

Challenge NS - Finding Free Images

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There are repositories that only contain images with [Creative Commons \(CC\) open licenses](#) or the equivalent of a CC0 license. All CC licensed images are free to use.

Some repositories are a mix of openly licensed content and copyright protected images that require you to buy the image. **Attention to detail and reading the terms for using the image you select is required.** If in doubt, check with library staff for guidance.

The following list is a selection of suggested options.

Where to Look

[Openverse](#)

Over 800 million creative works.

All Openverse content is made available under a [Creative Commons license](#) or is in the public domain.

Use the filter tool to search by license type.

Note: Creative Commons (CC) licensed content requires a credit statement that includes the CC license type.

[Pexels](#)

All images have a free to use Pexels license.

Content is free to use.

[Pixabay](#)

Includes vectors, drawings, and photos.

Most content is free to use.

Look for images with the Pixabay free use license.

Attention required – repository includes © content that requires payment to use.

[Unsplash](#)

Many photos in the repository have a free to use Unsplash license.

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Note: Unsplash+ content must be purchased.

[Wikimedia Commons](#)

A database of over 100 million freely usable media files to which anyone can contribute.

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Tools that contain images or graphics that include a license for your use

Remember to cite the tool you use to create your infographic.

[Office 365 Apps](#)

Microsoft Word and PowerPoint include image and icon repositories that you can use to create content within Office 365 software. You can share the work you create. However, there are [restrictions on using these images](#) in external creation tools or websites.

[Canva](#) and [Venngage](#)

Web based design tools with free and paid options. Both free and paid options provide access to images and graphics that can be used without image level attribution. Fee-based options provide access to more tools and larger repositories of images and graphics.

For more information or support contact your Campus Library or the Copyright Office