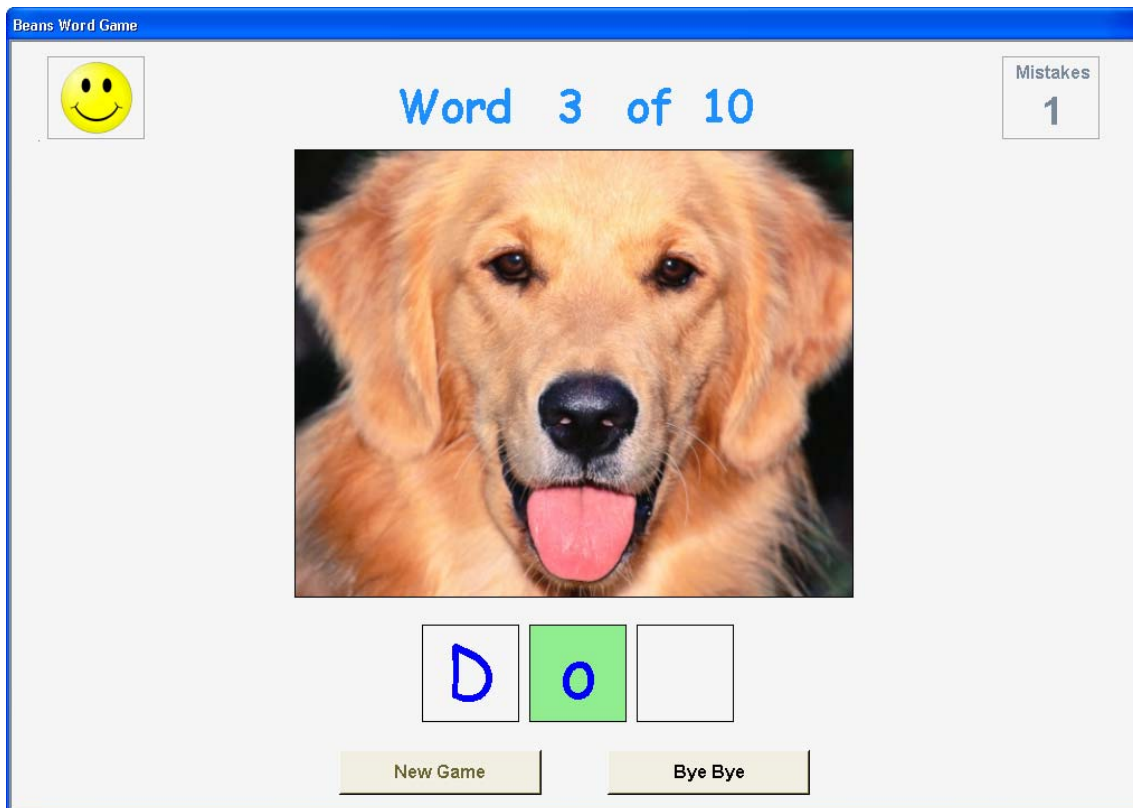# Beans Word Game
Instructions

The Beans Word Game is a simple little game that I made for my two daughters to help teach them spelling in a fun way.

Playing the game is very simple. A word is said out loud while a picture of it is displayed. Next the word is spelled out on the screen as the letters are shown at the bottom. Then the letters disappear and the child is asked to spell the word. Encouragement and hints are given as the word is being typed.

The Beans Word Game can be played by kids of any age by changing the game settings, or by making the spelling words easier or harder, but kids between four and eight will probably get the most out of it.

Beans Word Game Settings

Open up the Beans Word Game Settings from the Beans Word Game folder on the Windows Start menu. Click the Save Settings button to save your changes, and click the Exit button to leave.

Number of Mistakes
The first four numbers are used to set difficulty of the game based on the number of mistakes made. Use small numbers to make the game harder, and bigger numbers to make it more forgiving.

I give my girls a small toy if they get an excellent score and a piece of candy if they get a Great score. This has been such a wonderful motivation that I had to tighten up the ranges after only a few days.

Number of Words per Game
The number of words to use in a game. It can be 1 to 99 (if there are enough pictures available).

Minutes of Inactivity before Quitting
How long the game waits with no input before quitting. *(I added this feature in because occasionally my girls would just walk away from the game without closing it.)*

Letter Case
Select Upper Case, Lower Case or Mixed Case. Mixed Case displays the word exactly like it is in the jpeg file.

Correct Letter Acknowledgment
Select Words to hear words of encouragement, and select Sounds to hear fun sounds. *Choosing the Sounds option can make the game go a little faster.*

"Can I play the Beans Word Game?"
   - My Daughter

Force Picture to Fit Boxes
Check this to make added pictures resize to fit the display box. Leave it uncheck to display pictures at their normal size. (More about adding pictures below.)

Give Hints
Check this to give specific letter hints after a child is stuck on a letter for awhile.

Show Letters at First
Check this to show all the letters of the word temporally after the picture is shown. Uncheck this option to make the game more challenging.

Say Letters at First
Check this to hear all the letters of the word after the picture is shown. You can also uncheck this option to make the game more challenging.

Adding More Words the Game

It's easy to add more words to the game. Just copy a picture (jpeg format) of the word you want into the pics folder.

The Beans Word Game will use the file name as the word (The example at the top uses the file: Dog.jpg).

The game will work just by adding pictures to the pics folder, but if you also want the game to say the word also, simply copy a corresponding sound file (wav format) to the wavs folder. (The example at the top uses the file: Dog.wav).

Using a standard installation the picture folder would be:
C:\Program Files\Beans Games\Beans Word Game\pics\

And the sound folder would be:
C:\Program Files\Beans Games\Beans Word Game\wavs\

See, it couldn't be easier!

"When are you going to make the Beans Number Game?"
- My Wife

Misc.

To see how often, and how well, your child is playing the game you can check out the log files (plain text documents) that are made for each game. They are kept in the logs folder with the date and time for the file name. (Example: GameLog080916-152824.txt)

If the file name looks confusing (and it does), just look at the date the file was created or modified.

Using a standard installation the log folder would be:
C:\Program Files\Beans Games\Beans Word Game\logs\

Thanks for your interest in the Beans Word Game!

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or suggestions.

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Bye.