



Getting Started with Osmo Words

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What's Included?

Each Osmo Words game contains 2 sets of English alphabet letter tiles for a total of 52 tiles. One side is uppercase and the other is lowercase.

- 26 blue letter tiles
- 26 red letter tiles
- Stackable Storage



Blue A-Z Letter Tiles

Quantity: 26, one for each letter.



Red A-Z Letter Tiles

Quantity: 26, one for each letter.


Game Setup

To get started, grab your Osmo Base and Reflector, compatible device ([check here](#)), and Osmo Words Tiles. The Osmo Words app is available free of charge on the App Store (for compatible iPads) and on Amazon (for compatible Fire tablets). **Download from:** playosmo.com/getwords

1. Set your tablet into the Osmo Base and push the Red Reflector down over the camera.
2. Follow the onboarding prompts and have the Osmo Words app installed and ready to play.
3. Remove your Words Tiles from the stackable container. Set them aside within easy reach.
4. Open the Osmo Words App and tap on the Play on the Main Menu.

Menu Navigation


Accessing your myOsmo Account

Tap  (or your avatar, if you're already logged in) in the upper right corner to view the myOsmo account screen. See this [guide to myOsmo accounts and profiles](#) for more information.


Language

The default language automatically selects based on the default language setting of your device. Osmo Words currently only supports American English gameplay, but will have on-screen text in English (US), English (UK), French (FR), French (CA), German, Spanish, Italian, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), and Japanese.

Resetting All Game Progress

- Tap  and tap Reset Progress. Be careful! All progress across all levels will be lost and reset.

Audio Settings



- Tap  and use the toggles to turn on or off Music or Sound.

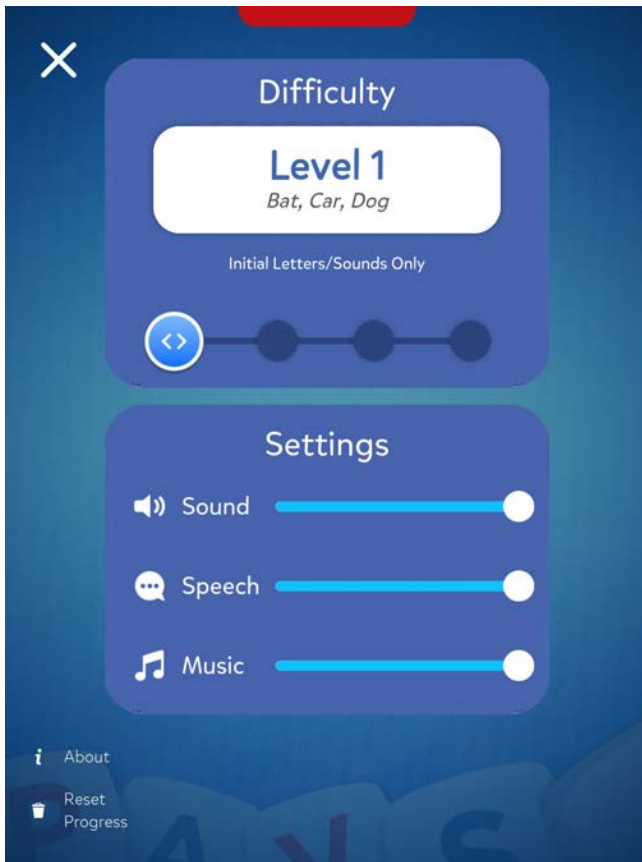
Returning to the Main Menu

- Tap  to return to the **Main Menu**.

