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Today's Wordle is rolling without the training wheels. Yep, that's a clue. But before we jump into more hints and the solution for the Saturday, May 17 puzzle, let's go over the basics of Wordle.Wordle is a word puzzle that gives players six chances to guess a five-letter word. Originally created by software engineer Josh Wardle and released to the public in 2021, the puzzle was acquired by The New York Times in 2022 after rising to huge popularity.Players can pick any "starter word" to begin the puzzle. From there, blocks will turn green when the right letter is in the right place, yellow when the right letter is in the wrong place and gray when the letter doesn't exist in the puzzle.The Times' Wordle editor Tracy Bennett told TODAY.com in a 2023 interview that she didn't think "any word is a bad choice." After analyzing 515 million games in 2023, the New York Times' Wordlebot recommended "trace" as a solid go-to starter word for any day.You can play Wordle for free, though to save your statistics and see deeper analysis, you'll need a New York Times Games subscription or a full New York Times subscription.Below are the clues and hints for today's Wordle answer. Plus, find the answer to puzzle #1428 at the bottom.What is a hint for today's Wordle answer?This word is an adjective.This word can describe plants, people and all things well past the sprouting or training-wheel stage.How many vowels are in today's Wordle answer?OneDoes today's Wordle answer have any repeating letters?NoWhat vowels are in today's Wordle answer?OWhat letter does today's Wordle answer start with?GWhat is the definition of today's Wordle answer?This word means "having completed its growth; fully developed; mature."What is today's Wordle answer?The solution to today's Wordle puzzle will appear under this image. Proceed with caution.Macy Sinreich / TODAY Illustrations"Grown" The definitions for the above word are from Webster's New World College Dictionary.Deanna James Page 2New York Times Games is a subscription service of The New York Times. Since the launch of The Crossword in 1942, The Times has captivated solvers by providing engaging word and logic games. In 2014, we introduced The Mini Crossword — followed by Spelling Bee, Letter Boxed, Tiles and Vertex. In early 2022, we proudly added Wordle to our collection. We strive to offer puzzles for all skill levels that everyone can enjoy playing every day. Subscribe now for full access.© 2025 The New York Times CompanyTerms of SalePrivacy PolicyLook. Your goal is to find out what word is hidden. By default, it consists of 5 letters, but on our site you can set the number of letters from 4 to 11. Then there are 6 lines, in each of which you can enter any existing word. By entering the first word, you are trying not so much to guess the word right away, but simply the first step in the game, where you can get hints about the word that was guessed. After entering your first word and pressing the Enter button, all the letters of your word will turn into one of three colors - gray, yellow and green. Depending on the color, you get information about which letters are in the hidden word and which are not there. Everything is pretty simple here. The letters that are gray in color - they are not in the hidden word, they can be excluded. The letters that will turn yellow - they are in the hidden word, but they are in a different place in the word. By the way, there is a possibility that there are more than one such letters in the word, because the letters may be repeated (or may not be repeated). But the main thing here is that they are definitely not where they are in the word that you entered. And finally green letters. Congratulations, these letters are in the hidden word and are located exactly in the place where they are in your word. Here, too, one should not forget that these letters may be in the hidden word in other places (or may not be). Then you enter the next word and the next, thus getting more and more information about the hidden word. Your task is to get enough information as quickly as possible to guess the hidden word. The fewer words you entered, the fewer attempts you made before guessing the word, the cooler you are! Both vocabulary and your ability to think logically are important here. Well, it's time to try! Page 2 Create your own game with our Wordle generator. With it, you can create a one-word game or an entire tournament with 1 to 10 words. Page 3 Create your own game with our Wordle generator. With it, you can create a one-word game or an entire tournament with 1 to 10 words. Page 4 Create your own game with our Wordle generator. 