

Word lists and courses

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The Courses

If you wish to investigate courses other than the *Wordshark course* – a brief description is given for each below.

Wordshark course – is a general spelling course starting with letter sounds and simple words and follows through **systematically** to long difficult words. Tick the phonics box when you want a phonics approach.

Supplementary lists – gives some more lists to dip into if you want to supplement the Wordshark course at any stage; selection will be necessary on an individual list basis.

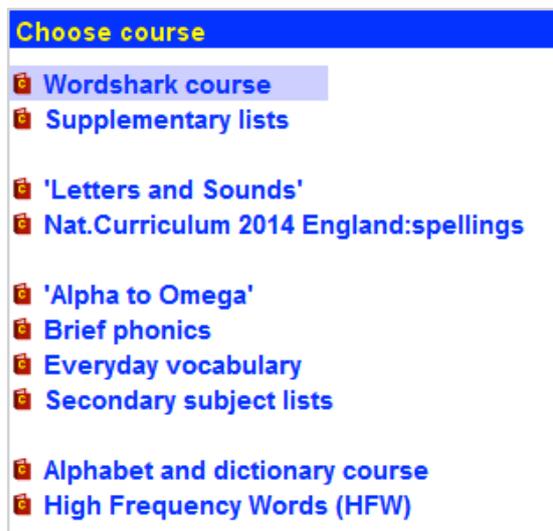
'Letters and Sounds' (English phonics) – follows week by week progression for 'Letters and Sounds' (an English Government synthetic phonics scheme).

Nat. Curriculum 2014 England: spellings – follows the English Government's spellings for KS1 and KS2 – including the statutory lists, and practice for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

'Alpha to Omega' – follows the progression found in the book 'Alpha to Omega' by Bevé Hornsby and Frula Shear.

Brief phonics – briefly covers single letters and only the most frequently taught letter patterns, using synthetic phonics.

Everyday vocabulary lists – useful for EAL. (*Set 1*) has the simplest of greetings, colours numbers etc. (*Set 2*) introduces extra words and simple sentences. (*Set 3*) provides many more words and uses them in both simple and more complex sentences.



Secondary subject lists – are arranged under 13 subject headings. The Crossword game uses these words in context.

Alphabet and dictionary course – practises single letter sounds and names. It also practises the alphabetical ordering of letters and words.

High Frequency Words (HFW) – gives comprehensive lists of common words most often needed for children's reading and writing.

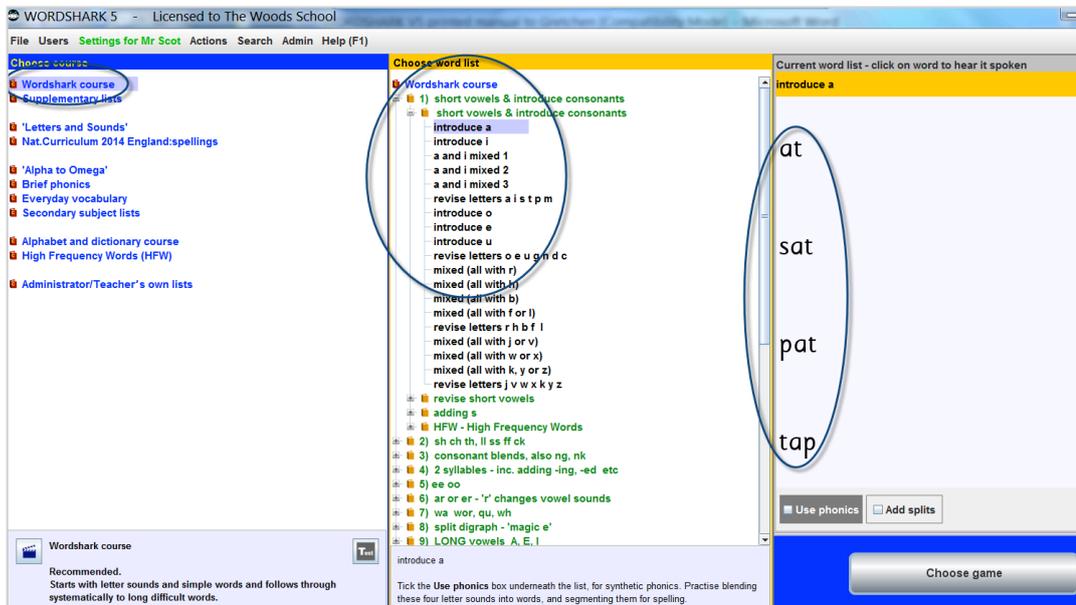
Administrator/Teacher's own lists – found here if you have added your own list(s).

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There is a variety of courses to choose from but if in doubt it is suggested that you use the *Wordshark course*.

You can work systematically down through this course or 'dip into it' as required.

Read on and watch the video to find different ways of finding a word list – and if you still need help, see later under 'Find a starting point using *Test*' which will take you to a suggested starting point.



As a reminder: This is the screen (above) from which you find the word lists. The middle column shows the word list headings (green) and individual word list titles (black). Click on green headings to find more lists.

The right hand column shows the chosen word list. Green titles giving **Mixed words** will be described later under "Important features".

You can move from list to list by clicking on these arrows.



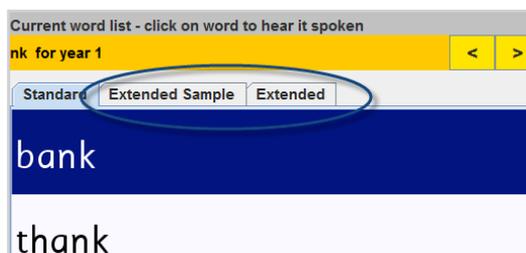
Extended lists

Your chosen list may have an *extended* list.

Selecting the *Extended Sample* draws in different words (sometimes slightly more difficult words) from a larger pool.

If you click on *Extended Sample* you can refresh the words before each game.

Selecting *Extended* will show you the whole extended list from which the words are drawn.



Revision word lists

The words in revision lists change for each game.