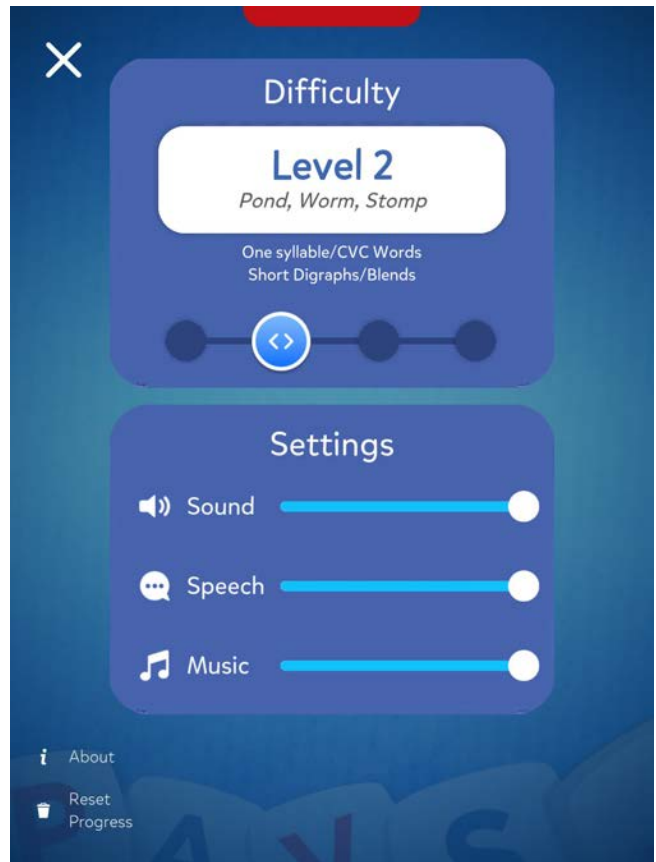
Spelling Difficulty Settings

At the start of the game, you will be prompted to set the initial level of difficulty. Choose a spelling difficulty level, and then the adaptive learning will help you play at the level that is right for you. You're able to increase or decrease your difficulty settings at any time by going back to settings.

