

Create a Fill-in-the-Blank Question

We all remember fondly the fill-in-the-blank style questions from school exams, or, more fondly still, mad libs from car trips past. In this tutorial we'll walk through how to set one of these up!

Two (1) _____, both alike in dignity,
In fair (2) _____, where we lay our scene,
From ancient (3) _____, break to new mutiny,
Where (4) _____ blood makes civil hands unclean.

Fill in the blanks of Romeo and Juliet Act 1 Prologue:

1	<input type="text" value="households"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="Verona"/>	4	<input type="text"/>

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The following Alchemer features are used in this walkthrough:

- Text/Instruction Element
- Textbox List Question Type
- Merge Codes

1. Start by adding a Text/Instruction Element with the text. Use underscores for blanks throughout the text. Label your blanks with numbers, letters, or other notation you desire.

Textbox List

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Question Type

Textbox List

What question do you want to ask?

Two (1) ____, both alike in dignity,
 In fair (2) ____, where we lay our scene,
 From ancient (3) ____, break to new mutiny,

- Next, add a Textbox List question to follow your text with blanks. Add an option/row header for each blank in your text and label it to correspond with the blanks in your text.

What question do you want to ask?

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Multiple Choice Options

OPTION

1	Prefill
2	Prefill
3	Prefill
4	Prefill

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- If you are creating a mad lib or otherwise would like to show the text filled in with the respondents' answers, copy your Text/Instruction element with the text and blanks and reorder it so that it is on a later page.
- Edit the Text/Instruction element and replace the blanks with the merge code for the corresponding option in the Textbox List question. To do so, delete the blank and, leaving your cursor in place, click the Merge Code tool in the editor tool bar. Find the corresponding option in the Textbox List question and click to insert.

Add Text / Instructions

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Text or Instructions

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 From ancient (3) _____, break to new mutiny,
 Where (4) _____ blood makes civil hands unclean.

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 Two (1) _____, both alike in dignity, In fair (2) _____

Question Answer

1 [Option] [Insert](#)

2 [Option] [Insert](#)

3 [Option] [Insert](#)

4 [Option] [Insert](#)

Optional Customization: Use Radio Button Questions

In place of the Textbox List question you can use a series of Radio Button questions to provide multiple choice answers. This is great if you'd like to score respondents' responses using the Quiz Score.

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hamsters

households

families

gentlemen

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