**Wordle and its cousins** by John Rudy

For about 6 months my Facebook feed was filled with people saying things like “Wordle in 4”, or “Wordle in 3” so I decided I better find out what this is all about. I suspect that most of my readers are familiar with Wordle, now owned by the NY Times for about $1M, <https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html> The objective is to put in 5 letter words, one at a time, and try to guess what the secret word is. To help you it color codes each letter based on whether it is in the correct place (green), a correct letter but in the wrong place (yellow) or not in the word (gray). You have 6 guesses.

There are now a large number of variants out there and I play many of them (shown with the asterisk)

4 simultaneous wordles **Quordle** <https://www.quordle.com/#/>

8 simultaneous wordles **Octordle** <https://octordle.com/daily>

16 simultaneous wordles **Sedecordle**  <https://www.sedecordle.com/?mode=daily>

32 simultaneous wordles **Sectordle** https://32wordles.sectordle.com/ <https://32wordles.sectordle.com/>

And then there is something called **Waffle**, where you exchange letters untul your 5x5 grid has 6 proper words. <https://wafflegame.net/>

Each of these websites has further options and there are other games. There is a Yiddish Wordle <https://forward.com/yiddish-wordle/> complete with a Hebrew keyboard, and something like wordle but it uses equations (**Nerdle**) <https://nerdlegame.com/> . Be careful about getting hooked.