1. Tap  on the start menu.
2. Use  to toggle between your desired level of difficulty.



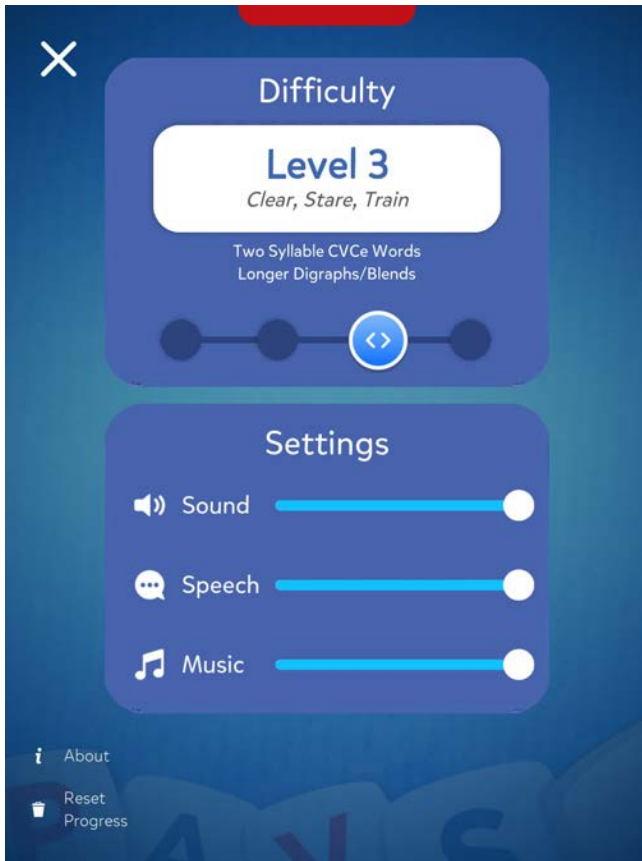
Level 1 Difficulty



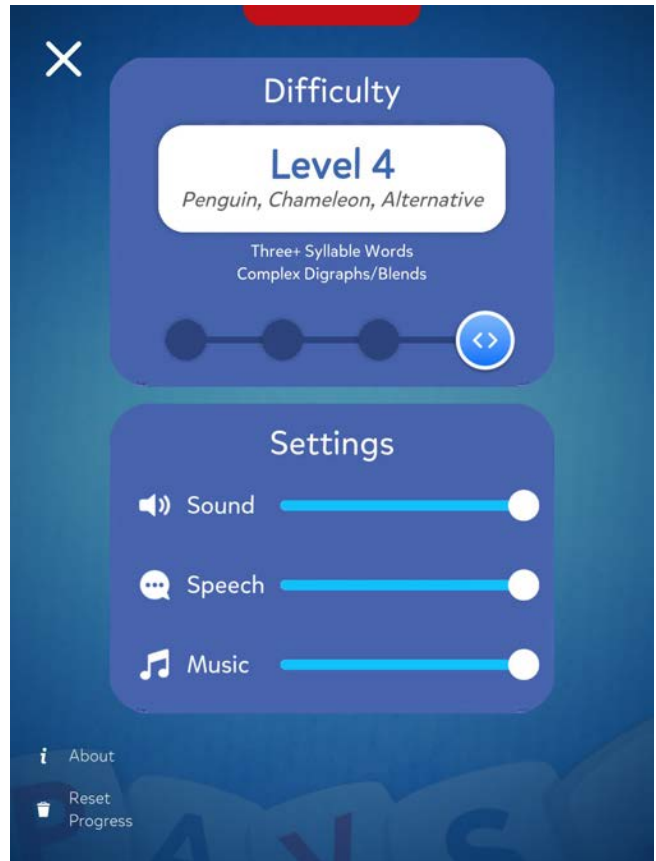
Level 2 Difficulty

Spelling Difficulty Settings - Continued

There are four different difficulty settings. Each is described in the settings menu listed below.



Level 3 Difficulty



Level 4 Difficulty

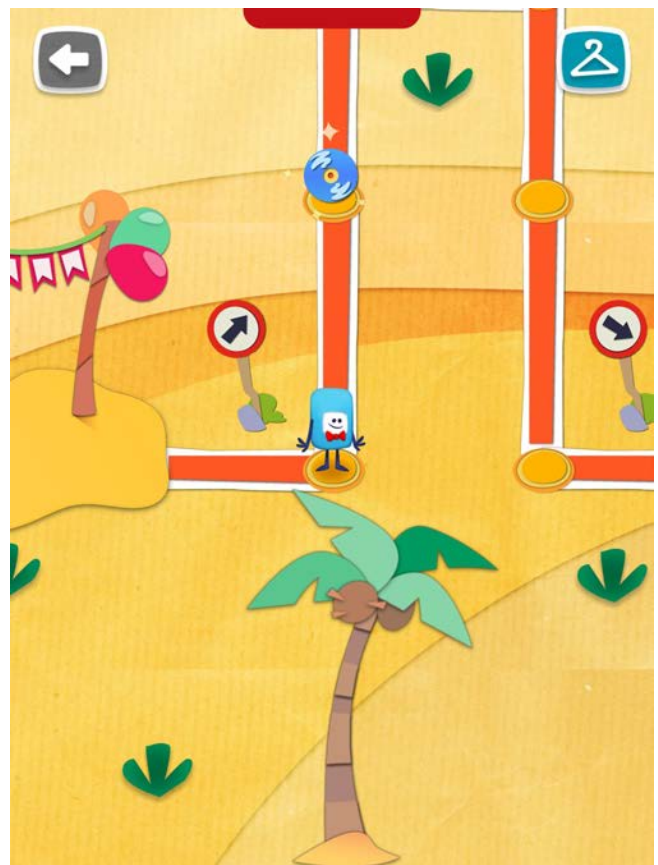
Navigating the Game

Osmo Words helps practice spelling and vocabulary in a fun and engaging way. The game includes close to a thousand spelling challenges, split into 4 seasonal themes. Each season has 5 maps, too!

1. Start the game by pressing **Play** on the main menu.
2. If it's your first time playing, you will be taken to an introduction map.
3. After completing the introduction, you will be directed to the **Season Selection** menu.





Main Menu



Summer - Introduction Map

Navigating the Game - Continued

1. Tap  to play a seasonal map.
2. Completing the **first map of any season** will unlock the next season.
3. Swipe or use the bottom tabs to play any open season you like.
4. Completing a map will award you a new crown and unlock a new map in that season.

5. Want to change your costume? Tap on:  .



Summer Season



Fall Season

Navigating the Game - Continued

The **Season Selection** menu also keep track of:

- Costumes in each season:

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- Spelling Crowns won in each season:



- The next map / crown in each season:

