

Word Mastermind 1.0

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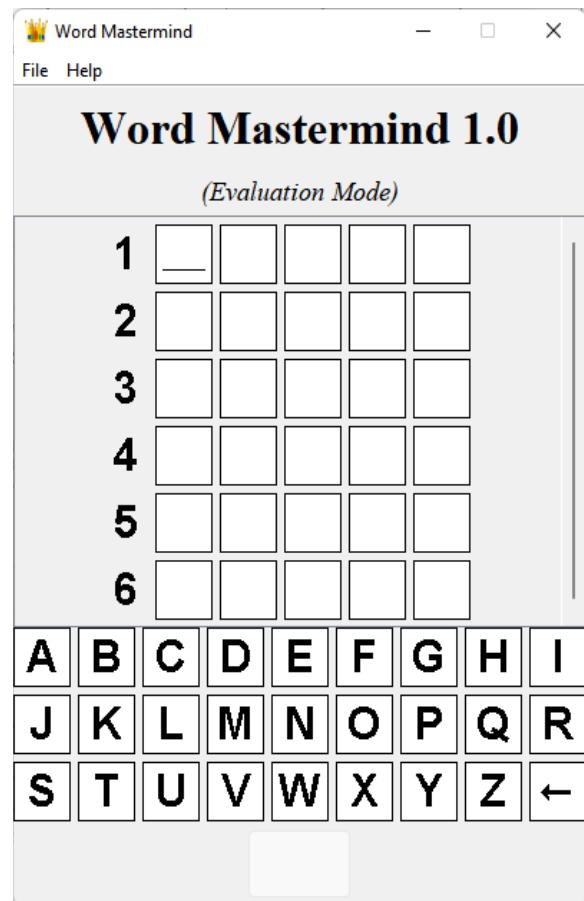
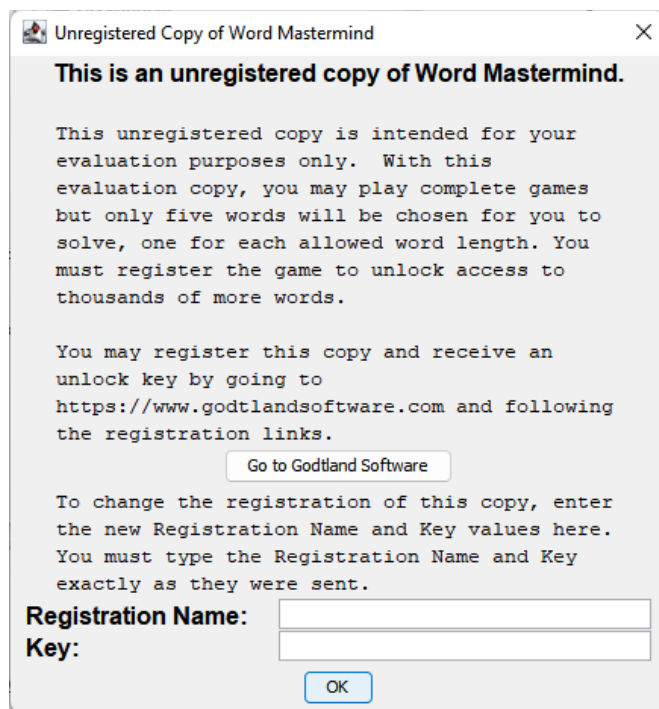
Word Mastermind will select a random word for you to try to guess. The game will indicate which letters in each guess are in the word and which of those letters are in the correct location.

This game is highly configurable. You may set the difficulty level, the word length, the number of tries allowed, and whether your guesses must be real words.

You do not need to be connected to the internet to play this game and you may play as many times as you desire each day.

Start the Game

The first time you start the game, you will be prompted to enter a registration name and key. You may leave those fields blank and press the OK button to play the game without registering it.



