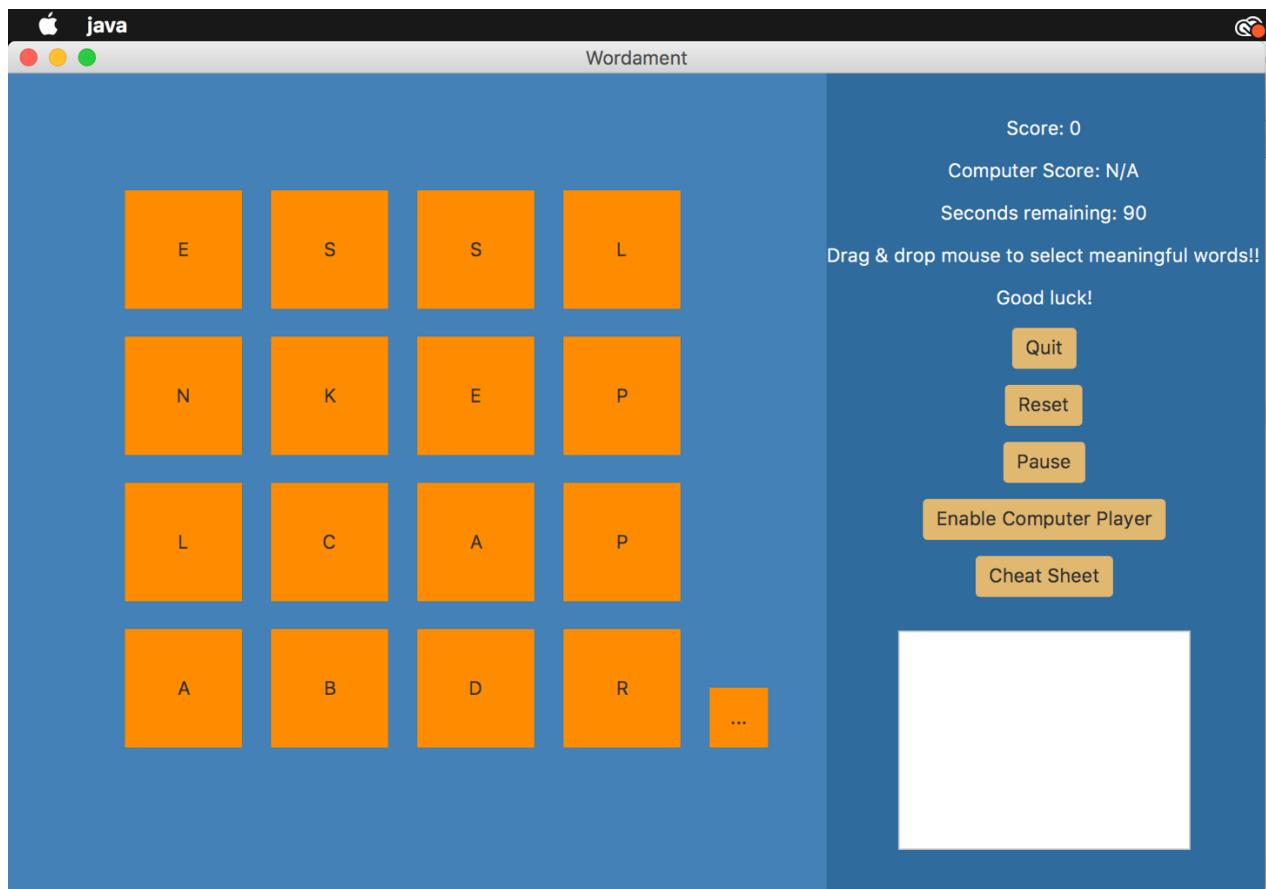


FAKE WORDAMENT USER GUIDE

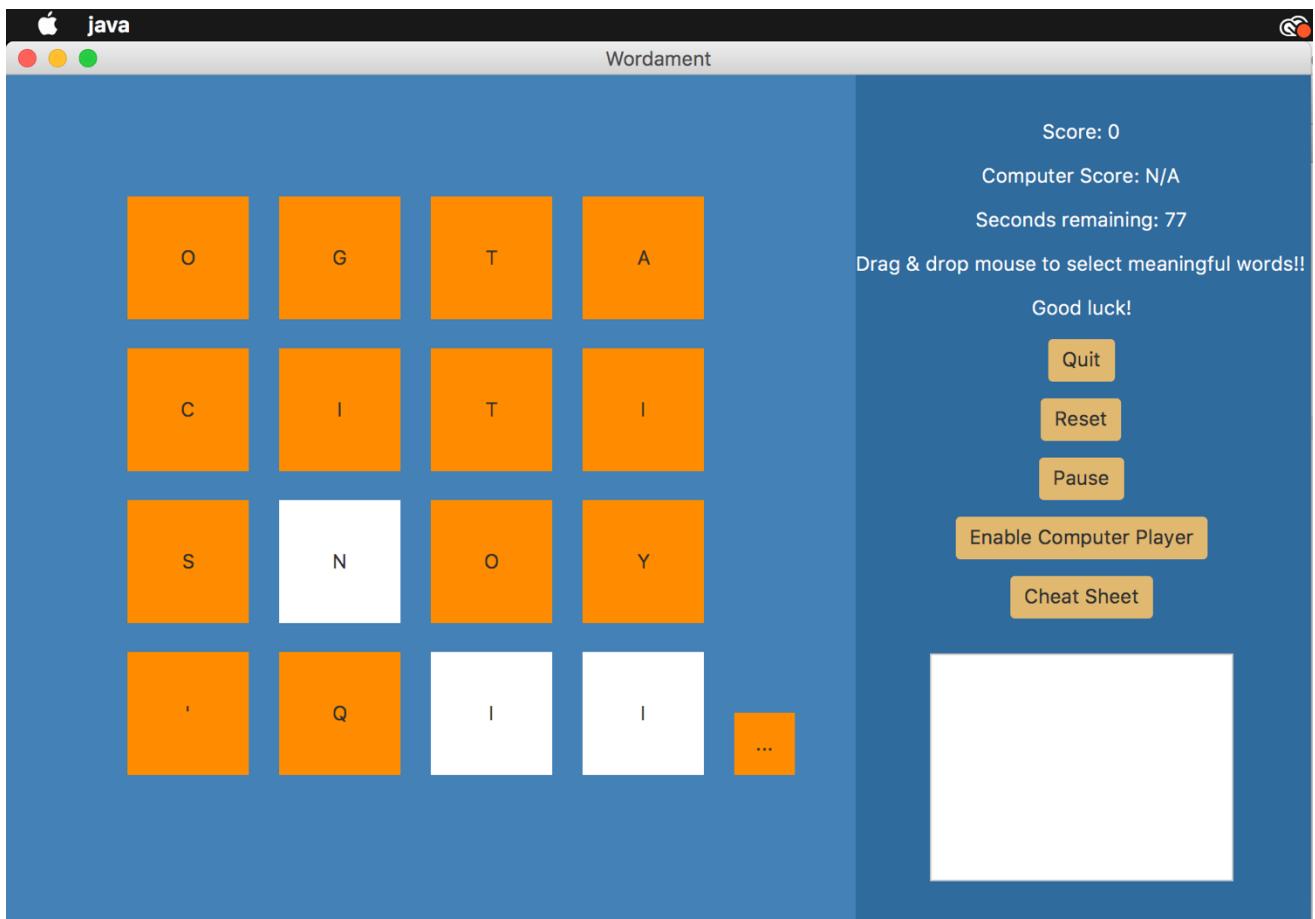
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For a less wholesome but original version of the game, go on App Store/Google Play Store and find “Wordament”

