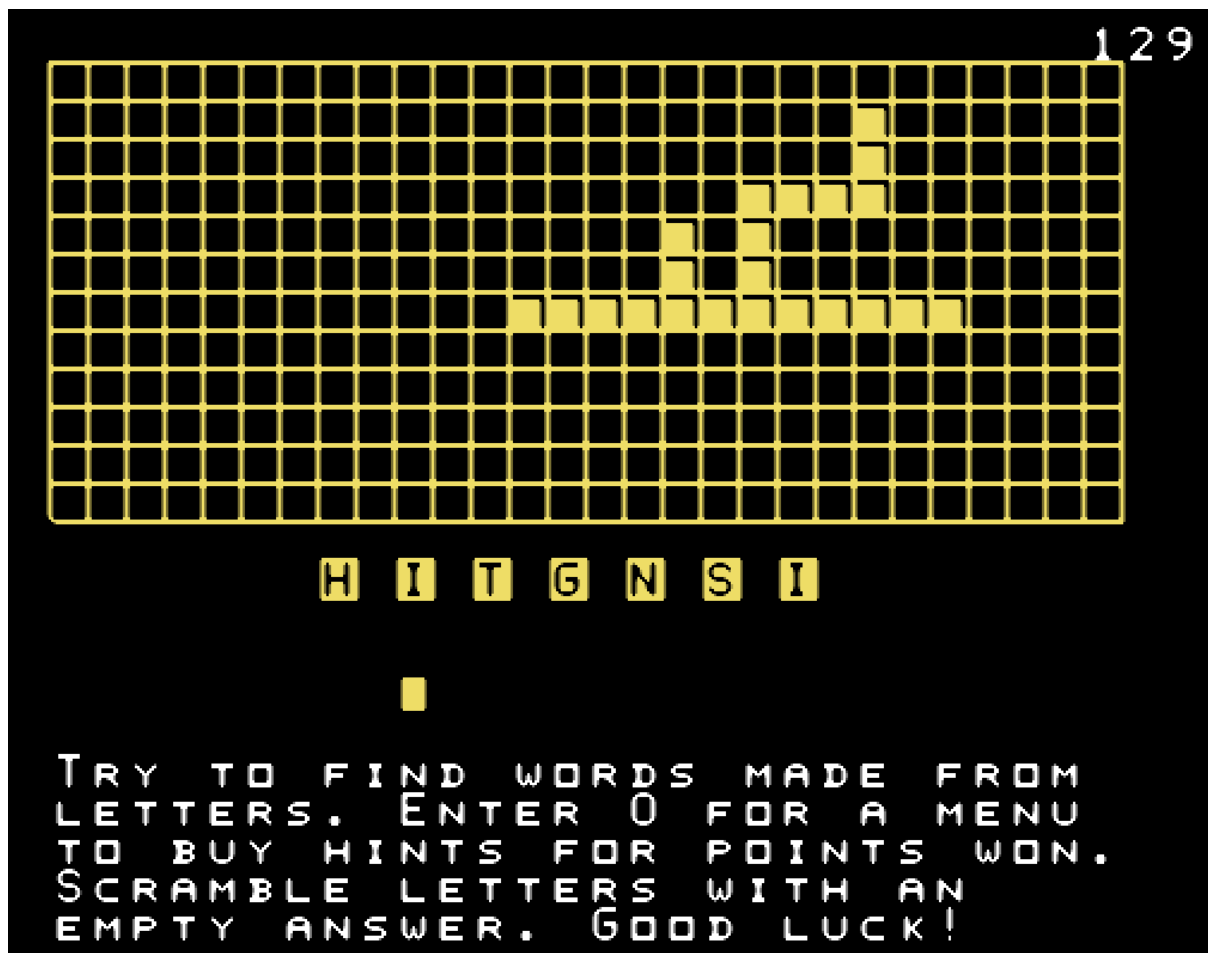# TI WordSearch

TI WordSearch is a game module for the TI-99/4a with the 32k RAM extension. It runs on emulators, FlashROM99 and FinalGROM.