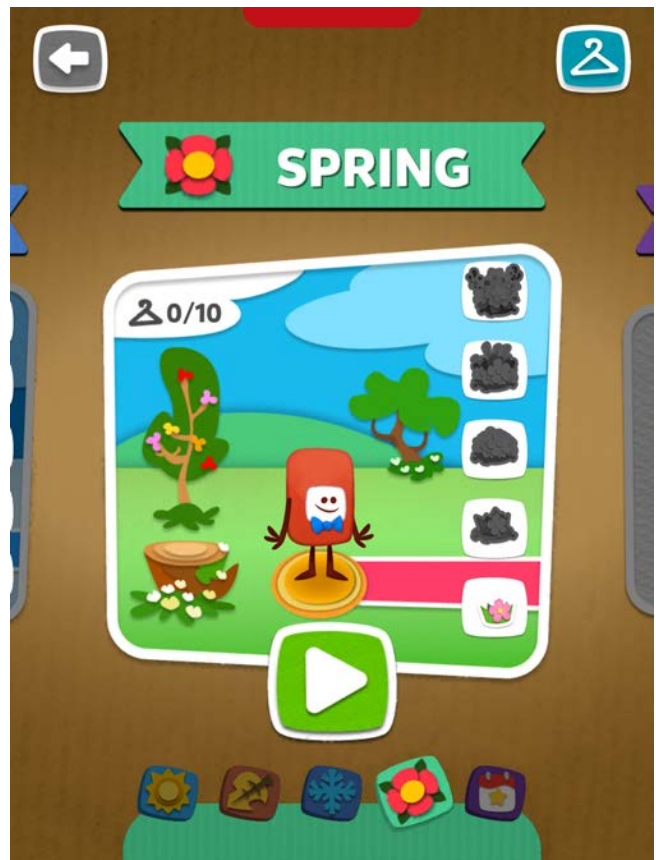


(5 total per season)

Note: If you beat all maps in a season, you can replay the 5th map as many times as you like. Each time you play, there will be new Spelling Challenges and a special reward!




Winter Season

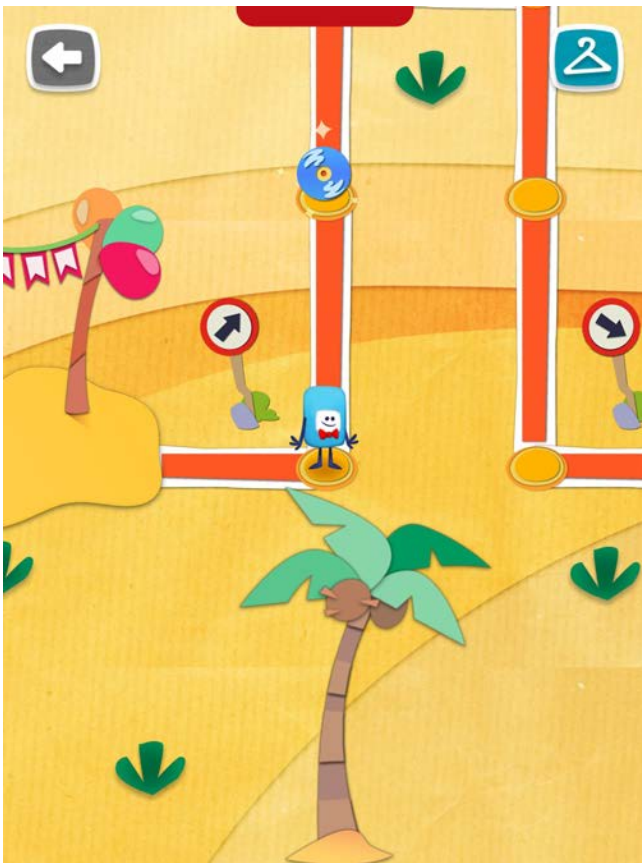


Spring Season

Game Maps

When you enter a season map, you'll see a beautiful thematic game board. Your goal is to follow the path and reach the **Dance Stage** at the end, helping the DJ collect his records for an epic performance. Along the way, you'll dance, pick up new dance crew members, spell words, play minigames for unique costumes, and win a spelling crown!

Tap on  to move across different maps.






