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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Word Polygon game is a word puzzle application built using Python and Tkinter. The game challenges players to form valid words from a set of seven letters arranged in a honeycomb hexagon layout, with the constraint that each word must include a mandatory letter. It includes features such as real-time validation, timer-based gameplay, a scoring system, and interactive graphics. The application is modular, with each feature implemented as a separate function to ensure clarity and maintainability.

FEATURES

Feature 1: Word List Loading

This feature loads a list of valid words from a file called `wordlist.txt`, ensuring that only words with a length of three or more characters are included.

```
def load_wordlist():
    with open("wordlist.txt", "r") as f:
        return [word.strip().lower() for word in f if len(word.strip()) >= 3]
```

Feature 2: Random Letter Generation

The game generates a random 7-letter word from the word list and extracts its letters. One of the letters is randomly selected to be mandatory. These letters are then shuffled.

```
def generate_letter_set(wordlist):
    long_words = [w for w in wordlist if len(w) == 7]
    base_word = random.choice(long_words)
    letters = list(set(base_word.upper()))
    while len(letters) < 7:
        letters.append(random.choice('ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'))
    random.shuffle(letters)
    return letters, random.choice(letters)
```

Feature 3: Word Validation

This function checks whether a word is valid according to the game rules: at least 3 letters, contains the mandatory letter, uses only the given letters, is found in the dictionary, and hasn't already been found.

```
def is_valid(word):
    word = word.lower()
    if len(word) < 3:
        return False
    if MANDATORY_LETTER.lower() not in word:
        return False
    if any(ch not in [l.lower() for l in LETTERS] for ch in word):
        return False
    if word not in VALID_WORDS:
        return False
    if word in found_words:
        return False
    return True
```

Feature 4: Word Submission

This function is triggered when the user submits a word. It checks if the word is valid and updates the score and list of found words.

```
def check_word():
    word = ent_word.get()
    ent_word.delete(0, tk.END)
    if is_valid(word):
        found_words.append(word)
        listbox.insert(tk.END, word)
        lbl_score.config(text=f"Score: {len(found_words)}")
```

Feature 5: Game Reset

This function resets the game state, including the timer, score, and letter set. It allows the user to restart the game.

```
def reset_game():
    found_words.clear()
    listbox.delete(0, tk.END)
    LETTERS, MANDATORY_LETTER = generate_letter_set(VARIABLE_WORDS)
    draw_hexagons()
    lbl_score.config(text="Score: 0")
    ent_word.config(state='normal')
    btn_submit.config(state='normal')
    time_left = 60
    lbl_timer.config(text=f"Time: {time_left}s")
    update_timer()
```

Feature 6: Timer Management

The game has a countdown timer that disables user input when it reaches zero. It also displays potential valid words the player could have made.

```
def update_timer():
    global time_left
    if time_left > 0:
        time_left -= 1
        lbl_timer.config(text=f"Time: {time_left}s")
        root.after(1000, update_timer)
    else:
        ent_word.config(state='disabled')
        btn_submit.config(state='disabled')
        # Show possible words
```

Feature 7: Honeycomb Hexagon Drawing

This function arranges the seven letters in a hexagonal layout on a Tkinter canvas. The mandatory letter is highlighted.

```
def draw_hexagons():
    canvas.delete("all")
    offsets = [...]
    for i, (dx, dy) in enumerate(offsets):
        draw_single_hex(x, y, LETTERS[i], LETTERS[i] == MANDATORY_LETTER)
```

Feature 8: Individual Hexagon Drawing

Each hexagon is drawn with specific coordinates, size, and color depending on whether it's the mandatory letter.

```
def draw_single_hex(x, y, letter, is_mandatory):
    size = 40
    points = [...] # Calculate vertices
    color = "#FF5722" if is_mandatory else "#546E7A"
    canvas.create_polygon(points, fill=color, outline="black")
    canvas.create_text(x, y, text=letter)
```

Feature 9: Clickable Letters

Each letter hexagon is interactive. Clicking a hexagon adds that letter to the word entry box.

```
def click_letter(letter):
    ent_word.insert(tk.END, letter)
```

Feature 10: Scoring and Word List

The score and words found are dynamically updated on the screen as the player interacts with the game.

```
lbl_score.config(text=f"Score: {len(found_words)}")
listbox.insert(tk.END, word)
```