

RESOURCES FOR ROYALTY-FREE IMAGES PREFERABLY FREE!

WARNING: When you want to find/download/save a photo from the internet to use, whether you pay for it or not, always be sure you know the copyright and use license of the image and that it's okay to use it for what you want. The cost of even the simplest oversight is hundreds of dollars and they don't care why it happened, who you are, or if you are from a church, school, etc. When you save a photo, put the source site in the filename or go into the properties of the file after you've saved it and put the link to the site you got it from. If you are ever accused of illegal use of an image, you'll know where you got it.

The license or usage rights you want are **"free for commercial use with no attribution, modifications allowed."** If you do a Google or Yahoo search on Images, be sure to follow the directions on the second page to be sure you get images you can use. You want to be extra careful with these images

Some companies below (see asterisks (*)) offer a PowerPoint and Word add-in. (Look for your version of help directions for how to add add-ins. Newer versions have an "Add-ins" tab and you can access the store from there and get free add-ins.

Royalty-free photos that are really free

- <https://pixabay.com>*free creative commons license
- <https://pexels.com>* free creative commons license
- <https://www.publicdomainpictures.net/>* free public domain
- <https://www.pickpik.com/> * free public domain
- <https://Goodfreephotos.com>
- <https://needpix.com>
- <https://pixnio.com/>
- <https://morguefile.com/>
- <https://freerangestock.com/index.php>
- <https://freeimages.com>
- <https://unsplash.com> (mostly nature not parents)
- <https://burst.shopify.com> (not much for parents but what they do have is diverse)
- <https://isorepublic.com> (mostly scenery/nature not parents)
- <https://sitebuilderreport.com/stock-up>
- <https://stockvault.net>
- <https://dreamstime.com/free-photos> (be sure it's the free stuff!)
- https://nps.gov/pub_aff/imagebase.html (national park service - public domain)
- https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page (pay attention to the license and attribution. Even "wiki commons" requires attribution. "public domain" doesn't.
- <http://www.veezle.com/> (sources Flickr NC&C, Wiki & OpenClipart. Most free but might need attribution

Free royalty-free clipart

- <http://www.openclipart.org/>
- <https://thenounproject.com> (icons)
- <https://flaticon.com> (icons)
- <https://icons8.com>

Free comic characters: [Pixton Comic Characters](#)*

Not free but worth paying for: <https://presentermedia.com>* has clipart, powerpoint presentation templates, animated art, and you can also personalize many images.

Using Search engines is risky. To be sure you are getting royalty-free images you can use for “commercial” use (books, articles, websites) and modify, do your searches using the following steps:

- 1) **Yahoo** (you need a yahoo account, but it’s free and worth it): <https://www.flickr.com/signin>
 - a) Type in your keyword (what you want an image of)
 - b) On the results page, under the multi-colored bar, far left, click the drop-down menu “Any License” and choose either “commercial use allowed” or “commercial use & modifications.”
 - c) When you select a photo, below photo and to the right it will have “some rights reserved.” Read the terms. Sometimes attribution is required, but often not.
- 2) **Google** (you don’t need an account to search)
 - a) Type in your keyword (what you want an image of) and select “images.” Depending on what your starting page looks like, that could be in the upper right next to “gmail” or next to the “web” tab in the results page.
 - b) Once on the images results page, click on “search tools” in the same menu bar as “images.”
 - c) A new menu will appear. Click on “usage rights” and select either “labelled for reuse” or “labelled for reuse and modification.” Even if you think your use is “noncommercial,” you are best to err on the side of caution if you can’t verify how *they* define “noncommercial”
 - d) If you have a preference for clip art vs photos, use the “type” drop-down menu.

If you search this way, you will almost always get free royalty-free images, but the selection will be less.

Royalty-free images that might cost. If you can’t find free images from the above, go to a low-cost site like one of these. Ideally, you want to use a site that offers credits you can buy versus a monthly fee.

- <https://stock.adobe.com>* (10 photos/mo for \$29/mo. Must do for 1 year. Offers @ \$19.99/mo if try to cancel)
- <https://www.123rf.com/> (6 credits = \$10, On demand = \$1.13/credit. 40 for \$45. Same mo. plan)
- <https://www.dreamstime.com/> (fee-based) (10 downloads/month for \$29/mo)
- <https://Shutterstock.com> (*not* associated with Getty) (10/mo for \$29/mo or 5 images for \$49)
- <https://BigStockPhoto.com> (*not* associated with Getty; part of Shutterstock) (10 credits = \$35)
- <https://freedigitalphotos.net> (pay per photo, different sizes and licenses cost different)
- <https://DepositPhotos.com> (*not* Getty) (pkg 10 for \$49, 75/mo for \$69/mo or 30/mo for \$29/mo)
- <https://Istockphoto.com> (with Getty) (credits 3 for \$33. Subscriptions 10/mo for \$70/mo for 1 yr)
- <https://sxc.hu> (associated with Getty)
- <https://Thinkstockphotos.com> (associated with Getty)
- <https://GettyImages.com>

Other lists:

- <http://www.seabreezecomputers.com/tips/freeimages.htm>

- <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/top-5-websites-for-free-stock-photographs/>