Head out across the map



Get to the Dance Stage

Game Maps - Continued

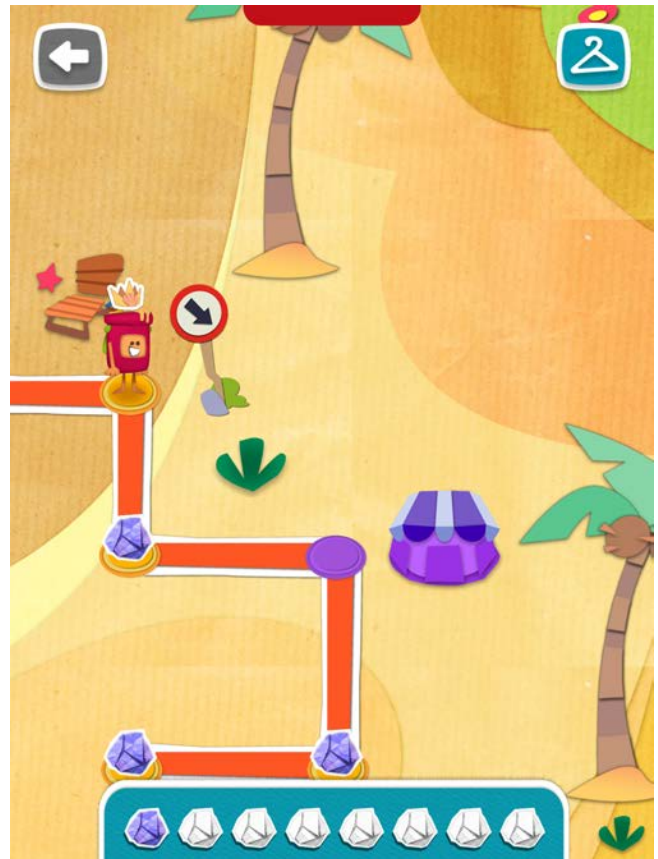
At the start of each map, the DJ fires paper balls out of a cannon. Those paper balls are scattered across the map and contain Spelling Challenges. **Spell the word correctly and keep the paper ball** to use in the minigame.

1. Walk to  on the map. These paper balls open **Spelling Challenges**.
2. Collect and then use them in  to play a minigame.
3. Finding  activates **Dance Time**. Hurry! You will be awarded a bonus paper ball when solving spelling challenges until the music stops.

Note: The more spelling challenges you win, the more chances you earn to play the minigame.



Spelling Challenges are scattered everywhere across the maps




Spell words correctly and collect as many paper balls as you can to use in the minigame

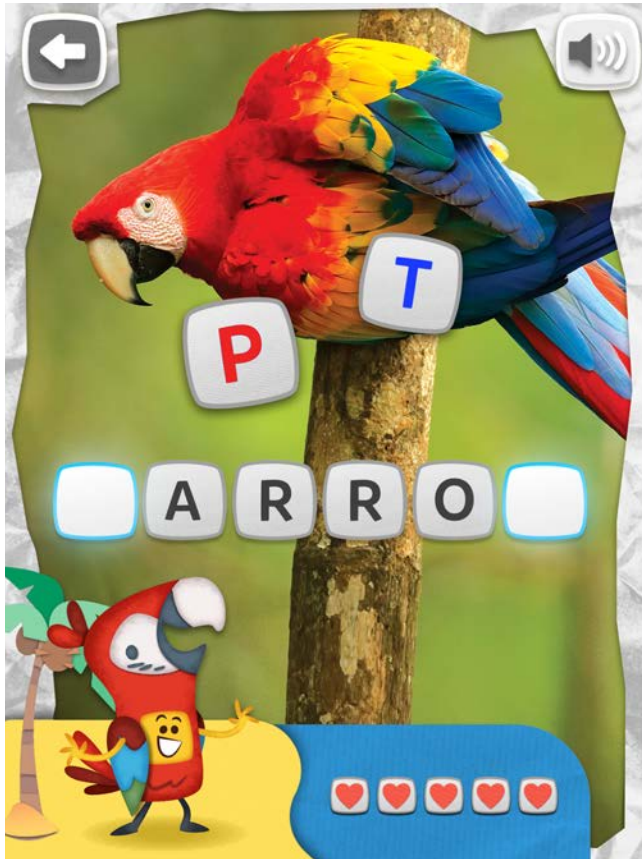
Spelling Challenges: Paper Balls

Once you reach a **Spelling Challenge**, it will unwrap and reveal a unique and secret word to solve. Arrange the correct letter in front of your Osmo to complete the hidden word.

