AutoCollage is a tool that can quickly develop a collage of selected photos. Pick a folder, press a button, and in a few minutes AutoCollage presents you with a unique collage that you can share.
2-The Anatomy of AutoCollage

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Select number of photos in collage

Select which folder to use

Number of photos in that folder
3) (Optional) Select specific photos to use
   • By default, AutoCollage will decide which photos to select for the collage from that folder.
   • If you want to use certain photos (without having to deal with manual ranking), navigate to your pictures library and create a new folder that you can move your desired photos into.
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4) Select number of photos to have in final collage
   • Drag the selector
   • You must have no less than 7 images
   • You can have up to 50 images

5) Select size of final product
   • Click “Options”
   • Decide what size you want for your final collage

   Optional:
   • Drop the Advanced carat down to adjust relative size using the sliders (if you rank your images)
   • You can also adjust how much the images overlap

6) (Optional) Change Input Options
   • Click “Options”
• Select the “Input” Tab

1) Select “display face detection” and “Allow manual face detection” if you want to specify the area of focus you would like to see in your final collage

2) Select display ranking and allow for manual ranking options are found here if you want to specify exactly which photos will be used

(Optional) If you decide to manually rank your photos:

• Return to the main screen

• AutoCollage automatically ranks photos for you.

• You can see which ones will be avoided in the final collage because they have grey diagonal lines.

• Click on the photos that you want to manually rank to bring them to the foreground. An AutoCollage icon appears in the upper left-hand corner of the photo.
• Click on the icon to determine how you want to rank the photo.

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(Optional) If you decide to manually select area of focus (you must have manual face detection selected):

• Click an image to enlarge it.
• Next, press and hold the CTRL key
• Click and drag over the area you want to highlight.
• A yellow box will appear.
• This area will be the focus.

7) Create your Collage

• Click the "Create" Button and watch the magic happen!

8) Decide what to do with your product

• You can save your collage, or email it, or even set it as your desktop background!

9) Have fun making collages!
1) Select a topic that your students are studying (i.e. quadrilaterals, types of food, obtuse angles, examples of potential energy, the life cycle of an insect, etc.). Have students use cameras and take photos of examples of the topic. Create an AutoCollage of the examples. You can use the manual priority settings to ensure each student has at least one of their photos in the collage.

2) Create a collage of vocabulary words. Have each student create a WordArt of one vocabulary word and save it as an image. Assemble the images as a collage.

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1) Create collages from all the photos that teachers and students take of their learning. So, instead of having many separate photos, you can have one or two showing lots of different activities. This is very useful when communicating events such as sports days and other whole school events. Primary teachers have expressed the view that this is saving them an absolute fortune in printer ink, as they can produce a whole classroom experience in one image and this is great to share with parents (be sure to have parent permission when sharing photos of children)

2) Create specific activities that challenge students and pupils to record their learning and communicate their ideas, using just images. This is a lot more difficult than it first seems. Especially if you only use a limited number of images to create work. This encourages students to really think about the images they need to record for their stories. So, when the collages are ‘read’ by the audience, they should get an idea of the theme, idea or emotion that the student who created it was trying to convey. This can be a very powerful way to develop thinking skills and emotional intelligence.

3) Using the manual facial recognition option to highlight a specific area of an image, students can use images of objects to create collages. This is particularly useful in Science, Religious Education and History, subjects where artifacts are a valuable learning tool. Students can take images of objects that belong to a particular group such as invertebrates that are insects, and compare that collage with another collage of a group such as arachnids. Or religious artifacts seen in a church compared with that of a mosque, or even to document the artwork of particular artist.

4) Use AutoCollage with other applications. Put a collage image onto a PowerPoint slide, then create clickable hotspots with callout text boxes. This allows students to add text and information to their collage.