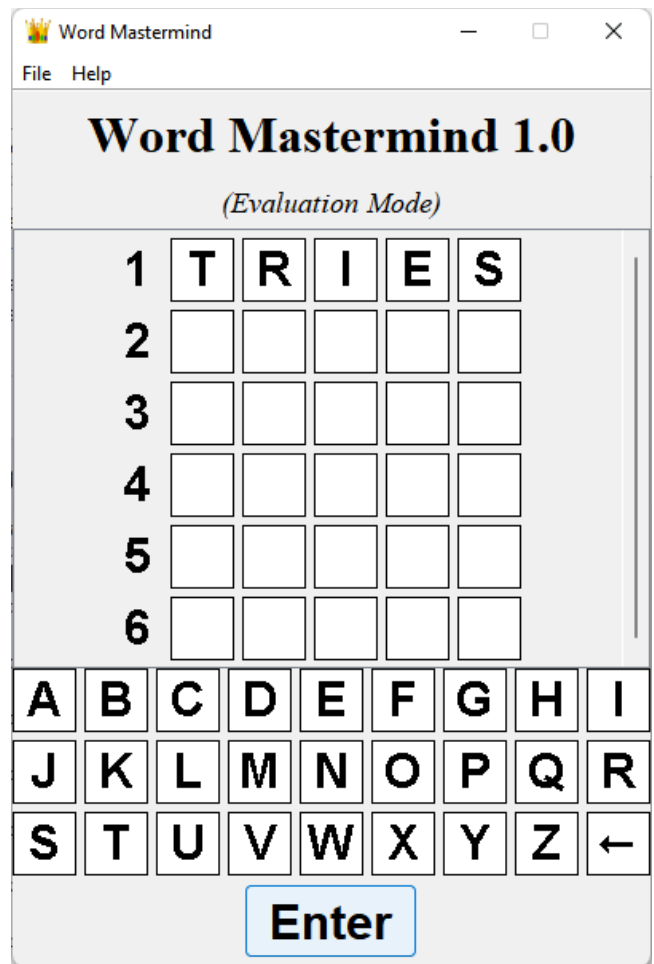
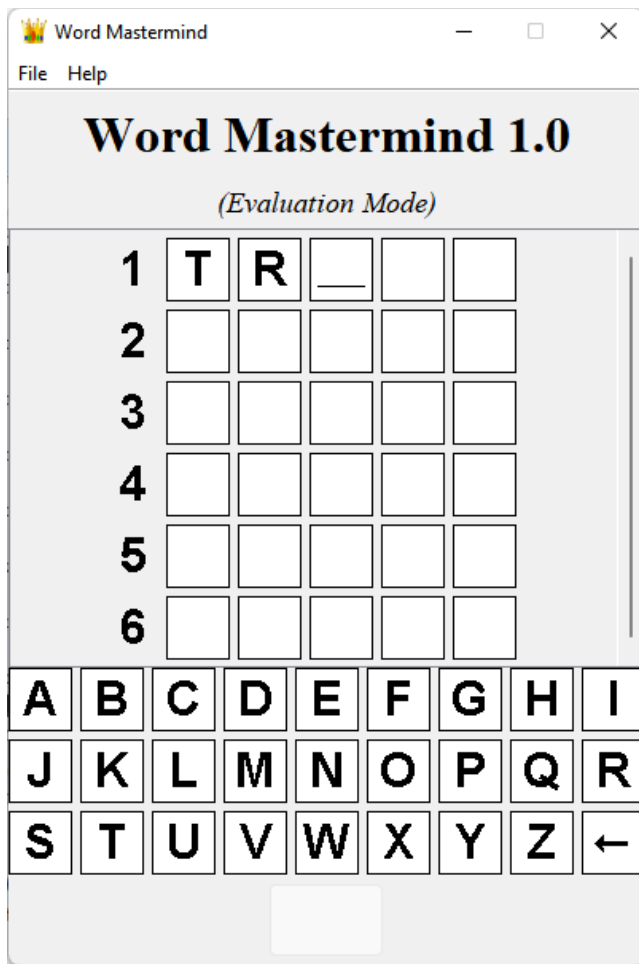
The unregistered version of the game is intended for evaluation purposes only. With this version, you may play complete games but only five words will be chosen for you to guess, one for each allowed word length. You must register the game to unlock access to thousands of more words.

You may register your game by going to <https://www.godtlandsoftware.com> and following the registration links.

After you register the game, you will no longer see the Unregistered Copy window when you start the game. The registered version of the game will replace the text, “(Evaluation Mode)” at the top of the Word Mastermind window, with the name of the registered owner.