The aim of the game is to guess English words from a list of letters. The game has a vocabulary of over 1,500 words, 400 of them are the seven-letter start words. You have to find 7 words made from the letters below the playfield. The words are connected and share at least one letter with one another.

How to play

First the computer generates the riddle for you. There are only 400 start-words, but millions of combinations to follow.

You can now enter your first guess.

- If you are right, the letters will fly up to the playfield to form the word
- If your guess is valid, but not part of the riddle, you may receive 2 points for the "Extra Word".
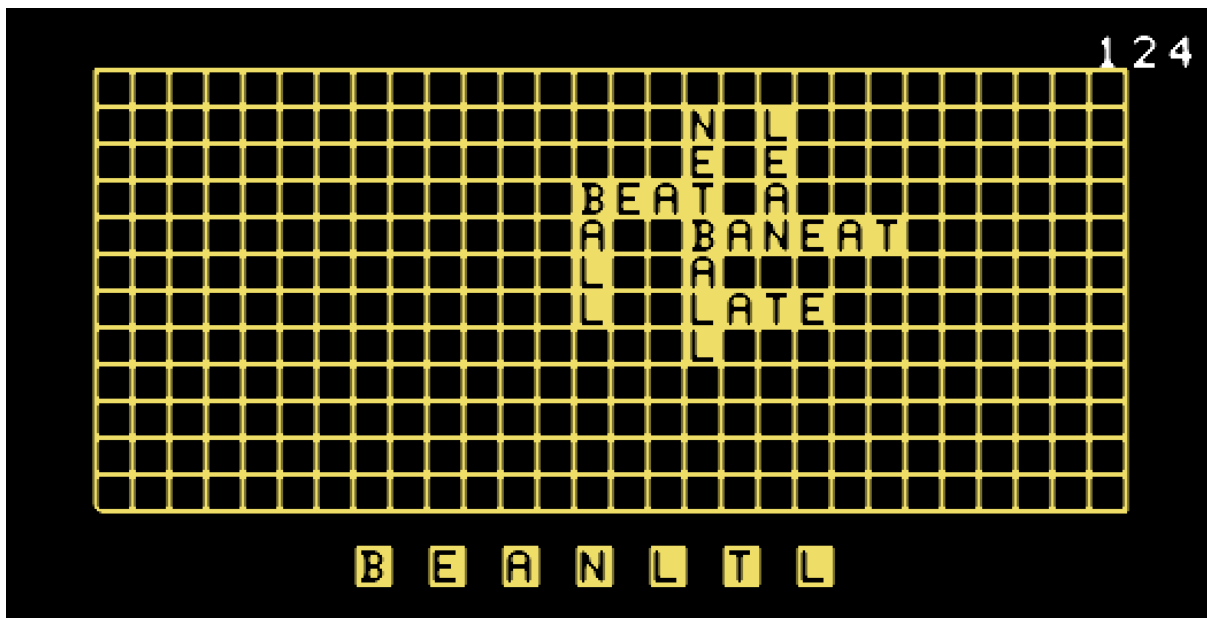- Press enter with an empty answer will scramble the letters to spark new ideas

If you run out of ideas, you may "buy" some hints from the points you already earned.

- 0 will bring up a menu of options
- 1 buys you one letter for one point
- 2 buys you a whole word for five points
- 3 will advance you to a new riddle for ten points

Things to know

- Words are always written either left-to-right or downward
- All words are 3 to 7 letters long
- Adjacent letters may not belong to the same word
- The program tries to find 20 valid words from the seven letters of the start-word
- Only 7 of them are used, the rest are the "Extra Words"
- If less than 10 are words found, a eights or even a ninth letter are added

Look at this solved riddle:

- on the left side you see "BEAT" and "BALL" sharing the "B"
- on the right side you see "BANEAT", which is not a word, but
  - BAN
  - LEAN
  - NEAT are sharing the "N"

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