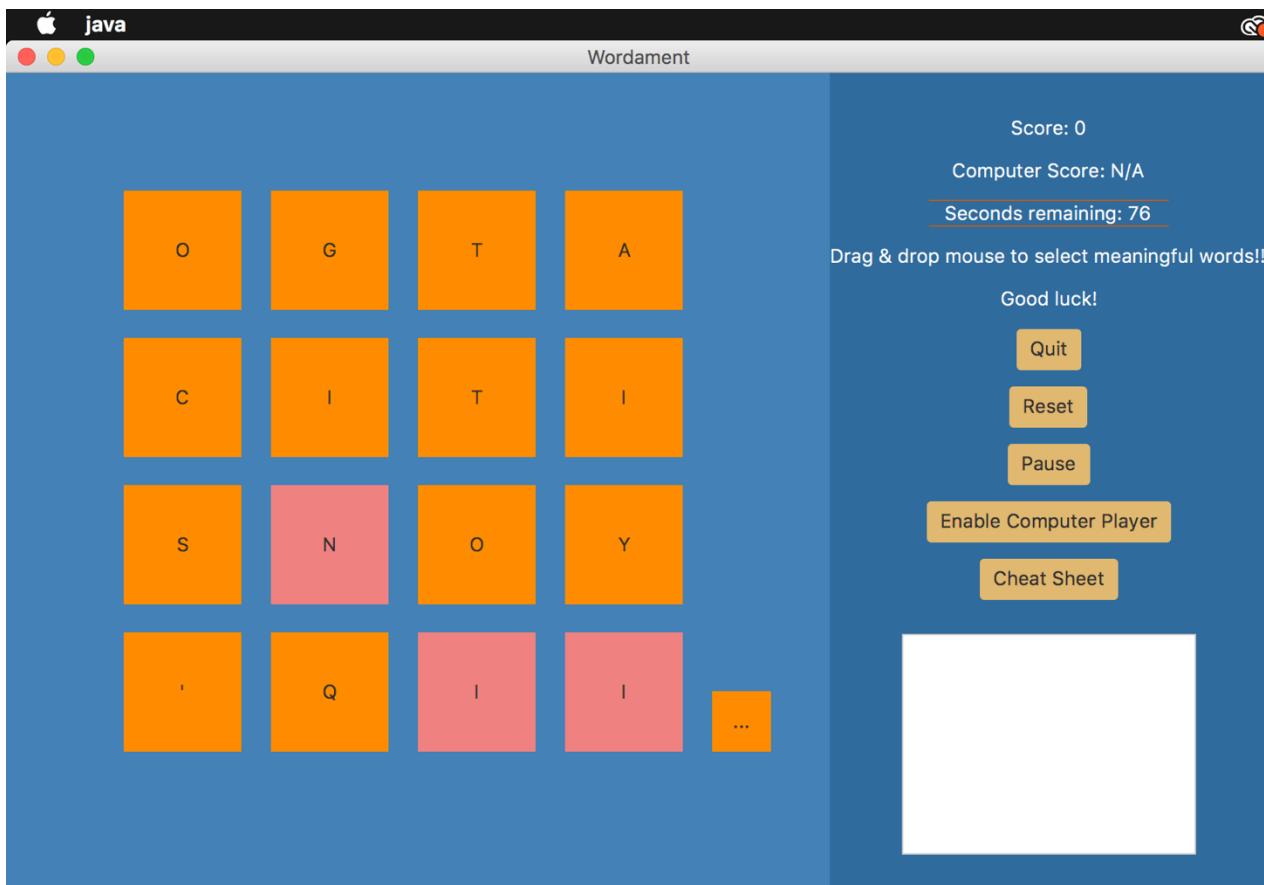


This is the general user interface of the game. It will consist of a 4x4 board that includes different characters. Your mission: Is to connect adjacent characters with each other to make meaningful words!!

You can do this **by click your mouse on the game board (not on the sidebar!) from outside the buttons (not on the button though, that's one limit of my program that I still have yet figured out the way to make it more user-friendly) and drag it to the next adjacent characters** to make your word!! While dragging, your program should look something like this:



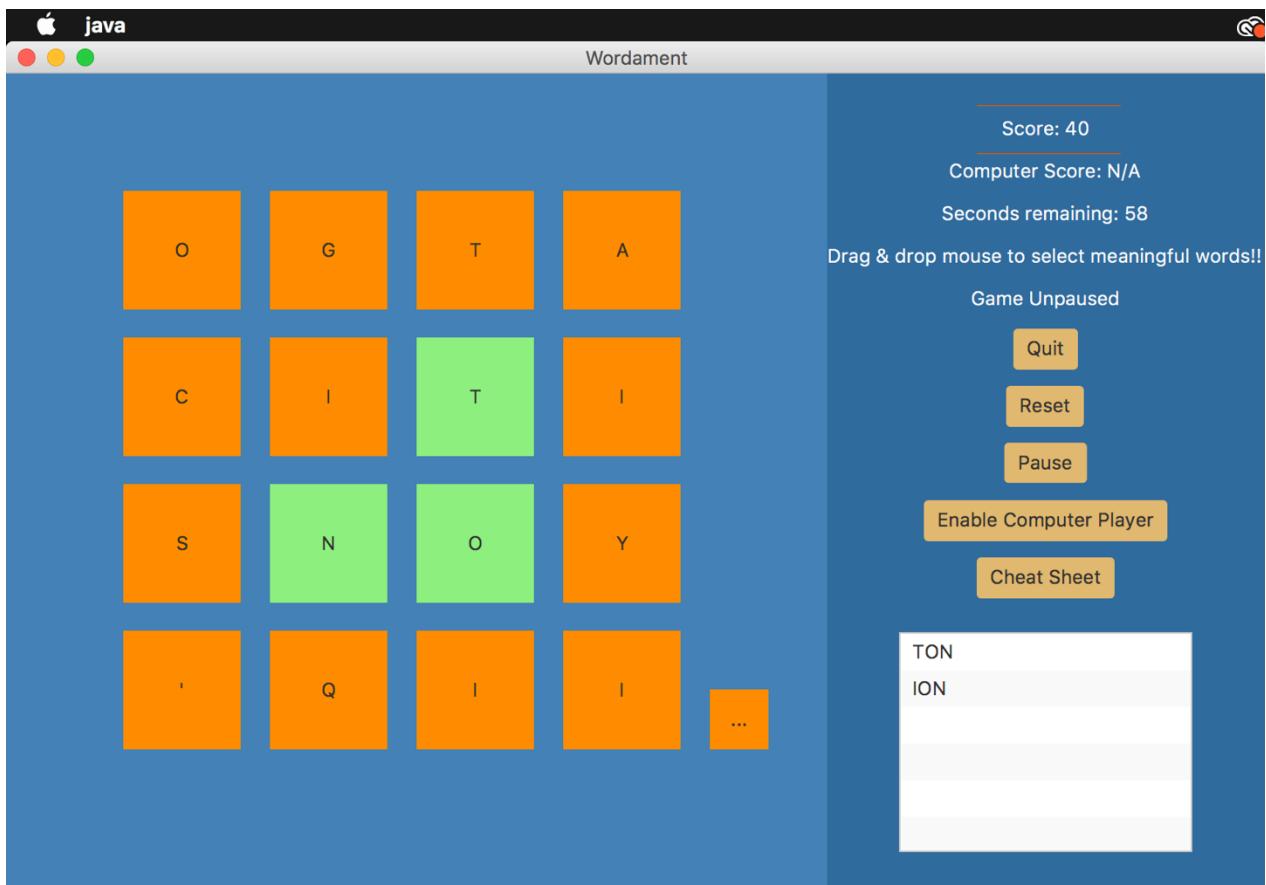
There we go – I have selected “IIN” in this example. If you want to continue forming your word, go ahead and drag your mouse to the next characters. But if you don’t, then you can release your mouse and see the magic! (Whenever you release your mouse, the computer will check your input, so think twice before you release your mouse!)



