

Word Wizard

A comprehensive, Australian spelling and vocabulary program.

This spelling software is a major teaching resource for school and home use. It is especially useful for students with learning difficulties, as well as for mainstream and extension work. The software incorporates two essential components for success; it is fun to use, and it is work based.

Word Wizard uses sound (Australian voices), text and visual cues to teach and reinforce spelling and vocabulary skills including phonics, homophones, plurals, prefixes, suffixes and much more.

Over 3,000 words, across 196 word lists, are incorporated into 20 learning games with full narration. In all, there are more than 2,700 learning activities for students to attempt.

Key features include; placement testing, assessment testing, student record keeping, easy navigation, non-distractive animation and sound, real-time feedback, achievement recognition, printable certificates and highest scores recorded.

Users are able to access a complete word-index and also compile their own word lists from the data bank. Narrated sentences are also available to give the student an understanding of how an individual word is used in context.

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