

# Oh! My New Words (Suite)

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This is a Windows 95 and up program

*Oh! My New Words* is actually a suite of several programs in one that can be effectively used to introduce and drill new vocabulary words. The programs are Word Display (part of speech and definition), Worksheet Manager, Word List Editor, and Game. Once you install *Oh! My New Words*, you will have access to all of these functions.

Install the program on your Windows PC or network server, and you are ready to use *Oh! My New Words* with the accompanying sample vocabulary lists. If you wish to create lists of your own, you can do this with the *Word Editor* or you can hack them out in any generic text editor, like Microsoft Notepad that comes with your Windows installation and is found under the Accessories option on the START/PROGRAMS menu.

*Oh! My New Words* is designed to be used with an overhead projection unit, to work with the entire class at one time. This makes the introduction of words and meanings more exciting, especially if the teacher adds some drama.

## USING OH! MY NEW WORDS

Click on the shortcut on the START/PROGRAMS menu to get the program up and running. After a short splash screen, you will see the main work screen that looks like the illustration here. Click on the Files option on the menu bar and select Open to navigate to a list of words you want to use. We used one of the sample lists that accompany the program installation.



The word list has been loaded but the words and information are invisible at the moment. Notice that there are buttons strategically placed on the screen, under each of the white bands. The bands are actually windows for presentation. The top band will show the word, the second band will show the part of speech and the third band will show the definition. You display the words and related material by clicking

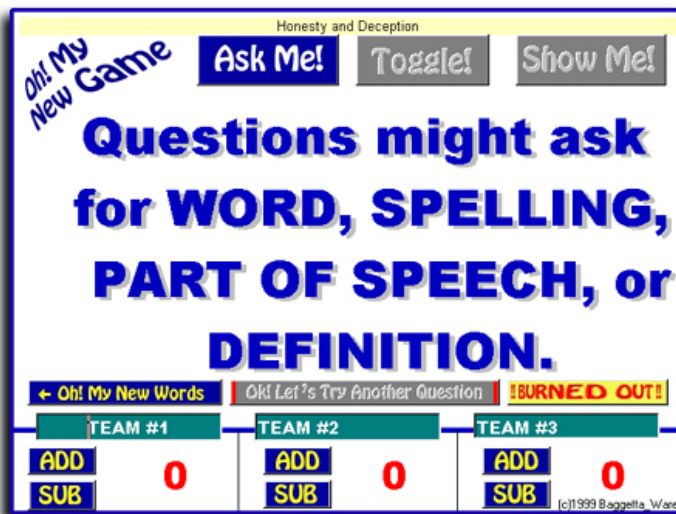
the corresponding buttons. You can also go back to the previous word by using the associated button. This way you can repeat words, testing your class in competition or simply by presenting the information for note taking.

The illustration here shows all of the information for a word, after each of the corresponding buttons has been selected. If you have this displayed to the class, you can click the buttons randomly to display the information. You could give students time to study the words, and then later go back over them presenting any of the three parts in different combinations to quiz your kids. If you have a sound card available through your computer, you will hear selected sound effects with each click of the mouse. You can always turn the sound off on your computer, if you don't want to use this feature.



While this is an effective way to playfully present new vocabulary, we have also built into the program a game called, *Oh! My New Game*. After you have given all of the basic information about the list to your class, you can have them study it for a bit and then break them into teams to get ready for the game. Click the Oh My New Game option on the menu bar to get to the game.

The first screen you see will be the rules screen. These are rather generic and can be modified by the teacher or players, depending upon individual needs.



Close this screen to go to the main play screen.

The game uses the word list already in memory. You can set up team names at the bottom (up to three teams) and add or subtract from their scores using the ADD and SUB buttons. ASK ME gets a question, SHOW ME gives the answer, and BURNED

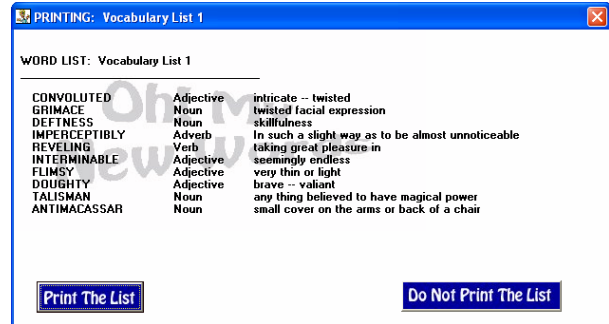
OUT can be clicked to simulate time's up. All of the buttons have sound effects and can provide for a fast, invigorating game of vocabulary. When you are done playing the game, click the OH! MY NEW WORDS button at the bottom left.

## OTHER PROGRAM FEATURES

Back at the main screen on the menu bar, there are a couple of other features you might find useful.