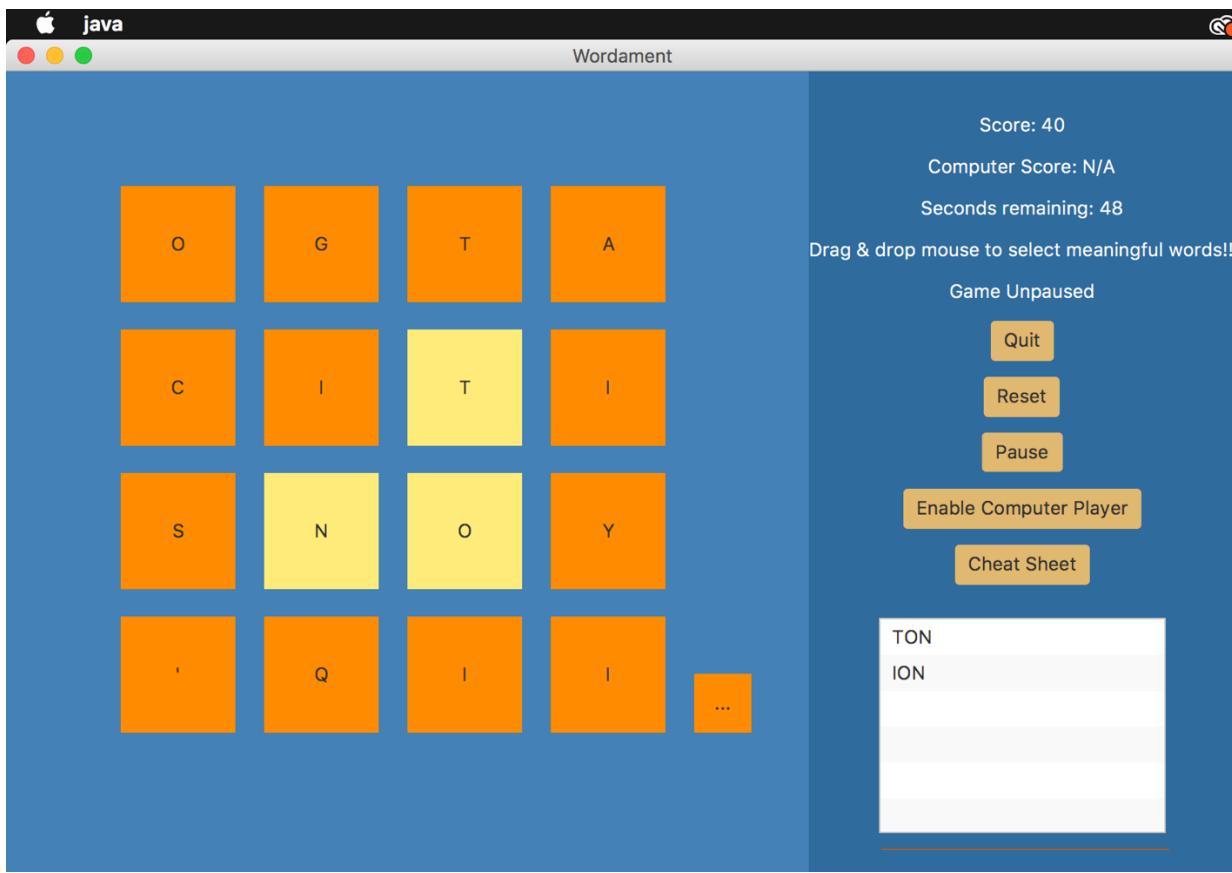
Oops, magic happens to reveal my dark and twisty linguistically incapable side. If the word that you selected, in this case (IIN), is incorrect, then the characters that you selected will turn red, and you get no points!

Let's try this again – STEM majors can do English! #fightTheStereotype

While you still have time (meaning the “Seconds remaining” section on the Side Bar (above picture) is larger than 0), then continue to select other words! Your job is to get the most words possible (with or without the naughty cheat sheet, of course).