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There's certainly nothing wrong with a difficult Wordle challenge, but losing your precious victory streak is no fun. Never fear; this guide will show you the path to victory, no matter how close to or far from the Wordle solution you are. Every day, Wordle presents its legions of players with a deviously simple quandary: can you guess the right five-letter word within just six guesses? All you have to help you in finding the Wordle answer are the contextual clues you gain from each guess - but often, that's not enough. Wordle can be tricky, you see, and it's not unusual to look for a little bit of help if you want to preserve your year-long winstreak. In this guide we'll offer up a selection of Wordle hints to help you figure out today's solution for Saturday May 17. Scroll down a bit further and we'll also reveal today's Wordle answer for 17/5, and a definition of the word if you need it. Use our Wordle Solver tool to help you figure out the answer to any Wordle in moments! Just pop your current guesses in the grid and watch the tool instantly give you all the potential answers, Wordle hints: Clues for today's Wordle on 17/5 Every day we offer up a number of Wordle hints that you can use to help figure out the solution. So have a read of our clues below and see if you can figure it out before skipping ahead to the answer. What is the Wordle hint today? Think of other ways to describe an adult. What letter does today's Wordle begin with? Today's Wordle word begins with G. What letter does today's Wordle end with? Today's Wordle word ends with N. How many vowels are in today's Wordle? Today's Wordle word contains 1 vowel. Are there any double letters in today's Wordle? There are 5 unique letters in today's Wordle word. What's a good starting word for today's Wordle? If you type in the starting word "owner", then four letters will turn yellow. Still having some trouble finding today's Wordle solution? To preserve your win streak, scroll down to reveal today's Wordle answer, and a description of the word's meaning. Eight Great Wordle-likes Looking for an alternative to Wordle? Here are eight of our favourite Wordle-likes to add to your morning puzzle routine.Watch on YouTube What is today's Wordle answer on May 17? It's time to reveal the answer to today's Wordle for 17/5. The word is... GROWN. Congrats if you managed to correctly guess the Wordle answer today! What does the Wordle answer today mean? To be 'grown' means to be matured; if you're grown up, you're an adult. We often refer to a 'grown man' or 'grown woman' to emphasize the fact they aren't children anymore: "I didn't expect a grown man to cry because of that movie". 'Grown' is also used as a verb, usually when referring to cultivation. You can grow plants and say "here are the veggies I've grown myself". How to share your Wordle results without spoilers Use the built-in Wordle sharing feature to share your results without spoiling the answer! Wordle has a built-in method of sharing your results in a spoiler-free way, so that those you sent it to don't see today's Wordle word itself, only the colours in your grid to show how well you did. To share your Wordle results, simply complete (or lose) today's Wordle, and then wait a moment for the statistics panel to appear on your screen. Then tap the "SHARE" button. On PC this will simply copy the text into your clipboard, so you can then paste the text anywhere you wish, whether it's a private message or a status update on social media. On iPhone or Android, when you tap the "SHARE" button you'll have the option either to copy to clipboard, or to share the results directly to another app on your phone (such as WhatsApp or Twitter). Using the built-in sharing feature of Wordle is a much nicer way of sharing your results than potentially spoiling the answer to those who haven't yet had the chance to play today's Wordle themselves. So we highly encourage you to use it! How to play Wordle Wordle is wonderfully simple. The aim is to guess the correct five-letter word within six guesses. After each guess, the letters of your chosen word will highlight green if they're in the correct place, yellow if they're in the wrong place, or grey if they don't appear in the word at all. Using these clues you can start to narrow down the correct word. Head over to the Wordle site to try it for yourself! How did Wordle begin? Wordle began life as a little family game created by software engineer Josh Wardle. He created the game so that he and his partner could play a fun little word game together during the pandemic, and they quickly realised that there was something quite special in this simple little guessing game. So after a bit of refinement, Wordle released it to the public on his website, Power Language. The game was released in October 2021, and by the end of the year the game had two million daily players. It became a viral hit, thanks in large part to the ease with which players could share their results in a spoiler-free manner on Twitter and other social media sites. In January 2022, Wordle accepted an offer from the New York Times to acquire Wordle for a seven-figure sum. Well done, Mr Wardle. Well done indeed. You can type in any words you like, but be aware that the actual answer will never be a rude word. Are any Wordle words not allowed? You can type in pretty much any five-letter word in the English language and Wordle will accept it as a guess. However, the answer is picked each day from a much smaller list of more common five-letter words. There are still thousands of possible answers, of course, but it means the answer will never be a word as obscure as, say, "THIOL", or "CAIRD", or "MALIC" (yes, those are all real words). There are very occasional words which the New York Times will choose not to publish as the day's Wordle answer, perhaps for reasons