

# MAD LIBS®

## INSTRUCTIONS

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

“ *Ouch* \_\_\_\_\_ !” he said *stupidly* \_\_\_\_\_  
EXCLAMATION ADVERB  
as he jumped into his convertible *cat* \_\_\_\_\_ and  
NOUN  
drove off with his *brave* \_\_\_\_\_ wife.  
ADJECTIVE

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## QUICK REVIEW

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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## A BIOGRAPHY OF STEVE CARELL

ADJECTIVE bloated

PLURAL NOUN hardwood floors

NOUN reduced-fat Oreo

ADJECTIVE slightly-impaired

ADJECTIVE evil

NOUN toupee

VERB ENDING IN "ING" sashaying

VERB (PAST TENSE) acquitted

ADJECTIVE really fun

ADJECTIVE homeschooled

NOUN electric razor

NOUN Shriner's parade

NOUN estrogen

NOUN window treatment

PLURAL NOUN wide-wale corduroys

ADJECTIVE freshly-baked

PERSON IN ROOM Johnny

NOUN sponge

PART OF THE BODY lap

ADJECTIVE Flourescent

NOUN bruschetta



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Today, Steve Carell's bloated face is known to millions of television  
ADJECTIVE  
and movie hardwood floors all over the reduced-fat Oreo. But,  
PLURAL NOUN NOUN  
as is often the case, it took years of really slightly-impaired work for  
ADJECTIVE  
this evil actor to become an overnight toupee. After more than two  
ADJECTIVE NOUN  
decades of sashaying in improv theater, Steve acquitted it big  
VERB ENDING IN "ING" VERB (PAST TENSE)  
as a faux newsman on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. This success led to  
an attention-grabbing role in the really fun blockbuster, *Bruce*  
ADJECTIVE  
homeschooled. Practically overnight, Steve became a household  
ADJECTIVE  
electric razor in television and film. He won a Golden  
NOUN  
Shriner's parade Award for television's *The Office*. In his first starring  
NOUN  
estrogen, *The 40-Year-Old* window treatment, which he cowrote,  
NOUN NOUN  
he received critical acclaim and broke box office wide-wale corduroys.  
PLURAL NOUN  
More recently, he starred in the freshly-baked comedy hit, Johnny  
ADJECTIVE PERSON IN ROOM  
*Almighty*, and in June 2008, he's playing Maxwell Smart in the big-screen  
version of '60s TV series, *Get* Sponge. According to close friends,  
NOUN  
"Success has not gone to Steve's lap." They all say he "remains the  
PART OF THE BODY  
same Flourescent bruschetta he's always been."  
ADJECTIVE NOUN

Celebrities were asked to give answers to the parts of speech on the previous page without seeing the stories above.