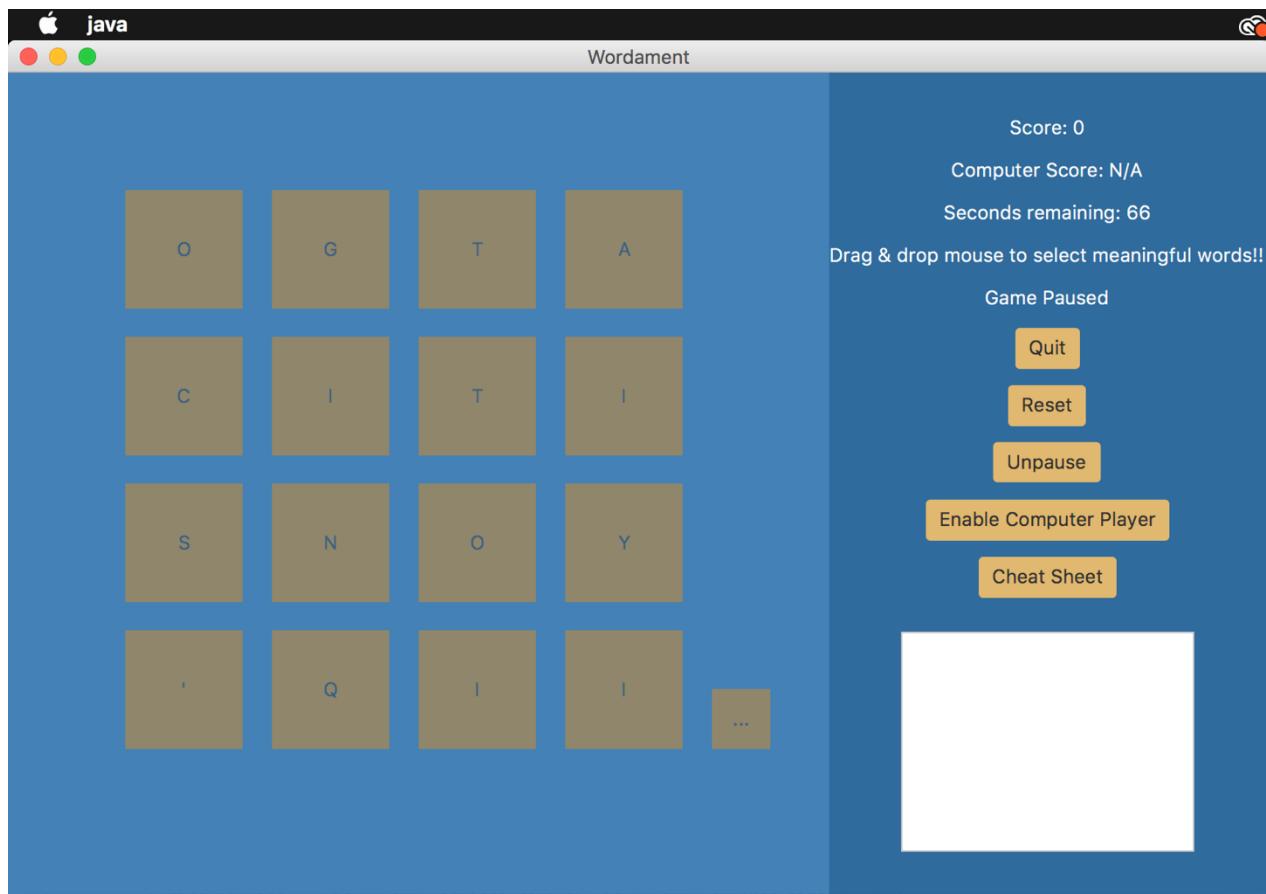
Yes! The smart got the word correct! In this case, I chose “TON”, and it was correct! When you choose a word that is correct, the characters that you selected will turn green, and you will get some points, shown in the picture above! Woohoo!



My Slytherin side just secretly told me to choose the selected words over and over again to #cheatTheSystem and get the most scores possible while putting the least effort! But sadly, the system is smarter than me.

Whenever you chose a word that was selected (by you, or by the computer if you chose this function), then