

WORD SHARK[®] v5



Wordshark combines the excitement of games with the serious task of learning to read and spell. Wordshark's strength lies in its educational integrity. Each of the 60 motivating games is designed to address discreet skills in the teaching and reinforcing of reading and spelling.

Wordshark has dedicated games to support **synthetic phonics**, involving **blending sounds** into **words for reading** and **segmenting words** into **sounds and syllables for spelling**.

Word lists and games address:

- ▶ Common letter and auditory patterns
- ▶ Prefixes and suffixes
- ▶ Homophones
- ▶ Spelling rules
- ▶ Alphabet and dictionary skills
- ▶ Use of words in context

The games and selection of pre-recorded words are specially structured to assist those with **dyslexia**, but work equally well for a wide range of users including **able spellers** and those with **EAL**.

The variety of games, concepts and words make Wordshark suitable for both **primary** and **secondary students**.

Records of students' work are kept to allow progress to be tracked

The word lists and courses

Wordshark's material ranges from **simple** cvc words through to **challenging** sets for very able spellers. **Synthetic phonics** is embedded in Wordshark.

The courses include:

- ▶ The **Wordshark spelling course** – structured and easy to follow sequentially
- ▶ A spelling course for **The National Curriculum 2014** (England)
- ▶ **Everyday vocabulary** lists and activities – useful for **EAL**
- ▶ Subject vocab for **secondary schools**
- ▶ **High Frequency Words** also **alphabet** and **dictionary** work
- ▶ A course for '**Letters and Sounds**'
- ▶ A course for **Alpha to Omega** following the structure of that book

- ▶ Over **10,000 words** and sounds pre-recorded
- ▶ Easy to add **your own words, pictures and recordings**
- ▶ **Search facilities** will quickly find individual words, letter patterns and spelling rules

Variable speeds and other options in the games meet all grades of skill



Praise for Numbershark

"Numbershark is loved by all my pupils... I find it significantly improves their numeracy and confidence in using numbers"

Ann Clark, Dyslexia Consultant, Hemel Hempstead

"Really excellent...an enormous range from absolute basics to advanced abstracts.. Works right across the age range"

Comment by contributor to the PATOSS resource list

"The records are really useful. They can show you in detail what the children are struggling with, and what they are succeeding at"

Lisa Nicholson, Teacher at Livingstone Primary & Nursery School, Barnet

"Because of the simple interface these children learn to work independently on the computer and this enables them to progress without extra teaching assistant support... it is the best program I have found... I cannot recommend it highly enough."

Gemma Mcdowell, Teacher, Stroud

Praise for Wordshark

"Wordshark has been an integral element of my Specialist Literacy programme...Our network version enables me to programme for each student, and train staff to manage it themselves. A brilliant resource!"

Amina Humayun Khan, GEMS Wellington International School

"I have been using both Wordshark and Numbershark for many years...excellent value, great menu of courses with vast amount of materials, engaging versatile, fun, with opportunities built in for lots of repetition and overlearning. Best of all, children love using them!"

Jan Levi, Advisory teacher in SEN, Wortly

"This brilliant program teaches phonics for spelling and reading in a fun way... It is a program no school and no parent should be without"

Jan Poustie, Editor Solutions

"It is one of those programs that teachers instantly recognise as having educational integrity"

Educ@Guardian

"Wordshark can be adapted in so many ways to suit each individual child. It allows you to set up group or individual lists for each child"

Jo Smith, teacher at Bridge and Patixbourne School, Canterbury