

Create a Fill-in-the-Blank Question

We all remember fondly the fill-in-the-blank style questions from school exams, or, more fondly still, mad libs from car trips past. In this tutorial we'll walk through how to set one of these up!

Two (1) _____, both alike in dignity,
In fair (2) _____, where we lay our scene,
From ancient (3) _____, break to new mutiny,
Where (4) _____ blood makes civil hands unclean.

Fill in the blanks of Romeo and Juliet Act 1 Prologue:

1	<input type="text" value="households"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="Verona"/>	4	<input type="text"/>

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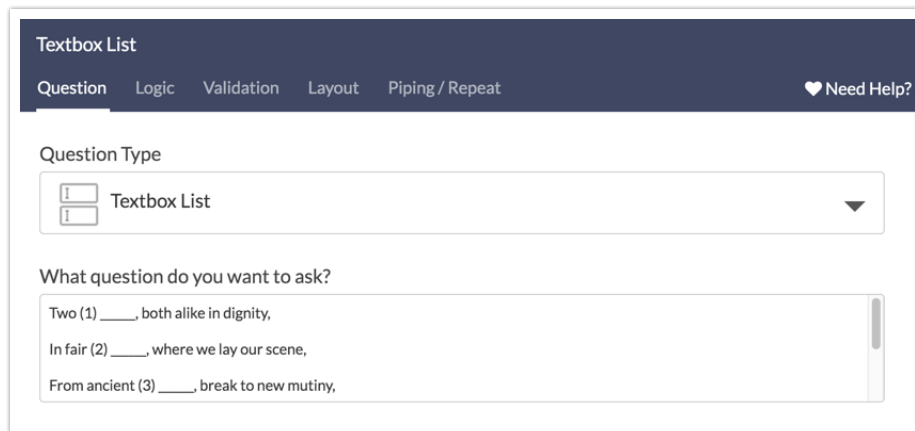
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The following SurveyGizmo features are used in this walkthrough:

- [Text/Instruction Element](#)
- [Textbox List Question Type](#)
- [Merge Codes](#)

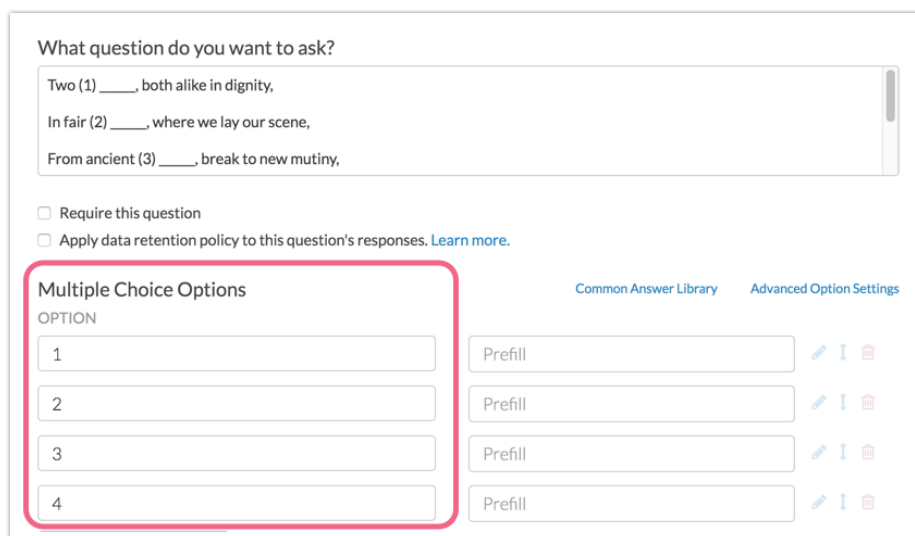
1. Start by adding a [Text/Instruction Element](#) with the text. Use underscores for

blanks throughout the text. Label your blanks with numbers, letters, or other notation you desire.



The screenshot shows the 'Textbox List' question editor. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the title 'Textbox List' and navigation tabs for 'Question', 'Logic', 'Validation', 'Layout', and 'Piping / Repeat'. A 'Need Help?' link is visible in the top right. Below the header, the 'Question Type' is set to 'Textbox List'. The main area contains the question text: 'Two (1) ____, both alike in dignity, / In fair (2) ____, where we lay our scene, / From ancient (3) ____, break to new mutiny,'. The text is displayed in a scrollable box.