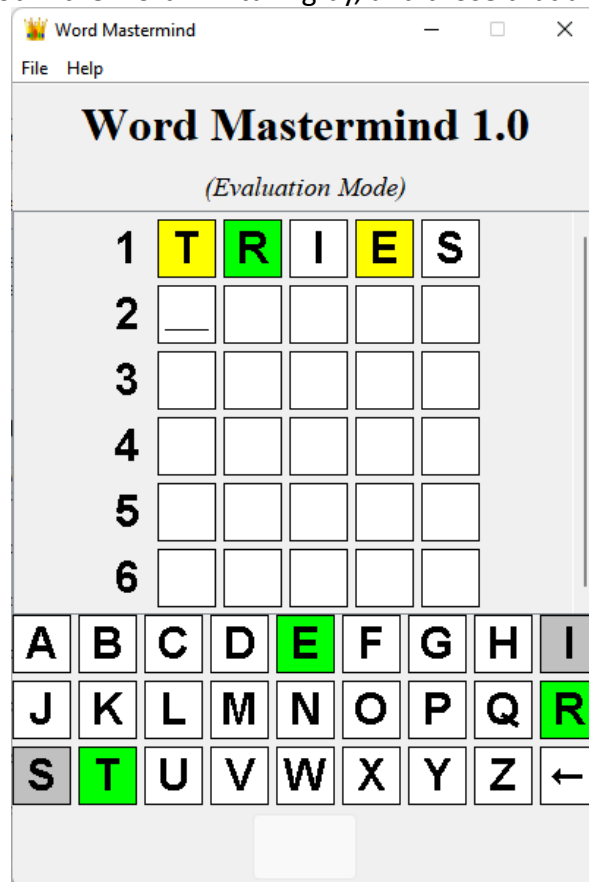
Play the Game

Use your computer keyboard or click on the alphabet buttons to enter the letters of your guess. As you enter the letters of your guess, they will appear in the first available row of boxes. Use the backspace key on your keyboard or click the game’s left arrow button to delete the last letter you typed. Once you enter the last letter of a row, the Enter button will be shown. You may then press the Enter key on your computer keyboard or click the game’s Enter button to submit your guess.



If the word you entered is **not** accepted, you will receive an error message and your guess will be removed from the list so you may try a different guess. Unaccepted words are not counted as guesses. See the next section, *Settings*, to learn how to change what words are accepted.

If the word you entered word is accepted, the letters in your guess that are in the correct location will turn green and those that are in the word but in the wrong location will turn yellow. Letters in the alphabet buttons that are not in the word will turn gray, and those that are in the word will turn green.



The above screenshot indicates that the word has the letters T, R, and E; only the R is in the right location; and the word does not have the letter I or S.

The above screenshot indicates that you will get six tries to guess the word. If you want to allow more than six tries, see the next section, *Settings*, to learn how to change the number of guesses allowed. If Word Mastermind is configured to allow more than six guesses, you may scroll through the list of your guesses at any time.

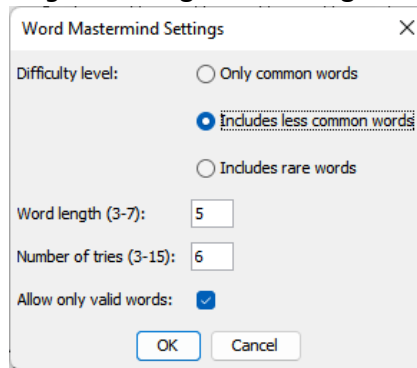
If you guessed the word, all the letters of your guess will turn green, you will receive a message indicating that you guessed it correctly, and it will ask you if you want to play again.

If you didn't guess the word within the number of tries allowed, you will receive a message telling you what the correct word was, and it will ask you if you want to play again,

If you choose to play again, Word Mastermind will choose another word according to your settings, and the window will be reset to play again. However, if you are using the evaluation version of Word Mastermind, the same word will be used again unless you choose a different value for the word length setting. Only five words are used in the evaluation version of Word Mastermind, one for each word length. See the next section, *Settings*, to learn how to change the length of the word that Word Mastermind chooses. You must register Word Mastermind to unlock access to thousands of more words.

Settings

This game is highly configurable. Through the settings you may make the game easier or more challenging to play. Click *File / Settings* to change the settings for the game.



You may change the settings at any time. However, if you are in the middle of playing a game when you change the settings, Word Mastermind will start a new game and you will lose any previously entered guesses.

If you change the settings for Word Mastermind, those new settings will be used the next time you start Word Mastermind.

Difficulty Level

Word Mastermind offers three difficulty levels. The more common the word, the easier the word ought to be to guess.

1. Only common words – this list contains only very common words and comes from the list of the 4,000 most common English words, according to Wictionary.
2. Includes less common words – this list contains the same common words plus some less common words. This list comes from the list of the 20,000 most common English words, according to Wictionary.
3. Includes rare words – this list contains the same common and less common words, plus rare words. This list comes from an English dictionary of 172,823 words used by other popular online word games.

The default difficult level uses the list of the common plus less common words.

Word Length

Word Mastermind provides many more possible words by allowing you to set the word length. You may set Word Mastermind to use words containing three to seven letters. The default word length is five-letter words.

Number of Tries

Would you rather be allowed more tries to guess a word? You may set the number of tries to any value between three and fifteen. The default number of tries is six.

Allow Only Valid Words

The game defaults to require that you only enter valid words. Turn this setting off if you would like to be able to guess any combination of letters, whether they form a valid word or not.

If you choose to allow only valid words, Word Mastermind will use the full dictionary, including rare words, to check the validity of the word you entered, regardless the difficulty level you chose for the game's word selection.

How Many Words?

The longer the word list, the less likely Word Mastermind will present the same word multiple times. This table shows how many words are in Word Mastermind's lists for each combination of word length and difficulty level.

	Only common words	Includes less common words	Includes rare words
3-letter words	176	530	972
4-letter words	577	1,638	3,903
5-letter words	699	2,282	8,636
6-letter words	726	2,887	15,232
7-letter words	653	2,838	23,109

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