the computer will not register your words and all the characters that you selected will turn yellow, and you will get no points ☹.

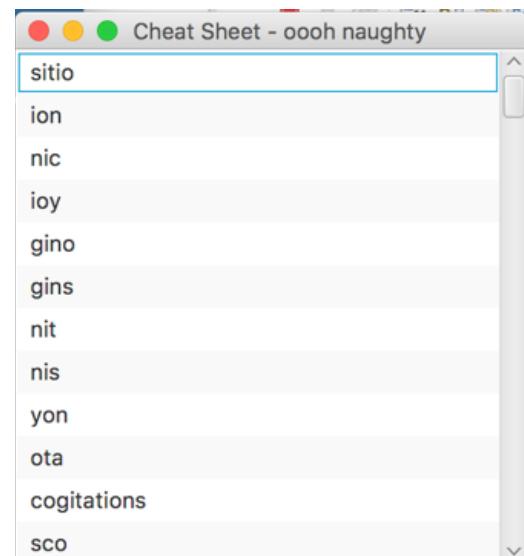
In order to see the words that have been selected, by both you and the computer, you can refer to the list on the side bar (picture above).



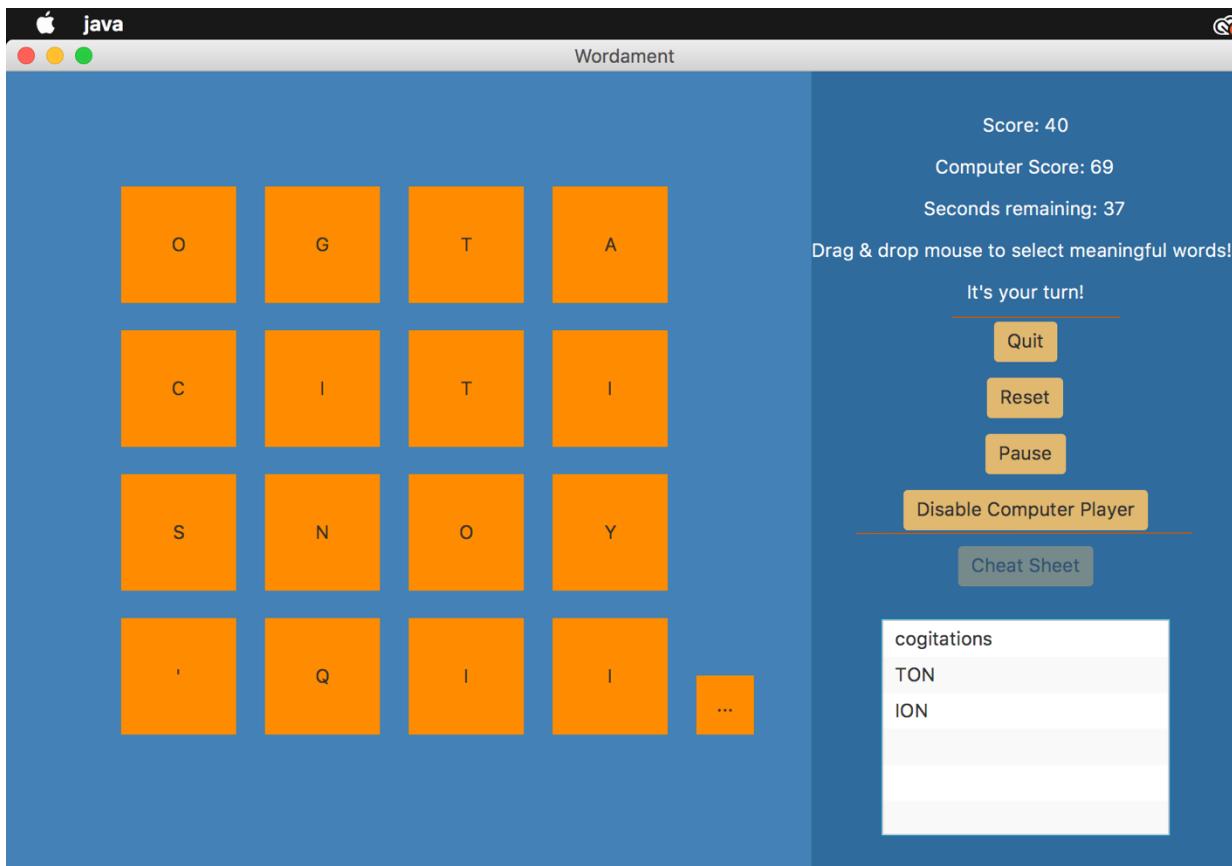
Yikes, the computer is actually smarter than me. I felt like I need to take a break to breath. You can pause the game for a bit, by choosing **the Pause button** on the Sidebar. When the game is paused, it would look something like the board above.