relating to recent news or politics. For example, shortly after news broke that Roe v Wade might be overturned in the United States, the NYT decided to change the March 30th word from "FETUS" to "SHINE", as the feeling was that the word "fetus" was too politically charged a word in the context of recent events. The New York Times has also been careful never to allow what they consider to be rude words as the answer to a Wordle puzzle. But of course there's nothing stopping you from using even the dirtiest of words as guesses, as long as they're accepted words in the dictionary, and as long as you realise that they'll never end up being the answer. Is Wordle getting too easy for you? If Wordle is starting to get too easy, there are a few ways you can make the game more challenging for yourself. The first choice is to turn on Hard Mode. You can do this on the Wordle site by clicking the cog icon in the top-right of the screen. Hard Mode means that any highlighted letters must be used in all future guesses. This stops you from using the common tactic of choosing two words like "OUNCE" and "PAINS" to test all five vowels early on. You can take it up another notch by playing by what we call "Ultra-Hard" rules. This means that every guess you enter must potentially be the answer. If you were just playing on Hard Mode, and you typed "MOIST", and the "O" appeared yellow, then nothing would stop you from making "POLAR" as your next word, even though it couldn't possibly be the answer because you already knew the "O" is in the wrong place. If you play by "Ultra-Hard" rules, that's not allowed. You must adhere to every clue, and make sure every single word you enter is potentially the answer. If after all that Wordle is still too easy for you, then you could always try one of the many other Wordle-inspired games online that have cropped up over the past year. One of our favourites is Wordle, in which you must guess a country of the world based on its shape. There's also Waffle, which is about swapping letters in a completed grid to complete all the words; Moviele, which shows you an entire movie in a tiny space of time and challenges you to guess the movie within six guesses; and Quordle, which tasks you with solving four Wordles at once with the same guesses. If you need some help with future Wordles, be sure to check out our list of the best Wordle starting words for the greatest chance of success. You can also check out our archive of past Wordle answers to see which words have been chosen previously. Looking for a different day?A new NYT Wordle puzzle appears at midnight each day for your time zone - which means that some people are always playing 'today's game' while others are playing 'yesterday's'. If you're looking for Saturday's puzzle instead then click here.It's time for your guide to today's Wordle answer, featuring my commentary on the latest puzzle, plus a selection of hints designed to help you keep your streak going.Don't think you need any clues for Wordle today? No problem, just skip to my daily column. But remember: failure in this game is only ever six guesses away.Want more word-based fun? TechRadar's Quordle today page contains hints and answers for that game, and you can also take a look at our NYT Strands today and NYT Connections today pages for our verdict on two of the New York Times' other brain teasers. You may like SPOILER WARNING: Today's Wordle answer and hints are below, so don't read on if you don't want to see them. • Wordle today has vowels in two places*.* Note that by vowel we mean the five standard vowels (A, E, I, O, U), not Y (which is sometimes counted as a vowel too). Wordle hints (game #1429) - clue #2 - first letter• The first letter in today's Wordle answer is L.L is a surprisingly uncommon starting letter in Wordle. Despite being the sixth most common letter overall, it's only ranked 12th at the beginning of a word.Wordle hints (game #1429) - clue #3 - repeated letters • There are repeated letters in today's Wordle.Repeated letters are quite common in the game, with 748 of the 2,309 Wordle answers containing one. However, it's still more likely that a Wordle doesn't have one.The last letter in yesterday's Wordle was N.N is a pretty common ending letter in Wordle: it's the seventh most likely in that position and features in 130 solutions.Still looking for more Wordle hints? Here's the last letter in today's Wordle is D.D is a fairly common letter to end a Wordle answer: it's the eighth most likely to be in that position in a solution.Wordle hints (game #1429) - clue #5 - last chanceStill looking for more Wordle hints today? Here's an extra one for game #1429.Today's Wordle answer is enraged.If you just want to know today's Wordle answer now, simply scroll down, - but I'd always recommend trying to solve it on your own first. We've got lots of Wordle tips and tricks to help you, including a guide to the best Wordle start words. If you don't want to know today's answer then DO NOT SCROLL ANY FURTHER BECAUSE IT IS PRINTED BELOW. So don't say you weren't warned!Today's Wordle answer (game #1429)(Image credit: New York Times)NYT average score: 4.1My score: 3WordleBot's score: 3My skill score: 94My luck score: 78My start word performance: RIVER (8 remaining answers)WordleBot's start word