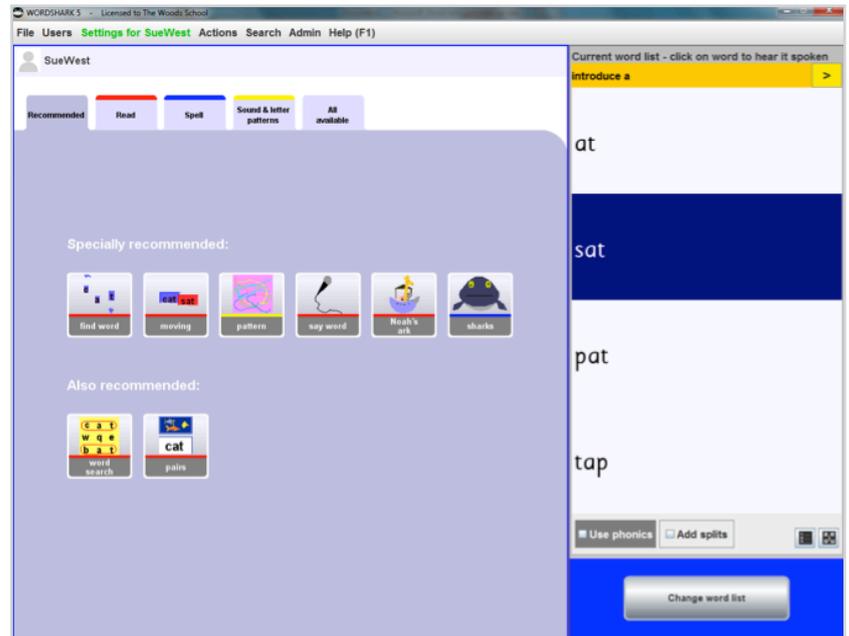# GETTING STARTED and games

Games screen and word lists screen

Games screen

This is the main home screen from which the students work. On first run it will open with the easiest list – try out a few games with this list.
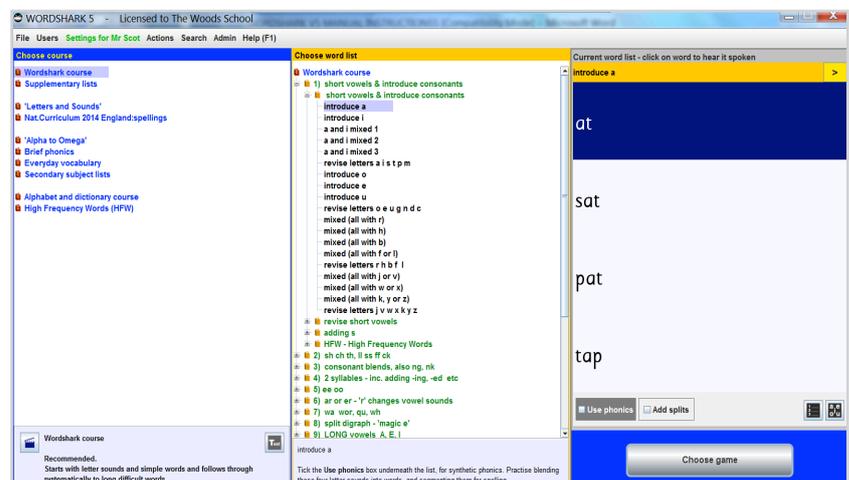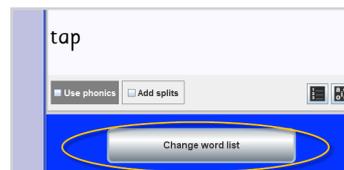

The home screen for choosing games

Recommended games are shown in a suggested order to play them. You can find extra games if you click on the coloured tabs:

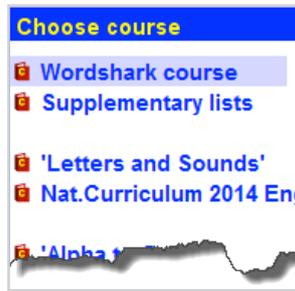Press **Esc** on the keyboard to end any game early.

Word lists screen

To choose a new word list, click on *Change word list* (bottom right) to switch to the other home screen.
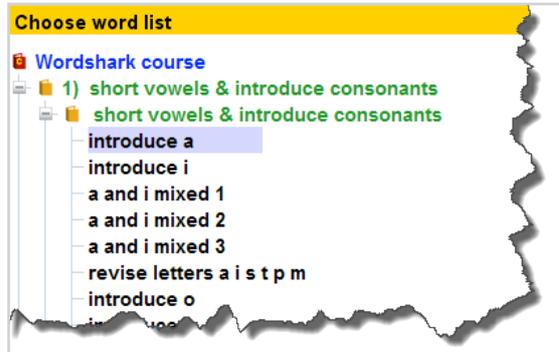

The home screen for choosing word lists

The different courses are on the left in blue. Stay with the *Wordshark course* for now.

Choose course
- **Wordshark course**
- **Supplementary lists**

- **'Letters and Sounds'**
- **Nat.Curriculum 2014 Eng**
- **'Alpha t'**

The middle column shows the headings in this course. **Word list titles** are in **black**.

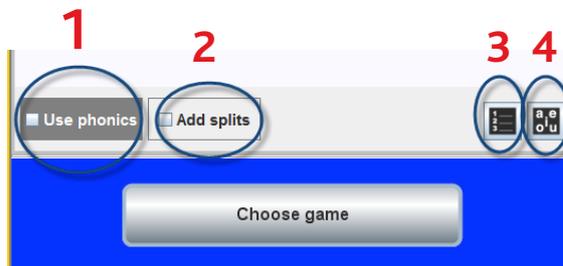Click on the green headings to 'open them up' and find more lists.

(Green headings, when highlighted give *Mixed words* – see later under 'Important features').

The word list you have selected appears on the right.

Choose word list
- **Wordshark course**
  - **1) short vowels & introduce consonants**
    - **short vowels & introduce consonants**
      - introduce a
      - introduce i
      - a and i mixed 1
      - a and i mixed 2
      - a and i mixed 3
      - revise letters a i s t p m
      - introduce o

Note that there are useful tick boxes and buttons below the word list, especially the *Use phonics* button.

1 | **2** | **3** | **4**
Use phonics | Add splits | |

Choose game

1 Use phonics
2 Add splits (for longer words)
3 Keep the same word order
4 Highlight vowels

After choosing your list, **switch back to the games screen. Click** on *Choose game* (bottom right), ready to play the games.

You can move between adjacent lists by pressing the arrows.

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Games options

Some games offer *options* (top left of games screens). These can alter the look and feel of a game. If an option has been changed, the word *options* appears in red. For example, in *Sharks* – if you find them difficult to catch – you can tick the box for *Automatic shark catching*.

sharks Press F1 for help Press ESC to quit ga

options listen