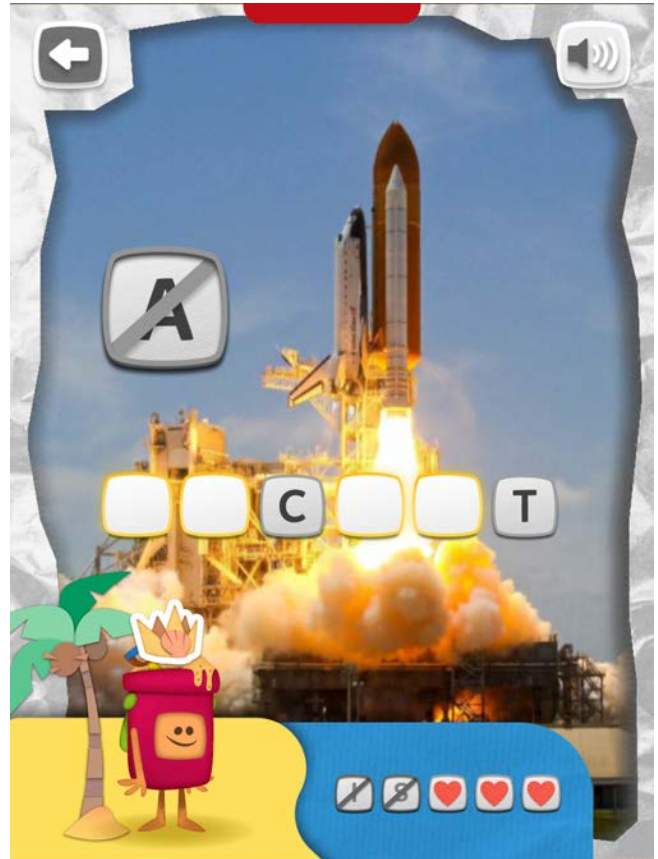
Each letter you get correct appears on screen until eventually the entire word is revealed. If you get a letter wrong, you have up to 5 chances (hearts).

If you want to hear the word repeated, tap on  .

Note: At the start of each challenge, the word is spoken aloud. Having your audio on will help to sound out tricky spellings of words.



Correct letters will fall into the empty spaces in the secret word



Incorrect letters will reduce your hearts but don't worry - they refill after each challenge

Spelling Challenges: Dance Offs

Along the way, you will run into many unique new friends. The more **Dance Crew** members you find, the bigger the dance performance at the end of each map.



1. Walk up to any new friend on the map to activate a **Spelling Dance Off**.
2. Spell the word on screen before your opponent does. Whoever has the most correct letters when the word is solved will win the round.
3. If you win or tie, they will **join your Dance Crew** on stage!

Note: New Dance Crew members are always wearing the coolest costumes and will show off outfits you may or may not have unlocked yet.



It's a Spelling Dance-Off



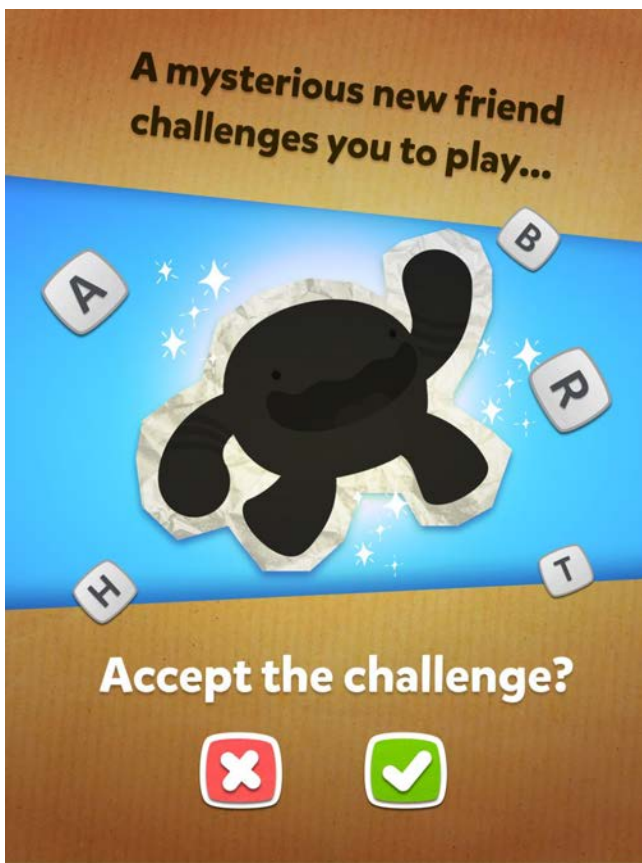
Can you solve the word first?

Special Guest Competitions

A mysterious friend approaches... As you play through the game, you'll be greeted with a chance to partake in a multiple round spelling competition with special characters from all your favorite Osmo games! Each one has a different level of difficulty and spells in their own way.

The player who wins the most rounds will be rewarded with a special prize!