performance: CRANE (356)Tomorrow's start word: SNOREToday's Wordle answer (game #1429) is... LIVID.It's not often that I beat WordleBot by two clear guesses, but that's what just happened today for the tricky LIVID. I'm not putting that down to any genius on my part, though: I simply had a very lucky start word followed by a fairly lucky second guess and coasted through to a three with no problems.By contrast, the 'Bot's opening CRANE left 356 options, and nor was that a massive outlier among the best Wordle start words. SLATE was a bit better, but still at 106, while STARE was down at 321.Those results tell some of the story here, because none of those words contain the letter 'I', which occurs twice in LIVID. Plus, V and D are both uncommon letters among start words in general, so few people will have enjoyed a stellar first guess here.Well, other than those players of ADIEU and particularly AUDIO, which have both the D and the I. The former cut the shortlist to 35, the latter to a dozen - in turn (presumably) bringing down the average, which still stands at a fairly high 4.1.That means we've now had 12 games above 4.0 in the past two weeks. It's not quite the hardest two-week run ever, but it's very close to it.None of that impacted me particularly, though. RIVER was a fantastically lucky starter, giving me the middle -IV- format and reducing my shortlist to eight.I found most of them: PIVOT, CIVIL, CIVIC, DIVOT and DIVAN, plus LIVID itself, but missed DIVVY and VIVID, the latter inexplicably. I needed a word that would narrow down my six words, and found it in SOLID, which would have guaranteed me a three unless I'd missed any.Obviously I had done - and it could have left me a 50/50 between DIVVY and DIVAN. But luck was again on my side, because instead it left LIVID as the only possible answer.How did you do today? Send me an email or let me know in the comments.Yesterday's Wordle hints (game #1428)In a different time zone where it's still Saturday! Don't worry - I can give you some clues for Wordle #1428, too.Wordle yesterday had a vowel in one place.* Note that by vowel we mean the five standard vowels (A, E, I, O, U), not Y (which is sometimes counted as a vowel too). The first letter in yesterday's Wordle answer was G.G is the eighth most common starting letter, featuring in 115 Wordle answers. It's often paired with an R to make GR-- or an L to make GL--, but I'm not revealing whether that's the case today.There were no repeated letters in yesterday's Wordle.Repeated letters are quite common in the game, with 748 of the 2,309 Wordle answers containing one. However, it's still more likely that a Wordle doesn't have one.The last letter in yesterday's Wordle was N.N is a pretty common ending letter in Wordle: it's the seventh most likely in that position and features in 130 solutions.Still looking for more Wordle hints? Here's an extra one for game #1428.Yesterday's Wordle answer is cultivated.Yesterday's Wordle answer (game #1428)(Image credit: New York Times)NYT average score: 4.2My score: 4WordleBot's score: 3My skill score: 81My luck score: 49My start word performance: TRIBE (72 remaining answers)WordleBot's start word performance: CRANE (6)Tomorrow's start word: RIVERYesterday's Wordle answer (game #1428) was... GROWN.Not my finest hour as I made a bit of a mess of the third guess and needed a healthy dose of luck to walk away with a four that I probably didn't deserve.It was yet another fairly tough one, though, with an average score of 4.2 at the time of writing. And I say 'at the time of writing' with good reason, because Friday's FIFTH changed from 5.0 when I wrote my column to 4.4 by the end of the day. I have no idea why it differed so greatly; maybe Americans found it easier than Aussies and Brits...I doubt it will go down by too much, though, because GROWN has a little of the too-many-answers about it. Change that first letter and you could also have BROWN, or CROWN, or FROWN, or DROWN: change the fourth letter and you could have GROAN; change the last and you get GROWL. There are lots of other possibilities that share three of those letters, too, and that's what caught me out a little today. I didn't get the best start, with TRIBE leaving a green R but nothing more, and a hefty 72 options to trawl through. WordleBot, in contrast, only had six to pick from.I didn't come up with 72 words, but I did go a little overboard in drawing up a shortlist of, er, 39 of them. This was probably a waste of time, because it was obvious that what I needed to play some of the letters that go before an R - P, C, D, F, B, G and W, generally - and a couple of vowels.So, after all of that word hunting I went with POUND and did okay - it cut my list to eight, which was not as few as I'd hoped for but not a disaster either.And here's where I made my mistake, in only finding a quartet of CROON, CROWN, FROWN and GROWN. The ones I missed were generally pretty obvious, too: GROAN was in there, plus ORGAN, ARSON and ARGON.I decided to play BEFOG next, thinking that it would guarantee me a four. But while it did rule out three of the words on my shortlist, leaving only GROWN, in reality I still had three to choose from, with ORGAN and GROAN also contenders.The fact that I'd missed them meant played into my hands when GROWN came up