“Take a step back, look at the bigger picture” – they normally say. Woo! On the Sidebar, I just saw a “Cheat Sheet”! Hmm, maybe this way I would be almost half as smart as the computer – this is already a big enough achievement! Lets try this out!

Woah, my faith in technology is revived, again! A new box like the one on the right will open when you open the **cheat sheet**, and you will be able to scroll through them to see the words that are available.



Now that life has been easier and I'm half as smart as the computer, I shall try to compete with it! You can try to compete with the computer, or if you ever feel too overwhelmed with playing with the computer, you can feel free to switch it on/off with a button in the sidebar (shown below)



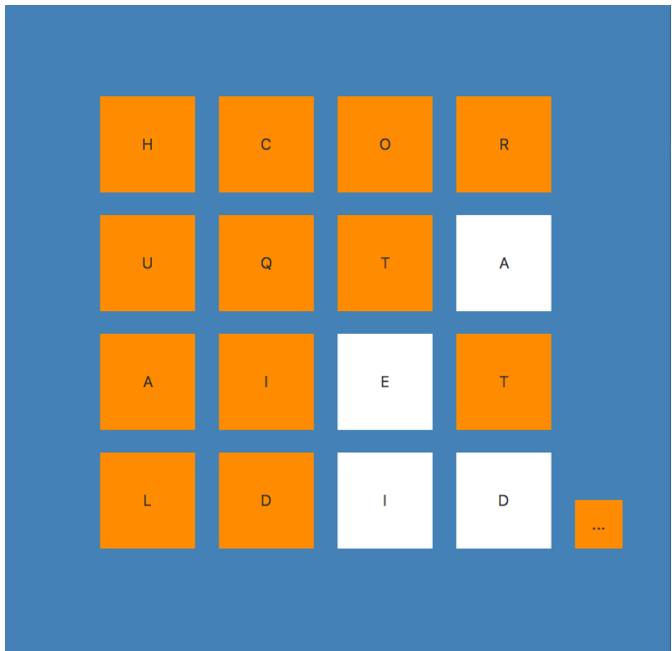
Exciting! During your game with the computer, a label in the sidebar (shown above) will indicate whose turn it is. In the picture above, its now our turn to make a move!!! And also, there will be a computer score, and most of the time the computer will beat you, and need to fight for! your! life! to not lose against the computer! Also, in the list of achieved words, the words that you played will be in UPPER CASE, while the words that the computer played will be in lower case!

Also, during your game with the computer:

- A computer score will be shown (see picture above)
- You can pause the game!! (ha ha! We are smarter than the computers!)
- But, you cannot see the cheat sheet! (What's the fun of the intellectual competition with the computer, when you can see the cheat sheet, right?)

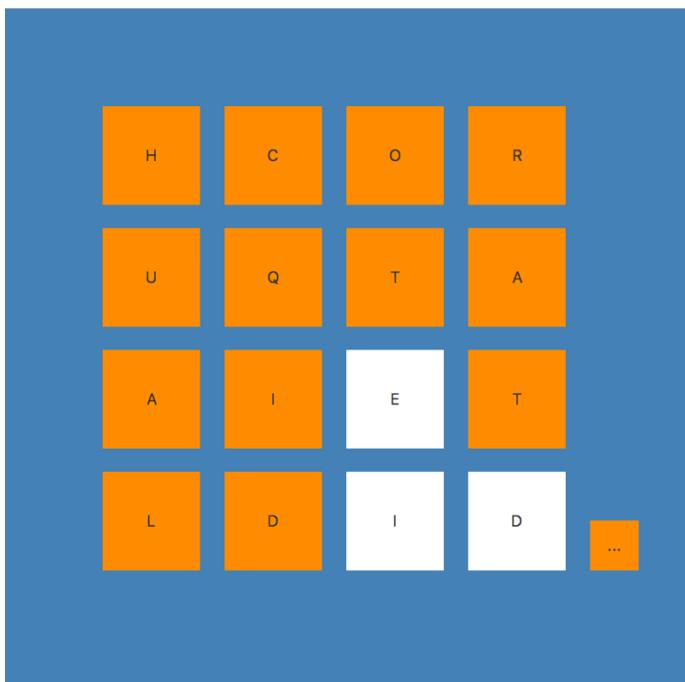
You do have a question: But I'm old and dark and twisty and my hands are all shaky and the time is counting down and I cannot select the words that I want without messing up with other words! We have a solution for you – REDO!!!!

