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Open

Choosing this item will cause a file dialog box to appear. Click on the file you want to retrieve and then choose OK or double click on the item. Pressing the Alt-F key and using the arrow keys to move around the file list works as well. If you want to delete a file click on delete while the file is in the choice box. You will be asked for confirmation when deleting a file.

Save

This will save a puzzle solution to disk. If you have not named the solution previously you will be asked for a file name. Use a continuous word of 8 letters or less when presented with the file save as dialog box.

Print

You will be given a choice between these two options:

[Print Solution](#)

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Exit

Ends the program. Press Alt-X or choose from the File menu.

Printsolution

Will print the puzzle as it appears in the window. You may also have unsolved clues printed out. The clues will be printed on a separate sheet of paper so be sure the printer is ready when asked.

Print Puzzle and Clues

Will print the puzzle as it appears in the window along with all clues. The clues will be printed on a separate sheet of paper so be sure the printer is ready when asked.

New Puzzle

This item will create a new puzzle from a list of words and clues chosen by the user. Word lists that are long or contain large words will take longer. Be patient as the computer creates the word search puzzle. The puzzle will be unique. Press F2 or choose New Puzzle from the Word Search menu.

New Clue

This item will present the user with a new clue. Enter the answer in the dialog box and click on OK. If the answer is correct the word will be added to the Word List. If the answer is incorrect the word is not added and the user is notified and given another chance until either the answer is correct or cancel is chosen. Once a word is added to the word list it can be searched for.

Make

To make a new puzzle from an existing list press F2 or choose New Puzzle from the Word Search menu. If a puzzle contains a large number of words or a number of long words it will take the computer a while to make the puzzle. Be patient. The puzzle will be unique. In order to search for a word in the puzzle a question about the word must be answered to place the word on the Word List. To obtain the question press F3 or choose a New Clue from the Word Search menu.

Search

To select a word from the puzzle it first must appear on the word list. To get the word on the word list you need to answer a clue concerning the word. Once the word is on the word list it can be selected from the puzzle by clicking the left mouse button when the mouse pointer is on top of the first letter, dragging the pointer across the remaining letters, and releasing the button when on top of the last letter. If the selection is correct the word will change color and be removed from the word list. When all words have been found the user will be notified with a message box.

The solution may be stored at any time and retrieved by choosing Open of the File menu. Printing of the solution in its present state with or without clues may be done by choosing Print of the File menu.

Get

To retrieve an exiting solution choose Open of the File menu or press the F4 key. A file selection dialog box will appear. Click on the file you want to retrieve and then choose OK or double click on the item. Pressing the Alt-F key and using the arrow keys to move around the file list works as well. If you want to delete a file click on delete while the file is in the choice box. You will be asked for confirmation when deleting a file.

