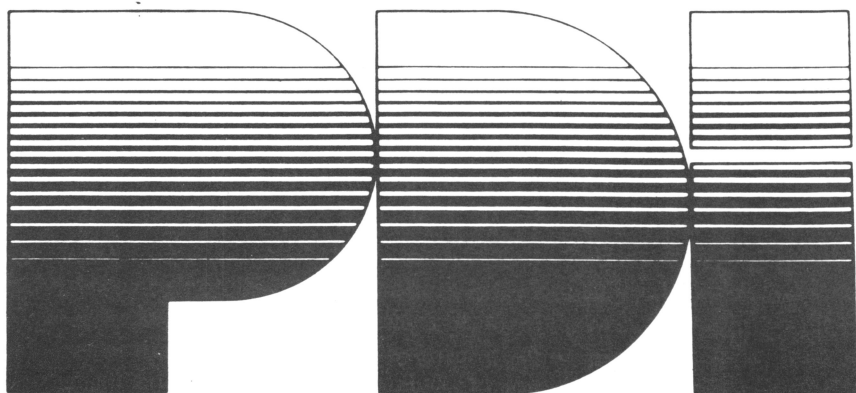# ASTRO-WORD SEARCH

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Guide

WHAT IS ASTRO-WORD SEARCH?

Astro-Word Search is an imbedded word game. The user attempts to find words mixed into a field of random letters. The words can be located horizontally, vertically or diagnally, and they can be forward or backwards. In the example below the names of countries are hidden in the block of letters:

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Q P A R A G U A Y Z A Z M R M
Z B T N O V P U B P Q R H Z W
M X J P D M P D T R J D R N Y
U O Z P E O L A G S G U B T M
N X V I D R R S B O J I R B F
Y Y Y I E N U R B J D R K Z N
R N M M S O E H A Q E G I Q L
A T Z J J D V K M R E P Z H O
M Y K I W O O S B S O V H B R
C I H I T M O T Y T F D M D V
V O O G A B M N K S J B H V V
D W D N T U V Y G A A R D R I
S Y P Q M O R O C C O H N S J
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PUSH SPACE BAR!
5 WORDS

When the random letters are stripped away, the correct answers appear as follows:

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P A R A G U A Y
    N
    P D
     E O
       R R
    I E N U R B
            A

        M O R O C C O
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The names of the countries above are:
Paraguay, Andorra, Peru, Brunei and Morocco.

HOW IS ASTRO-WORD SEARCH PLAYED?

Each program is broken into 5 distinct parts. In Part 1 the computer lists all the words that <u>could</u> appear in the puzzle. In Part 2 the computer forms the puzzle. Parts 1 and 2 take a few minutes to run. Part 3 is the puzzle itself. Part 4 scores your performance, and Part 5 shows the player the significance of the words used.

The puzzle asks the user to type in a word found in the letter field. If the word is correct, the puzzle is altered to show the found word. If not, the puzzle says "no such word!" (even though the word may be a real word and actually in the puzzle by accident). The user must also be careful to type in the whole word.

If the user wishes to give up and see the puzzle answers, he or she can type a ? for an answer.

HOW MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF ASTRO-WORD SEARCH ARE THERE?

There are three separate puzzles on each tape. The A and B sides of the cassette have the same puzzles recorded, so that if the user has trouble loading one side, he or she can go to the opposite side of the cassette.

Program Design has published Astro-Word Search in several different versions, some of which use foreign language words, so that the user can use the puzzles to learn important vocabulary words or facts.

You are now ready
to load the tape.

ASTRO-WORD SEARCH

Topic: Vocabulary skills

Age: Jr. high school to adult

Astro-Word Search is a series of 3 puzzle programs
designed to develop perceptual skills and aid in
the learning of incidental factual information.

Puzzles involve the finding of imbedded words in
a block of random letters.

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A L A S T R O W X
M M W O R D N P Q
T I S E A R C H W
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This course is recorded on a PDI Digi-Load
cassette. The Digi-Load system uses digital
recording techniques and chrome tape to
make the finest possible computer tape.

PDI will replace any defective cassette
free of charge.

ATTENTION:

The applesoft disks enclosed herein are equipped with a special DOS which prevents duplication. To use this disk, you must boot it with a "PR #6" command.

The programs cannot be accessed in any other way and any attempts to do so will result in an "I/O ERROR". A control-C will result in the termination of the program and a chain to the menu program.

DO NOT HIT RESET or your computer will crash, and the only way to recover is to turn the power supply on and off.