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# SPELLING BLIZZARD

*Meet Yobi. He makes  
learning to spell fun!*



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# WELCOME!



Thank you for buying **Spelling Blizzard**. **Spelling Blizzard** is a multimedia program that uses proven learning methods to improve your child's spelling skills. Indeed, spelling commonly misspelled (tricky) words correctly will become automatic to your child. Your child will learn to spell correctly words that comprise the majority of spelling errors made by students ages 9 to 12.

**Spelling Blizzard** features an animated, personal coach named Yobi. Using phonics rules, Yobi gives your child clues and hints on proper spelling. Using spelling mnemonics, Yobi also provides clever and humorous tricks to help remember how to spell these words long after he or she has completed the game. In addition to learning the tricky words, Yobi also helps your child practice spelling hundreds of other words.

## HOW TO INSTALL SPELLING BLIZZARD



### FLOPPY DISK INSTALLATION ON YOUR MACINTOSH SYSTEM

To install **Spelling Blizzard** on your Macintosh hard drive:

1. Place your **Spelling Blizzard** Disk #1 into your disk drive.
2. Double-click on the **Spelling Blizzard** INSTALL icon and follow the on-screen prompts to complete the installation.

The INSTALL program will transfer all the files you need on your Macintosh. Double-click on the **Spelling Blizzard** icon to start the program.

**NOTE:** Double-clicking is easy for adults, but hard for some children. You may need to help your child get started.

## ON YOUR WINDOWS SYSTEM

To install **Spelling Blizzard** on your hard drive:

1. Begin at the Microsoft Windows® Program Manager. (If you are not familiar with the Windows Program Manager, please consult your Windows manual.)
2. Place your **Spelling Blizzard** Disk #1 in one of your floppy drives.
3. Select "RUN" from the "File" menu in the Windows Program Manager.
4. On the command line, type x:\SETUP (where "x" is the drive containing Disk #1) and then select "OK."

The setup program will now transfer all the files you need to run **Spelling Blizzard** from Windows. Double-click on the **Spelling Blizzard** icon to start the program.

**NOTE:** Double-clicking is easy for adults, but hard for some children. You may need to help your child get started.

# SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS



## MACINTOSH SYSTEMS

To run **Spelling Blizzard**, your Macintosh system should include:

- Color Macintosh system
- 4 MB system memory
- System 6.0.7 or higher
- 15 MB free disk space (9.5 MB after installation)
- Eight-bit color monitor

## WINDOWS SYSTEMS

To run **Spelling Blizzard**, your Windows system should include:

### HARDWARE

- IBM AT bus-compatible system
- 386SX/20 MHz or greater CPU
- Hard drive
- 14 MB free disk space (9.5 MB after installation)
- 4 MB system memory
- VGA display and video board capable of displaying 256 colors @ 640x480
- Sound card that supports Windows 3.1
- Audio speaker or headphones

### SOFTWARE

- Windows 3.1 or better installed
- Sound card driver that supports Windows 3.1
- VGA driver that supports 256 colors @ 640x480 under Windows 3.1

# SPELLING BLIZZARD OVERVIEW



In the Arctic, the Mighty Spelling River has flooded its banks, threatening the local people, plants, and animals. The local people have turned to an old and magical wizard named Yobi for help. Yobi is known for his wisdom and sense of humor.

Yobi needs your help. He must paddle upstream 100 miles on his raft to discover the cause of the flood. However, he is too old to undertake such a physically demanding quest. As Wali, his young protégé, you must make the trek for him.

Your mission is to step on lettered stones to spell tricky spelling words. Along the way, you will meet animals, ice, fire tricksters, glaciers and the dreaded abominable snowman.

If you run into a tricky spelling word that's too hard for you to spell, don't worry. Yobi will be at your side to make your spelling life easier by giving you a MagicSpell, a special spelling memory trick (called a mnemonic). You can use Yobi's MagicSpells to help you remember how to spell tricky spelling words long after your journey is over.

After correctly spelling the tricky spelling word, you will be challenged to a Spell Down along the river. For each correctly spelled word, you move upstream. For each incorrectly spelled word, you stand still. After you correctly spell several words, you will face another tricky spelling word. You continue your journey, meeting one tricky spelling word followed by a variety of Spell Down words until you reach the end of the river.

At the end of the river...well, it's up to you to find out why the river is flooding.

# THE MAP



After loading **Spelling Blizzard**, the first screen of the game is a map. Yobi uses this map to keep track of your progress. As you play the game, a red line appears showing the course you have traveled upstream on the Mighty Spelling River. Each time you correctly spell a tricky spelling word, Yobi will place a red dot on the map. At the beginning of a game, Yobi will ask you to choose a stone. You may select one of several stones:

<b>NEW GAME</b>	<b>PLAY</b>	<b>RESTORE GAME</b>	<b>QUIT</b>
To start a new game	To play a game	To restart an existing game	To leave the saved game

## NEW GAME STONE

When you first start **Spelling Blizzard**, choose **New**. A dialog box will appear for you to type in your name (enter up to five letters) and press Enter.

## RESTORE GAME STONE

To continue your journey along the Mighty Spelling River, click on the **Restore Game** stone. A dialog box will appear. Click on one of the people to rotate the list of saved games up or down. Click on **Restore** to resume.

On a **Restore Game**, the Explorers' Board shows a map with a red line and red dots. Yobi uses this map to keep track of your progress. The red line shows the journey you have traveled up the Mighty Spelling River. Each time you correctly spell a tricky spelling word, Yobi will place a red dot on the map. Click on one of the red dots to display the words you completed successfully.