Note: Don't worry if you don't win the first time, you'll have multiple chances to compete against these lovable characters.



Do you accept the challenge?



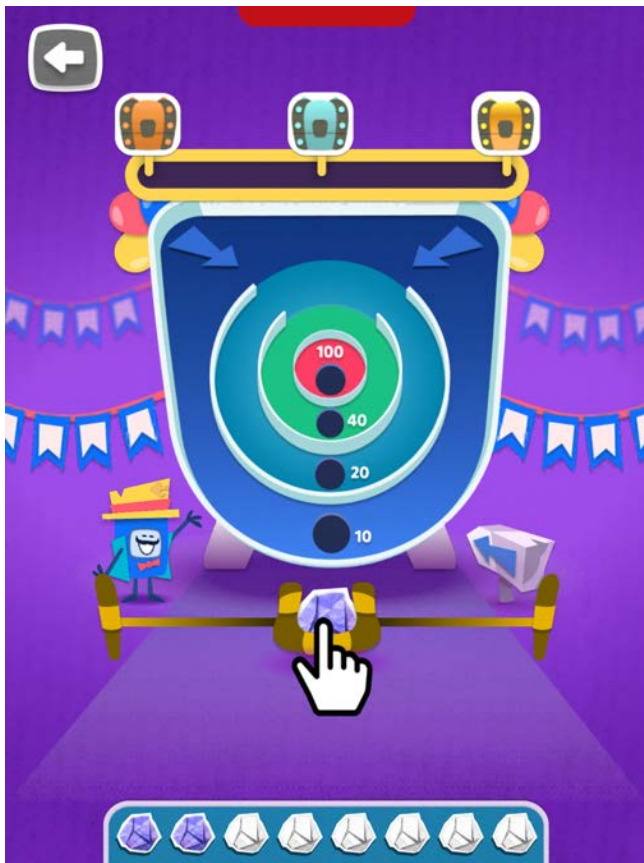
Spell with Osmo characters

Paperball Minigame

Now that you've spelled some words correctly and collected a few paper balls, it is time to test your skills in a fun slingshot game! Pull back on the rubberband (to control strength) and release it. Aim and try to land it in the holes to get as many points as possible. The more points you score, the more treasures you get to open. Try to fill the Treasure Meter completely!

Once you **fill up the Treasure Meter (at the top)** or **run out of paper balls**, you will be rewarded with up to 3 costumes. Like your haul of outfits? Head into the dressing room and try them on! Wear your favorite costume and show off your dance moves on the Dance Stage!

Note: There are 10 costumes to collect in each season, and some are more rare than others. Keep playing and replaying seasonal maps to collect them all!





Aim and get a highscore



Wear a wacky new costume and dance

Costumes and Crowns

There are many unique costumes for you to wear and win! Each season has 10 wacky different outfits and 5 **Spelling Crowns** that will make your epic dance routines even better. The more you unlock the more fun it is! You're able to access your closet and change your costume and crown at any time.

1. Tap on  .
2. Use the tabs at the bottom to select between **Costumes** or **Crowns**. Scroll through and preview what the outfit will look like by tapping.
3. Each costume card has a rarity star value (3 stars is the rarest).
4. Choose the outfit you want and tap  to return to the previous screen.