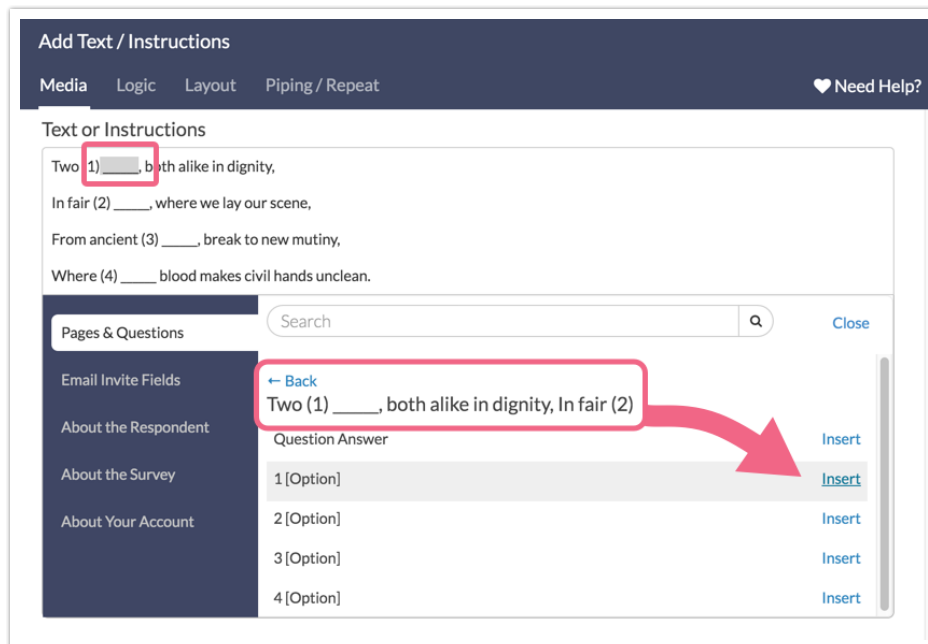
- Next, add a [Textbox List](#) question to follow your text with blanks. Add an option/row header for each blank in your text and label it to correspond with the blanks in your text.



This screenshot shows the 'Multiple Choice Options' section of the question editor. It features a scrollable text area with the same text as the previous screenshot. Below the text area are two checkboxes: 'Require this question' and 'Apply data retention policy to this question's responses. [Learn more.](#)'. The 'Multiple Choice Options' section is highlighted with a red box and contains a table with four rows. Each row has an 'OPTION' column with a text input field containing a number (1, 2, 3, 4) and a 'Prefill' column with a text input field containing the word 'Prefill'. To the right of the 'Prefill' fields are three icons: a pencil, a vertical double-headed arrow, and a trash can.

- If you are creating a mad lib or otherwise would like to show the text filled in with the respondents' answers, copy your Text/Instruction element with the text and blanks and [reorder](#) it so that it is on a later page.
- Edit the Text/Instruction element and replace the blanks with the merge code for the corresponding option in the Textbox List question. To do so, delete the blank and, leaving your cursor in place, click the Merge Code tool in the editor tool bar.

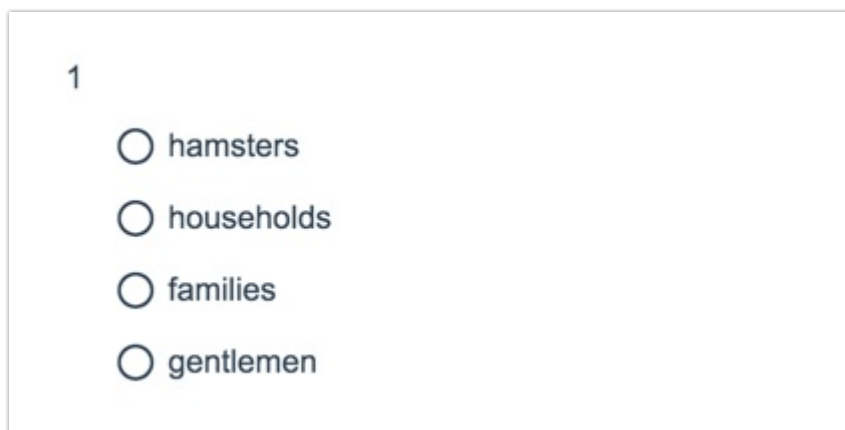
Find the corresponding option in the Textbox List question and click to insert.



The screenshot shows the 'Add Text / Instructions' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Media', 'Logic', 'Layout', and 'Piping / Repeat', along with a 'Need Help?' link. The main area is titled 'Text or Instructions' and contains a text editor with the following text: 'Two 1) _____, both alike in dignity, In fair (2) _____, where we lay our scene, From ancient (3) _____, break to new mutiny, Where (4) _____ blood makes civil hands unclean.' Below the text editor is a search bar and a 'Close' button. A sidebar on the left lists various menu items: 'Pages & Questions', 'Email Invite Fields', 'About the Respondent', 'About the Survey', and 'About Your Account'. The 'Pages & Questions' section is expanded, showing a list of options: '← Back', 'Two (1) _____, both alike in dignity, In fair (2) _____', 'Question Answer', '1 [Option]', '2 [Option]', '3 [Option]', and '4 [Option]'. Each option has an 'Insert' button next to it. A red box highlights the first option, and a red arrow points from it to the 'Insert' button.

Optional Customization: Use Radio Button Questions

In place of the Textbox List question you can use a series of Radio Button questions to provide multiple choice answers. This is great if you'd like to score respondents' responses using the [Quiz Score](#).



The screenshot shows a radio button question with the following text: '1' followed by four radio button options: 'hamsters', 'households', 'families', and 'gentlemen'.

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