

LiteracyPlanet®
**WORD
MANIA**™

Teacher Pack



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What is Word Mania?

Word Mania is a word building challenge created by LiteracyPlanet, the world's leading online literacy resource for schools, tutors and parents.

Word Mania is a fun online completion that's designed to test the word building skills of students. It's based on one of LiteracyPlanet's most popular exercises and any student from Years/Grades 1 to 9 can take part!

Schools that already use LiteracyPlanet have automatic access to the competition. Schools that don't have a LiteracyPlanet subscription can sign up to participate in the competition for free at:

literacyplanet.com/discover/wm-2022



There are prizes up to the equivalent of AUD\$150,000 (£80,000/US\$100,000) up for grabs for the top players that win the Final Round.



Word Mania Key Dates

The dates below are in UTC, refer to the FAQs on literacyplanet.com/discover/wm-2022/ region-specific timings.

Warm-up Round

1 February - 20 March 2022 (UTC)

Competition Round





21 - 25 March 2022 (UTC)

Final Round

30 March - 1 April 2022 (UTC)





How do my students play?

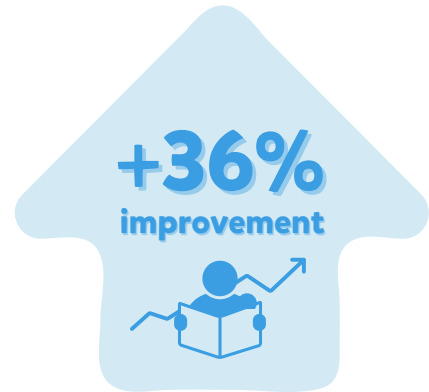
-  From a board of 15 randomly generated letter tiles, players have three minutes to create as many words as they can.
-  By dragging and rearranging letter tiles into the word panel at the bottom, Word Mania players build, extend and rebuild words!
-  Building a word with a Gold or Diamond tile earns bonus points, but be quick and choose your word carefully. The special tiles can only be used once and if you're too slow they disappear.
-  You can increase your word score multiplier by building valid words quickly in consecutive order and using special Gold and Diamond letter tiles when these appear.





How Word Mania helps!

 Word Mania boosts students' word building skills, improving their knowledge of phonemes, morphemes, affixes and plurals, as well as spelling and word recognition.

 Word Mania has been shown to improve these key skills by an average of 36% over the course of the competition.




 Word building is a great challenge for developing complex literacy skills and is fun for students of all ages and levels.

 Students playing Word Mania will have full access to LiteracyPlanet during the competition, to try thousands of interactive and engaging curriculum aligned exercises.



How does Word Mania work?

 Word Mania is open to schools with students in Years/Grades 1 to 9 to compete in.

 There are three 'rounds' in the competition:

Warm-up Round


This is the registration and practise period – to give students a chance to warm up before the competition (where the scores count).

Competition Round

Scores in Word Mania will start counting to compete in the Final Round for major prizes and certificates.

Final Round

Top performers will go head to head for the Final Round certificates and prizes.

 Keep track of your school's position on the Word Mania leaderboards on your Teacher Dashboard or on the public leaderboards.

Important

Word Mania Skill Scores are determined by the sum of the top 50 individual game scores, with a maximum of 10 scores from a single student. This ensures bigger schools and smaller schools are competing on an even playing field.





What can my school win?

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Warm-up Round

There will be special certificates that will be awarded to top-performing schools per year level in the Warm Up Round.

Competition Round

The top-performing schools per year level will receive certificates for their efforts in the Competition Round.

Top performers will be invited to go head to head with other top performers in the Final Round.

Final Round

Schools that score the highest scores per year level in the Final Round will score major prizes be crowned Word Mania champions for 2022!

There will be official Final Round Certificates awarded for the winners.

INCREDIBLE PRIZES FOR YOUR SCHOOL



Word Mania Final Round Champion Certificates








LiteracyPlanet Subscription Vouchers (1 year, 6 months, 3 months)



A\$500 (£250/US\$350) worth of school resources for 1st place champions in the Final Round.



Top tips for Word Mania!

-  Longer and more complex words earn more points.
-  Start by building as many small words as possible, and as quickly as they can. This will increase the multiplier, then spell a bigger word for a multiplied score!
-  Encourage students to get more value out of a base word by adding prefixes and suffixes.
-  If your students 'mark' an invalid word, their multiplier resets to zero, so encourage them to focus on correct spelling.
-  Don't waste time making rude or inappropriate words. Those words are invalid and won't score any points.



Leaderboards

Keep your students up to date with the Leaderboards. There's nothing better than a bit of healthy competition to keep them motivated and engaged.

There are a couple of leaderboards to be aware of.



Public Leaderboard



This is where you will see a leaderboard for each region around the world. Focus on the region you are in. You will see these regions on the public leaderboard: Australia & New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Global (rest of the world).

This is the leaderboard that will show the top performers in each region.



School Leaderboard in your Teacher Dashboard

When you log in to the Teacher Dashboard, you will see a Word Mania logo at the top. This is where you can locate the placement of your school if you aren't able to locate it in the Public Leaderboard.



Student Leaderboard in your Teacher Dashboard

When you log in to the Teacher Dashboard, you will see a Word Mania logo at the top. This is where you can access your student leaderboard and check how each individual student is going.

You can use the Word Mania Certificate on the next page to award superstars in your class. You can use this to show recognition to your students.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

**Congratulations on your exceptional
performance during Word Mania 2022!**

Date of achievement: _____

Awarded by: _____





Where can my students play Word Mania?

Students can access Word Mania on their smartphones, tablets and desktops.

Desktop

To play Word Mania on desktops, simply head over to LiteracyPlanet's login page and log in using the student's username and password.

Once they log in, select the Word Mania tile at the navigation bar.



Tablets and mobile

To play Word Mania on tablet and mobile devices, find the Word Mania App by searching "Word Mania" in the search bar.



Alternatively, you can click on one of the icons below to access the link to the App.





About LiteracyPlanet

Word Mania is created by LiteracyPlanet, the fun and engaging online literacy resource for schools.

During Word Mania your school will have full access to thousands of LiteracyPlanet exercises, so make sure you take full advantage of all the teacher resources!

Assign your students some work, let them explore the self-guided mode and use LiteracyPlanet's reporting features on the Teacher Dashboard to keep track of their process.

You will have access to thousands of curriculum-aligned activities during Word Mania, so don't miss the opportunity to see how LiteracyPlanet can help your students.



- ✓ Curriculum-aligned
- ✓ Engaging for students from Prep/K/F to Yr 10
- ✓ Gamified-learning
- ✓ Auto-marking
- ✓ Personalised learning





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