

Using WordsPlease at Home

Who is WordsPlease designed for?

WordsPlease is designed for young people aged 10 - 14 who enjoy learning, love to develop their skills and have a particular interest in the English language. If your son/daughter is interested in challenging and stimulating activities, then WordsPlease is for them.

What does WordsPlease provide?

WordsPlease has:

- ** **six teaching modules**
- ** **a printed magazine for each module**
- ** **a common resource area**
- ** **a forum**

The **six modules**, each taking typically 3 – 4 weeks to complete, have several themes and activities that build on each other through the modules, improving grammar, vocabulary and creative writing in a step by step way.

Each module has a series of online tuition videos that can be replayed as many times as required to reinforce the learning points and its own **colour magazine** that is integrated with the online tuition, allowing more activities to be carried out away from the computer. These magazines are sent to your home each month.

The balance of activities available on WordsPlease allows youngsters to improve their IT skills, whilst simultaneously encouraging a love of books, libraries and other 'live' resources. This balance encourages development of independent learning and creativity, and gives the practice necessary to build oral and written communication skills. These skills are best learnt at an early age.

The activities are designed to stimulate a variety of responses depending on age and ability. Older and more experienced children can apply better structure and greater depth to their work, while younger and less experienced children benefit greatly at a level corresponding to their stage of development.

The activities on WordsPlease embrace a wide range of topics including grammar, poetry, writing activities, words games, history of spelling, a children's introduction to Shakespeare and Chaucer, codes and ciphers, cryptic clues and using the local record office.

In addition to the six teaching modules, WordsPlease provides two additional features. The **Common Resource Area** is an expanding section which contains interviews with authors and specialists, ideas for stimulating writing and a '*Now Read On*' section which has the first two chapters of several published books in audio format.

The **Forum** is an opportunity for young people to communicate with other like-minded people about any topic to do with the English language.

How much does WordsPlease cost?

WordsPlease costs just £6.00 per month.

For the first six months you will receive a magazine in the post (each magazine corresponding to one of the six teaching modules) with access to that module and all previous modules on the website. You will also have full access to the Common Resource Area and the Forum.

After the first six months and once you have received all six magazines, you will continue to have access to all six teaching modules so that you may complete any unfinished activities, the Common Resource Area and the Forum.

There is no minimum membership period. If you think WordsPlease is no longer suitable for your son/daughter, you may cancel at any time and stop your monthly payments, and access to the website will cease at the end of the calendar month for which you last paid. If you cancel during the first six months, you will receive no further magazines.