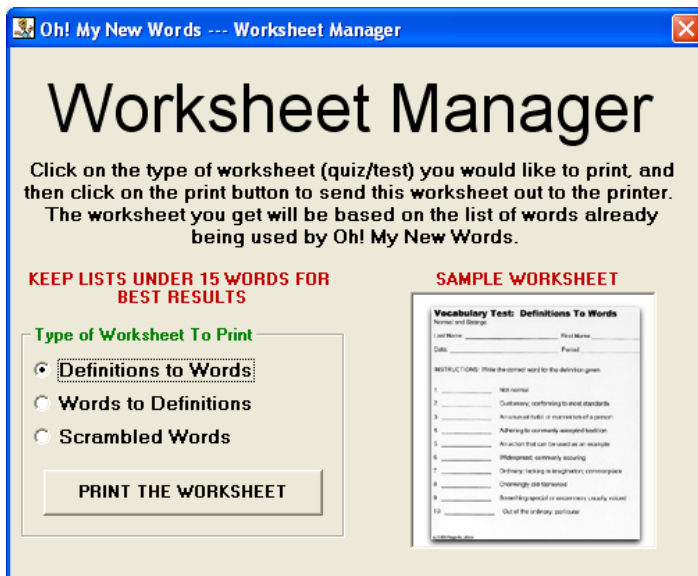
## PRINT

From the Print menu you can call up the list of words and either print the list for your use or for photocopying for the entire class or read it on screen. This comes in very handy for students who two weeks later (after coming back from an illness or long suspension, for example) nonchalantly want you to come up with a list of words they owe you. Just call up the list and print it out.



## WORKSHEET MANAGER

The Worksheet Manager option from the menu will allow you to quickly print up three types of quiz sheets from the list in memory.



This is a quick way of producing some worksheets for your classes and is not intended as a full scale testing program. You can produce a Definitions to Words, Words to Definitions, or Scrambled Words worksheet for up to 15 words in a list.

The option assumes you have a printer attached and working, otherwise the feature does not work, so

make sure these options are available before using the Worksheet Manager.

These are the main features of *Oh! My New Words*. While we have given suggestions for using the program, each teacher will should think innovatively when using the program. We are confident that there are many ideas that can give new dimensions to presenting vocabulary with our system. If you come up with any innovative ideas, we would like to hear about them and will make you part of our Affiliate Writer program if we use these ideas in any future versions of the program, so let us hear from you. Send your ideas to [baggetta@baggetta.com](mailto:baggetta@baggetta.com)

## WORD LIST EDITOR

Of course you will want to create your own lists for *Oh! My New Words* (although we have many free lists available on our website for your use [www.baggetta.com](http://www.baggetta.com)). You can create word lists for the program by using a generic text editor, like Notepad, that comes with Windows. Simply open one of our sample files to see the layout and imitate it for your own lists, saving it back to your media with a different name, of course.

To make the job easier, we have created a little program that is included with the suite and is installed along with the main program on the PROGRAMS menu. It is called *Word List Editor*, and it allows you to do just that -- edit/create word lists for the *Oh! My New Words* suite. Click on the shortcut to get the program running. After a brief splash screen you will see the main workscreen which looks like the illustration here.



Type new words in the Word window (maximum of 15 letters), definitions for the words go in the Definition window, the part of speech is typed in the Part of Speech window. Use the scroll bar next to the Quit button to toggle between each word entered. Don't forget

to give the file a name in the File Name window.

You can save using the Save File button, open an old file to edit by using the Open File button. You should always start a new list by clicking the New File button. If you want to scratch all of your work use the Abort button. This is unrecoverable, so use it wisely.

After you save a list of words, you might like to quickly test it out for any tweaking that might be necessary. Click the big blue button in the upper right corner of the editor and you can run the main program from there, if you like. These are .exe files, located in the C:\Program Files\Oh My New Words directory (if you used a standard installation). If you did not use a standard installation, you will have to navigate to the appropriate folders where you stored these files.

When you have finished working with the editor, click on the Quit button to exit the program.

*Oh! My New Words* is a combination of programs that can help your students increase their vocabulary and understanding of words, if it is used diligently. There are no shortcuts to learning words and most people who have mastered a good vocabulary have spent a lot of time memorizing. Playing with the programs in this suite accomplishes the same end, and we hope you and your students enjoy using it.

Our programs at Baggetta\_Ware are always in a state of flux. We like to add new ideas we come up with and that other teachers suggest to improve our programs, so continue to check our website [www.baggetta.com](http://www.baggetta.com) for upgrades and changes as well as new and innovative programming for use in your secondary English classes.

#### Caveat

We test all of our programs thoroughly before issuing them for general use. Computers are a strange lot, however, and with the numerous mixes available out in the world we cannot account for some unusual or bizarre combination of equipment and software and cannot anticipate any unusual or bizarre events that might occur. Baggetta\_Ware is not liable or responsible for any damage occurring through misuse of this software or any unusual occurrences that happen due to unforeseen circumstances. If you do note any bugs in the software or unusual events used in conjunction with this software, please let us know so that we can make an attempt to fix the problem. We make no guarantees other than the software should work as described in this documentation.