trumps, but I could easily have scored a five or six here. Not good enough.Wordle answers: The past 50I've been playing Wordle every day for more than three years now and have tracked all of the previous answers so I can help you improve your game. Here are the last 50 solutions starting with yesterday's answer, or check out my past Wordle answers page for the full list.Wordle #1428, Saturday 17 May: GROWNWordle #1427, Friday 16 May: FIFTHWordle #1426, Thursday 15 May: EAGERWordle #1425, Wednesday 14 May: BONGOWordle #1424, Tuesday 13 May: AWAREWordle #1423, Monday 12 May: BICEPWordle #1422, Sunday 11 May: DOWELWordle #1421, Saturday 10 May: YEASTWordle #1420, Friday 9 May: TRIPEWordle #1419, Thursday 8 May: BALMYWordle #1418, Wednesday 7 May: MACHOWordle #1417, Tuesday 6 May: SUITEWordle #1416, Monday 5 May: SHUSHWordle #1415, Sunday 4 May: TROUTWordle #1414, Saturday 3 May: PATSYWordle #1413, Friday 2 May: WHOSEWordle #1412, Thursday 1 May: ADEPTWordle #1411, Wednesday 30 April: IDLERWordle #1410, Tuesday 29 April: BLISSWordle #1409, Monday 28 April: DUMMYWordle #1408, Sunday 27 April: WEEDYWordle #1407, Saturday 26 April: KNOWNWordle #1405, Thursday 24 April: GENIEWordle #1404, Wednesday 23 April: OZONEWordle #1403, Tuesday 22 April: ARTSYWordle #1402, Monday 21 April: SPATEWordle #1401, Sunday 20 April: PATCHWordle #1400, Saturday 19 April: INBOXWordle #1399, Friday 18 April: DIREWordle #1398, Thursday 17 April: STOODWordle #1397, Wednesday 16 April: MORALWordle #1396, Tuesday 15 April: ASHENWordle #1395, Monday 14 April: CRESTWordle #1394, Sunday 13 April: LAUGHWordle #1393, Saturday 12 April: NURSEWordle #1392, Friday 11 April: ARROWWordle #1391, Thursday 10 April: TURBOWordle #1390, Wednesday 9 April: WHEATWordle #1389, Tuesday 8 April: SPAREWordle #1388, Monday 7 April: HAZELWordle #1387, Sunday 6 April: VILLAWordle #1386, Saturday 5 April: FOAMYWordle #1385, Friday 4 April: KRILLWordle #1384, Thursday 3 April: SHEARWordle #1383, Wednesday 2 April: CURSEWordle #1382, Tuesday 1 April: JEWELWordle #1381, Monday 31 March: BOOTYWordle #1380, Sunday 30 March: QUOTAWordle #1379, Saturday 29 March: SORRYWordle #1378, Friday 28 March: VERSEWhat is Wordle?If you're on this page then you almost certainly know what Wordle is already, and indeed have probably been playing it for a while. And even if you've not been playing it, you must surely have heard of it by now, because it's the viral word game phenomenon that took the world by storm last year and is still going strong in 2025.We've got a full guide to the game in our What is Wordle page, but if you just want a refresher then here are the basics.Wordle challenges you to guess a new five-letter word each day. You get six guesses, with each one revealing a little more information. If one of the letters in your guess is in the answer and in the right place, it turns green. If it's in the answer but in the wrong place, it turns yellow. And if it's not in the answer at all it turns gray. Simple, eh?It's played online via the Wordle website or the New York Times' Games app (iOS / Android), and is entirely free. Crucially, the answer is the same for everyone each day, meaning that you're competing against the rest of the world, rather than just against yourself or the game. The puzzle then resets each day at midnight in your local time, giving you a new challenge, and the chance to extend your streak.The rules of Wordle are pretty straightforward, but with a couple of curveballs thrown in for good measure.1. Letters that are in the answer and in the right place turn green.2. Letters that are not in the answer but in the wrong place turn yellow.3. Letters that are not in the answer turn gray.4. Answers are never plural.5. Letters can appear more than once. So if your guess includes two of one letter, they may both turn yellow, both turn green, or one could be yellow and the other green.6. Each guess must be a valid word in Wordle's dictionary. You can't guess ABCDE, for instance.7. You do not have to include correct letters in subsequent guesses unless you play on Hard mode.8. You have six guesses to solve the Wordle.9. You must complete the daily Wordle before midnight in your timezone.10. All answers are drawn from Wordle's list of 2,309 solutions. However...11. Wordle will accept a wider pool of words as guesses - some 10,000 of them. For instance, you can guess a plural such as WORDS. It definitely won't be right (see point 4 above), but Wordle will accept it as a guess.12. The NYT has added in some of its own words, that weren't in that list of 2,309 solutions. More will undoubtedly come over the next few years. Page 2New York Times Games is a subscription service of The New York Times. Since the launch of The Crossword in 1942, The Times has captivated solvers by providing engaging word and logic games. In 2014, we introduced The Mini Crossword — followed by Spelling Bee, Letter Boxed, Tiles and Vertex. In early 2022, we proudly added Wordle to our collection. We strive to offer puzzles for all skill levels that everyone can enjoy playing every day. Subscribe now for full access.© 2025 The New York Times CompanyTerms of SalePrivacy PolicyPage 3Page 4New York Times Games is a subscription service of The New York Times. 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