Gobble - The Word Game

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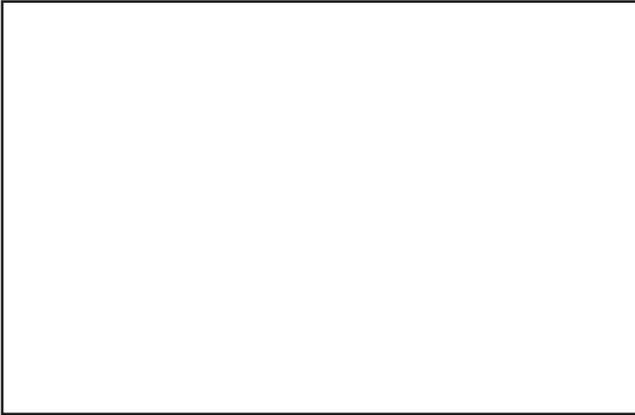
For reasons of space, both applications described here

TableDraw - Table Generator

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Impressive results with TableDraw and a little imagination

G obble is a challenging word game that will provide you with hours of entertainment. The object of Gobble is very simple - create as many words as possible from a grid of sixteen random letters. There are only two rules that you must obey. Firstly, no word may contain the same letter more than once, unless that letter is repeated in the grid, and secondly, every letter that you select must be adjacent to the previous one, either vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

However, if that was all there was to Gobble, it wouldn t be very challenging. Thus there is an extra dimension to the game - time. While you are searching for words, Gobble scans its own dictionary, attempting to find all the words it can. As soon as it has completed its search, the game is over, and you are presented with a list of all the words that Gobble has found in the grid. You then have the opportunity to compare word lists, and discover whether you have managed to beat Gobble by finding a word that it hasn t found.

S o you re sitting in front of your computer wondering how to turn the information in your spreadsheet into an attractive table that you can drop into your word processor or DTP package. Draw is a very useful CAD program, and it s fairly simple to create the grid lines for a table with it, but how do you then get all the information from the spreadsheet into the table? With great difficulty!
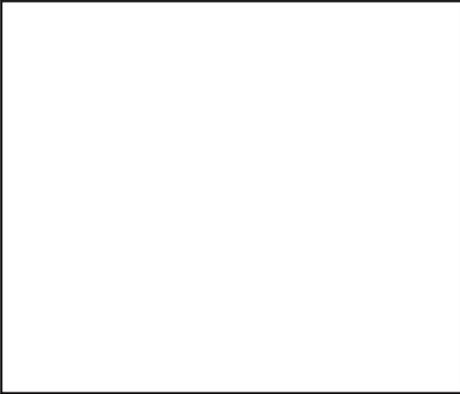
TableDraw provides a simple solution to this problem. It will turn any CSV file into a table complete with grid lines, and the information in the font of your choice. You can also specify whether or not the vertical lines are uniformly spaced, and to which decimal place numbers are rounded.

Once the table has been created, you can load it into Draw, ArtWorks, Vector, or any other CAD program that you use, where you can add colour to it, highlight specific rows or columns, rotate and distort it, etc. The example on the left was created by

A quick tip - remember to use the letter S if its
provided, and one letter words are perfectly
acceptable.

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