Customization button is at the top left

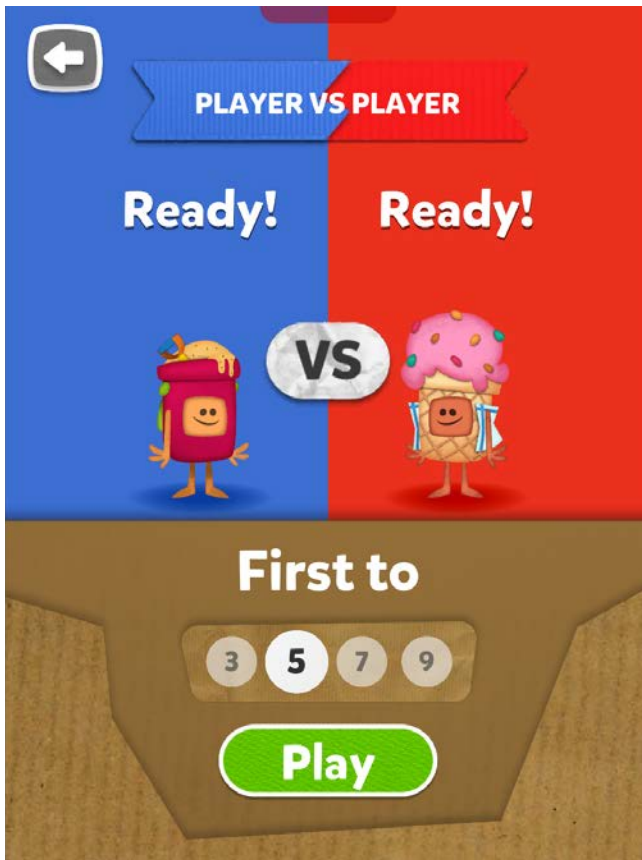


Choose your outfit, shape, and pattern

2 Player Versus

After completing the **Introduction Summer Map**, you will unlock **Versus Mode** on the main title menu. Here you can spell against a parent or a friend in real life!

Choose between the Red or Blue spelling tiles, then choose costumes, then determine how many rounds you want to play.



Choose your color, costumes, and rounds




Spell against a friend!

How to Play: Monthly Special Content

Starting in **December 2021**, you will get exclusive themed content in Osmo Words, Numbers, and Tangram that changes every month **for the year**. Make sure to check your email for weekly newsletters that include new fun game content and a printable activity.

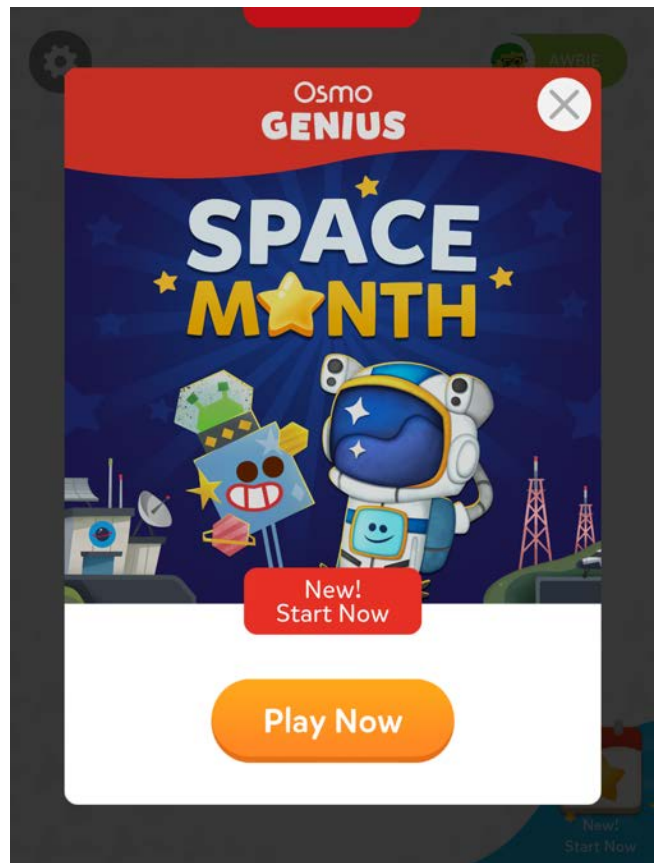
1. In Words, play through **Summer Introduction Map** to activate special content.

2. Tap  in the bottom right of the Start Menu to play.

Note: You can also access special content maps from the **Map Selection** screen.



After unlocking, tap the bottom right



Start Playing!

Best Practices for Effective Osmo Detection



1. Keep hands and fingers away from the pieces after placing them so that Osmo can see it.
2. Keep the reflector centered along the top edge of your device so the camera can see the play space.
3. Keep the pieces close to your device so the camera can see them.
4. Play Osmo Words in a well lit room. If your table top or surface is a dark color, it may be interfering with the software detection.
5. Try placing an 8.5 x 11 sheet of white paper on the tabletop, and then put the pieces on top of the paper.
6. Make sure you are using a device that is compatible with Osmo. Please check [this list of Osmo-compatible devices](#).
7. If you experience any issues despite this setup, please reach out to support@playosmo.com for assistance.

Other Questions

What do I do if I lose a letter?

Please reach out to us at support@playosmo.com.

Can I clean the letter tiles?

You can gently wipe the pieces with a damp cloth if they get dirty.

Looking for the Osmo Words Education guide?

You can access the legacy [Getting Started Guide here](#).