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GUESS IT FOR WORDS

Software: Microsoft Office Excel
File: GuessltWords.xls

English Connections
Letter recognition; spelling; vocabulary; logic; patterns

Game Summary
Given the first letter of a four-letter word, students fill in the remaining three letters to form a word. If they guess a correct letter, but it is in the wrong place, then the letter will be red. When both the letter and its place in the word are correct, then the cell will be filled in with yellow. Students will have six guesses to determine the word. When all three cells turn yellow, they win.

Sample Game Board

I'm thinking of a word with 4 letters:

Samples:
C Correct!
T Right letter, wrong space
Playing the Game

1. Open Microsoft Excel.
2. Open the file GuessItWords.xls.
3. Click in cell C2 (the first cell next to Guess 1).
4. Type the first letter of your guess.
   
   NOTE: The letters can be typed in either upper or lower case.
5. Press TAB to move to the next cell and type the second letter of your guess.
6. Press TAB to move to the next cell and type the third letter of your guess.
7. Excel gives you the following hints:
   a. If the letter is black and the cell is white, then that letter isn't in the word.
   b. If the letter is red and the cell is white, then that letter is in the word, but it's in the wrong place.
   c. If the letter is black and the cell is yellow, then the letter is in the correct place.

Example

The E is black on a yellow background, so it's correct where it is.

The N is red on a white background, so an N is somewhere in the word, but not in the right place.

The D is black on a white background, so it isn't the word.

8. Continue rearranging and trying new letters until all the cells turn yellow.

Changing the Word to be Guessed

1. Decide on a four-letter word.

   Example: COPE

2. Unlock the spreadsheet so it can be edited.

   2003/04/08 Tools menu, Protection, Unprotect Sheet.
   2007 Review menu, Unprotect Sheet.
3. Click in cell B2.
4. Type the first letter of the word and press Enter (Return).

**Example:** The first letter of COPE is C.

5. Type the first letter in cells B3 through B7.

6. Click in cell C2.

7. From the Format menu, select Conditional Formatting.

8. The Conditional Formatting dialogue box will open.

9. In the third white box under Condition 1, type the letter that is correct for that cell (the second letter for the word).

**Example:** O is the second letter of COPE, so type an O.

10. In the third white box under Condition 2, type the letter that is correct for the word, but in the wrong place.

**Example:** P

11. In the third white box under Condition 3 type the next letter that is correct for that word, but in the wrong place.

**Example:** E

12. Click on OK.

13. Click in cell D2.

14. From the Format menu, select Conditional Formatting.

15. Since P is the correct third letter, for Condition 1 type a F, for Condition 2 type an O, and for Condition 3 type an E.

16. Click on OK.

17. Click in cell E2.

18. From the Format menu, select Conditional Formatting.

19. Since E is the correct fourth letter, for Condition 1 type an E, for Condition 2 type an O, and for Condition 3 type a P.

20. Click on OK.

21. Copy the formatting for cell C2 into cells C3 through C7.

   a. Click in cell C2.
   b. Position the mouse over the lower right-hand corner of the cell until the cursor turns into a "plus" with four arrows.
   c. Click and drag down to cell C7.

22. Click in cell D2 and follow the steps above to copy its formatting into cells D3 through D7.

23. Click in cell E2 and copy its formatting into cells E3 through E7.

24. Save.
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25. Decide on a four letter word.

   **Example:** COPE


27. Type the first letter of the word and press Enter (Return).

   **Example:** The first letter of COPE is C.

28. Type the first letter in cells B3 through B7.

29. Click in cell C2.

30. Click the Home command tab.

31. In the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.

32. From the drop-down menu, click Manage Rules.

33. In the Conditional Formatting Rules Manager dialogue box, click the first "rule".

34. Click the Edit Rule tab.

35. In the last white box, type the second letter of the new word.

   **Example:** O.

36. Click OK.

37. Click the second rule and click the Edit Rule tab.

38. Change the letter in the last white box to the third letter of the new word and click OK.

39. Click the third rule and click the Edit Rule tab.

40. Change the letter in the last white box to the last letter of the new word and click OK.

41. Click OK to close the Conditional Formatting Rules Manager box.

42. Click in cell D2 and follow steps 8 through 17 above.

   a. Format the first rule for the third letter of the new word.
   b. Format the second and third rules for the second and fourth letters of the new word.

43. Click OK to close the Conditional Formatting Rules Manager box.

44. Click in cell E2 and follow steps 8 through 17 above.

   a. Format the first rule for the last letter of the new word.
   b. Format the second and third rules for the second and third letters of the new word.

45. Copy the formatting for cell C2 into cells C3 through C7.

   a. Click in cell C2.
   b. Position the mouse over the lower right-hand corner of the cell until the cursor turns into a "plus" with four arrows.
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46. Click in cell D2 and follow the steps above to copy its formatting into cells D3 through D7.

47. Click in cell E2 and copy its formatting into cells E3 through E7.

48. Save.
Creating Multiple Guess It Games

Since Guess It games have to be prepared in advance, you will want to prepare several Guess It games prior to playing.

1. Open the file GuessItWords.xls.
2. Right-click on the tab at the bottom of the page called Guess It.
3. From the pop-up menu, click on Move or Copy.
4. In the dialogue box, click on the check box next to Create a Copy.
5. Click on OK.

Step 2 and 3

Step 4 and 5