Below are the three steps that you will need to do in order to **redo and select another word**.



Picture 1: You meant to select DIET (because you feel so strongly about it because Freshman 15 is creeping to you but you still need to get Jo's everyday at 2AM because you need to finish your CS15 Final Project). You meant to select T, but you selected A instead (your mouse is still in A when you realize you messed up).

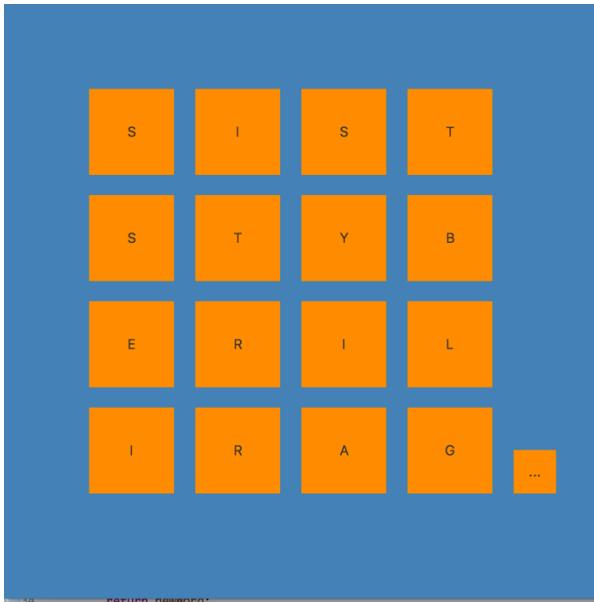
In this case, you will have to drag your mouse all the way out of A (in the direction in which you were dragging), and then drag it back in A again. Then we have the second picture.



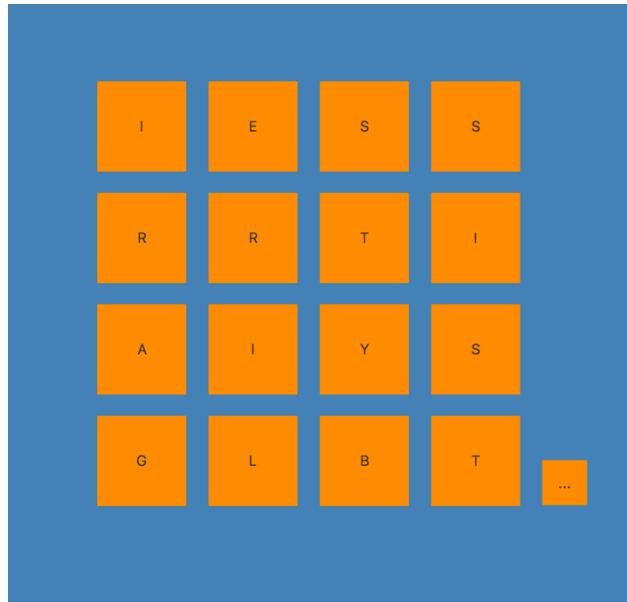
Picture 2: When you dragged in of A and then drag it all the way out of A again in the negative direction to the one you were dragging in earlier. Yay! You unselected A! Now you can select T and finish your DIET.

Amazing!

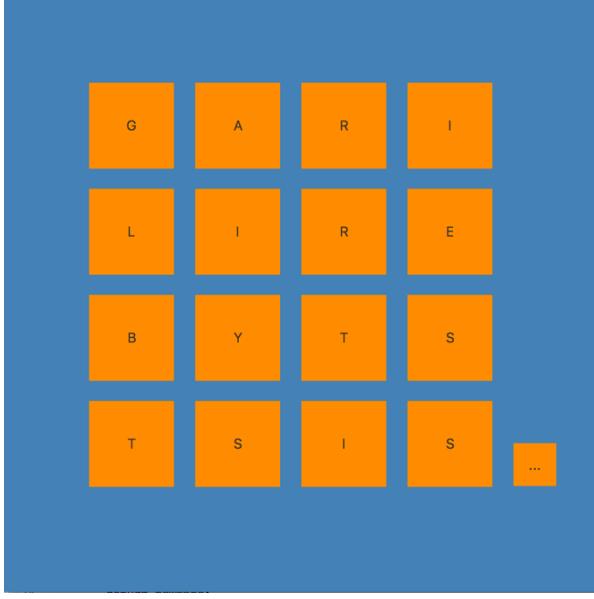
They say that you have to have multiple perspectives into problems so as to be a global citizen and give effective real world solutions. The computer understands that. Therefore, it allows you to **rotate the board clockwise**. “This is so amazing – are you lying to me?” – Here are the examples (when you press the “...” button)



