

Archives of Ontario Vocabulary Word Search

An archive is an important place where documents, photographs, maps, and other records are kept safe for future generations. An archive is different than a museum or a library because it does not keep objects, like museums do, nor does it allow you to take material out, like at a library.

Instead, an archive collects, preserves, and makes available primary sources that can have value for learning about the past and understanding the present.

YOUR TASK: Find the 10 words listed in the word search below, which you may hear if you go to the Archives of Ontario.

The following words can be found down and across:

Archive	Boxes	Collections	Donations	Fonds
Originals	Preservation	Records	Vault	White Gloves

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Archives of Ontario Vocabulary Discussion

Now that you found the words, what do they mean? How do they make sense to you? In small groups, look at the words below and discuss the questions provided. Thinking about these words will help prepare you for a visit to the Archives of Ontario.

WORDS	MEANINGS	QUESTIONS
Archive	An archive can be or a noun and a verb. At the provincial <i>archive</i> , the Archives of Ontario, we <i>archive</i> , or collect and preserve, documents that have importance to Ontario.	Where else have you heard the word 'archive'?
Boxes	Most of our records are kept in boxes to keep them clean and organized. They are labelled and stored to make them easy to find for people doing research.	What type of records do you think would not be stored in a box?
Collections	A group of records is called a collection. The Archives of Ontario have many collections ranging from government documents to private diaries.	How is an archival collection similar to and different from a collection of trading cards?
Donations	Many of our collections are donations from people and business who have documents that should be shared for future generations.	Why do you think people would want to donate their records to the Archives of Ontario instead of keeping them for themselves?
Fonds	A fond is a French word used at the Archives, which is similar to the English word 'collection.'	While it is a word you may have never heard before, can you use it in a sentence?
Originals	The Archives keeps the originals of records such as documents, diaries, and maps rather than copies.	Why would an original be better for the Archives than copies?
Preservation	The Archives not only collect materials, but <i>preserves</i> these materials for future generations. Because of this, preservation is a large part of the work we do here at the Archives.	How do you think a 200-year-old document would be preserved?
Records	Individual pieces in a collection are called records. The Archives has millions records documenting official business and also daily life.	Everyone has records of their life. What kind of records do you have?
Vaults	We lock up our records tight in vaults designed to stay a certain temperature and have a certain type of light.	Can you think of any other reason why our valuable records are kept in a vault?
White Gloves	To keep our records clean for future visitors, we ask that they wear white gloves when looking at original material. Wearing gloves also keeps people's hands clean when looking at records.	How could your hands get dirty when viewing records?