

I have published a word search book on Amazon KDP. There are 74 word search puzzles. I would like to take out 2 puzzles which I don't think work very well and replace them with 2 different puzzles. I would also like to add a QR code which readers could scan to get more free word searches. And I would like to add a review request statement with a link that goes directly to my Amazon book page. My question: can I just make these changes or would this have to be a second edition?

Short answer: **you can make these changes without calling it a second edition** 👍

Longer, nuanced answer below—because KDP loves nuance.

What Amazon KDP allows

KDP lets you update a published book **as long as the changes are not substantial enough to mislead customers**. What you're describing is generally considered **minor content updates**, not a new edition.

Here's how your planned changes stack up:

✅ Replacing 2 out of 74 puzzles

That's a **small percentage of the content** (~3%). KDP typically allows:

- Fixing errors
- Swapping out small sections
- Improving clarity or usability

This is well within normal revision territory.

✅ Adding a QR code for bonus content

Totally fine. Authors add:

- QR codes
- Links to freebies
- Mailing list signups
- Bonus material

all the time without creating a new edition.

✅ Adding a review request with a direct Amazon link

Also fine as long as:

- You don't incentivize reviews (no "free gift in exchange for a review")
- The wording is a polite request

Example that's safe:

"If you enjoyed this book, please consider leaving a review on Amazon. Your feedback helps other readers."

Linking directly to your book's Amazon review page is allowed.

When it *would* need to be a second edition

You'd need a new edition if you were doing things like:

- Major restructuring of the book
- Large-scale content replacement
- Significant change in scope, audience, or purpose
- Changing the title to include "Revised," "Expanded," etc. and marketing it as such

You're not doing any of that.

What I recommend you do

- **Update the interior file** in KDP (paperback and/or ebook)
- Keep the **same ASIN**
- Don't change the title to "Second Edition"
- Optionally update the description with something mild like:

"Updated with improved puzzles and bonus content."

That's completely safe and honest.

One practical heads-up

If this is a **paperback**:

- Customers who already bought it won't automatically get the updated version
- New buyers will

If it's a **Kindle ebook**:

- You can push updates, but Amazon decides whether readers receive them automatically

If you'd like, I can:

- Help you word the **review request** so it's 100% Amazon-compliant
- Create a **clean QR code strategy** (landing page vs direct download)
- Or sanity-check whether your changes might *ever* trigger an edition issue

You're thinking like a careful publisher here—that's a good sign.



Yes, please give answers to your last 3 questions.

Perfect—here are all three, clean and KDP-safe. You can copy/paste any of this.

1 Amazon-Compliant Review Request (with direct link)

Best-practice wording (paperback & Kindle safe)

Place this near the end of the book (last page or just before the answer key):

Enjoying this book?

If you found these word searches fun and relaxing, I'd truly appreciate you taking a moment to leave an honest review on Amazon. Reviews help other readers discover the book and help me continue creating new puzzles.

Thank you for your support!

Your direct Amazon review link

Use this format (replace with your ASIN):

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https://www.amazon.com/review/create-review?asin=YOUR_ASIN

 Copy code

- ✓ This goes **directly to the review page**, which is ideal
 - ⊘ Do **not** say “5-star,” “positive,” or offer anything in exchange
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2 QR Code Strategy (Best Setup for KDP)

✗ What *not* to do

- Don't link the QR code directly to a Google Drive / Dropbox file
- Don't require email signup *unless clearly optional*

✓ Best approach (strongly recommended)

QR Code → Simple landing page → Free puzzles

Your landing page can include:

- A short thank-you message
- 5–10 bonus word searches (PDF)
- Optional email signup (clearly optional)

Suggested QR page wording

Free Bonus Word Searches

Thanks for purchasing this book!

Scan your reward: enjoy a free set of bonus word search puzzles as my thank-you for being a reader.

This feels generous, avoids review pressure, and keeps Amazon happy.

Tools to generate QR codes

- The QR code itself can link to:
 - Your own website
 - Google Sites
 - Carrd
 - Notion (public page)

QR codes are fine in **both paperback and Kindle**, as long as the link works and isn't misleading.

3 Will These Changes Trigger a “Second Edition” Issue?

Short answer: No—this is safe.

Let’s sanity-check each change against KDP’s internal red flags:

Change	Risk Level
Replace 2 of 74 puzzles	✓ Very low
Add QR code	✓ Very low
Add review request	✓ Very low

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same trim size & format

✓ safe

What you should not do

- Don’t add “Revised,” “Updated,” or “Second Edition” to the title
- Don’t claim “now expanded” in a way that implies a major rewrite
- Don’t change the puzzle count on the cover unless it’s still accurate

Optional (but smart)

In your **book description**, you *may* add a subtle line like:

“Includes updated puzzles and free bonus content via QR code.”

That’s honest and non-problematic.

Final Publisher-Level Recommendation

- ✓ Update the existing book
- ✓ Keep the same ASIN
- ✓ Upload revised interior
- ✓ Do **not** call it a second edition

You’re improving quality and reader experience—KDP encourages this.

If you want, next I can:

- Draft the **exact final page layout** (review request + QR)
- Help you design the **bonus PDF content**
- Check your **book description** for conversion + compliance

You're doing this the *right* way.



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