

# Making the most of Wordshark

## FOR SCHOOLS – subject vocab, EAL, co-operative play

### Vocabulary work (EAL, Modern Languages, Subject Words)

#### English as an Additional Language

The **Everyday vocabulary** 'course' is useful. The best games include, *Simple crossword* which practises very simple sentences, *Build sentence (from spoken)* which helps with word order and *Crossword 1* with illustrations which cleverly support the sentence vocabulary whilst not giving away the target word.

The **Co-operative play** setting is especially useful, as children can be encouraged to discuss their responses.

#### Modern languages

To add your own lists in another language, click on the keyboard sign. If the language you need is not there, you can create your own keypad under *Admin\Advanced features\Add/change on-screen keypad* to create new symbols. Remember to switch on the keypad when needed in games, under *Settings (name)*.

The facility to create a *Translations List* may also be useful (see later under 'Teacher Tips').

#### Subject words

The **Secondary subject lists** 'course' is useful for learning subject vocabulary in secondary school, over a wide range of subjects. The *Crossword 1* and *Save the sharks* games practise the words in context.

In addition to existing lists, **your own vocabulary** can be put in under *Actions\add your own lists*. You can also make use of *Description lists* and *Translation lists*.

### Co-operative play

Two students can play collaboratively together. One child signs on, then signs on a second via *Users/Sign on another user* and then selects *Users\Share with*, allowing them to select the name of the student they want to share with. They work on the same list and game. The program then provides alternate turn taking – noted in the top bar, and adds to both scores. (This is different to signing on additional users and switching manually between them by clicking on *Switch to*.)

