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a white rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"

1. Alice was getting bored and didn't even feel like getting up to pick daisies. **How do you feel** when you are bored? Can you **describe** a time you felt bored and what you ended up **doing**? [Minimum 60 words]

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2. "What is the use of a book without pictures or conversations?" thought Alice.

What is your favorite **genre of books**?

**Which books** do you enjoy reading more and **why**?

Don't forget to give **examples/titles**. [Minimum 60 words]

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