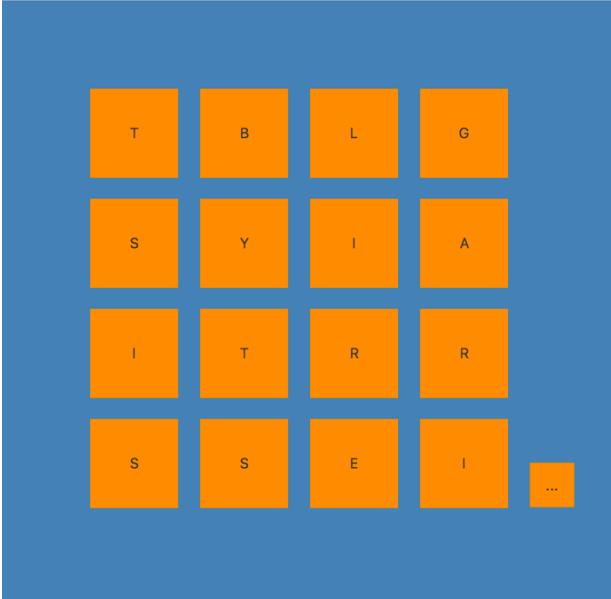
Picture 1: The initial board



Picture 2: Rotated once

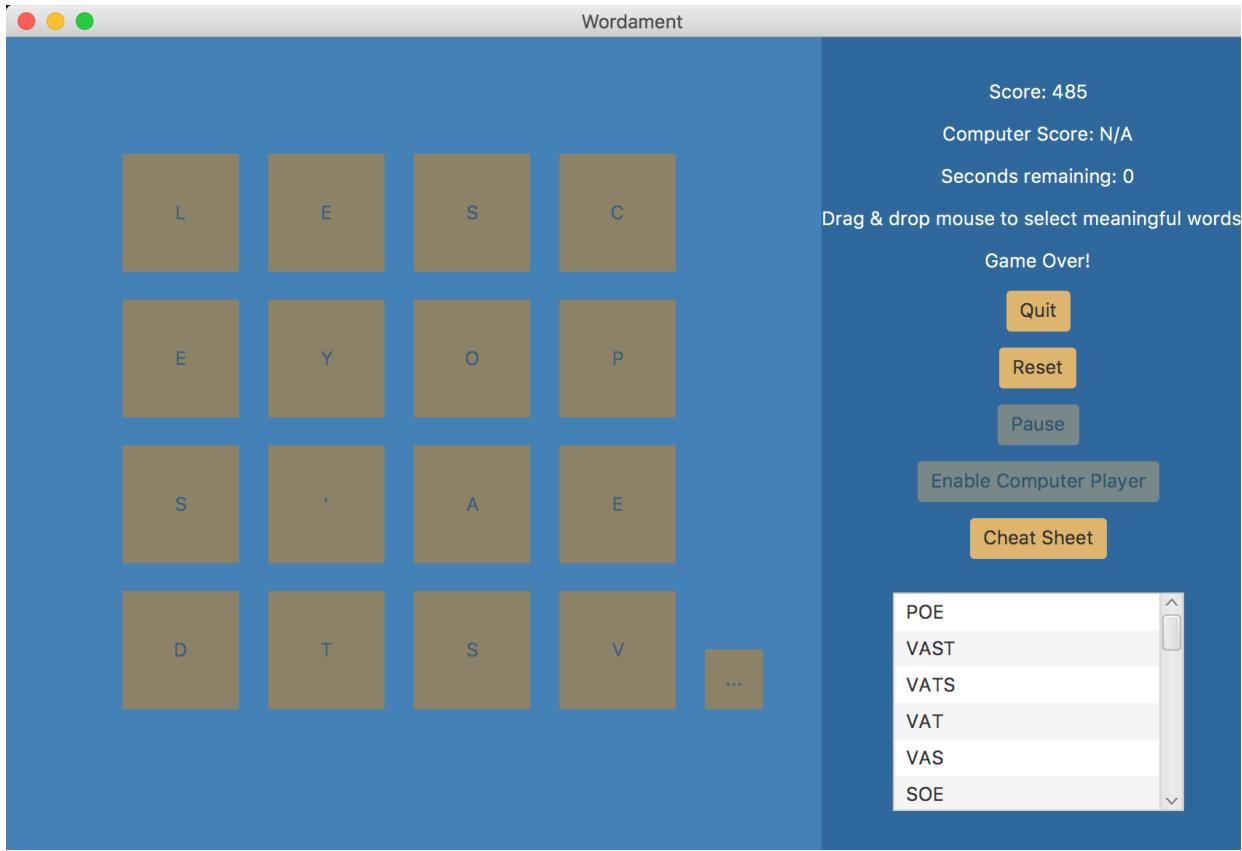


Picture 3: Rotated twice



Picture 4: Rotate three times

Amazing! Now that you fully understood how smart computer is, don't try to use your dark and twisty Slytherin side to choose words that are not adjacent to each other – it will not work!



When the countdown timer is over, game would be over. If you were selecting some words before game over, it will stop right at the moment when the game is stopped. You can always choose to reset the game – when the game is over, or whenever during the game, you can feel free to press the “reset” button to start another game! (With a very different board though)

Good luck with your linguistic adventures!