



Spellodrome

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Introducing Cyclobot!

1. Introduction

Welcome to Spellodrome!

Based on the proven success of Mathletics, Spellodrome is a program that will inspire better results! Like Mathletics, Spellodrome is designed by educators with the right balance of stimulation and support.

Spelling is a valuable skill integral to effective literacy skills. Writing for a particular purpose is a complex process that can be hindered by poor spelling. Similarly, when reading, poor spellers can lack confidence decoding unfamiliar words. Proficient spellers are good communicators with effective literacy skills.

Spellodrome is a stimulating program that will help students to develop critical spelling awareness. Students will be thrilled as they race real time against Cyclobot and other students in *The Spellodrome*.

Parents and teachers will be delighted in the progress made each week.

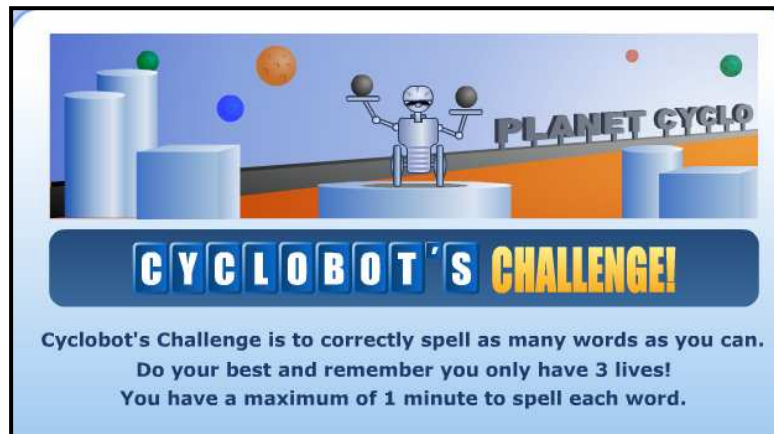
Students, parents and teachers will love Spellodrome!



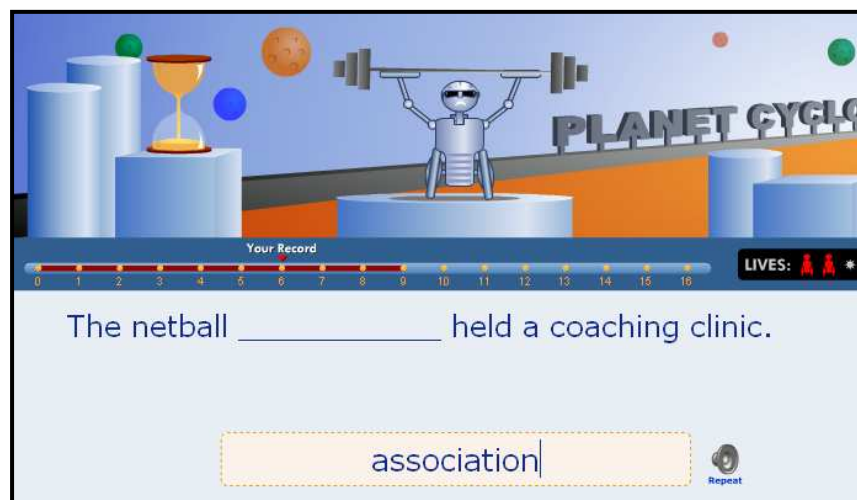
2. Cyclobot's Challenge

Each week, before students can enter *The Spellodrome*, they must complete a weekly spelling test consisting of up to 16 words that get increasingly difficult. This is known as *Cyclobot's Challenge*. Improvement in this section is reported on each week.

Please note that *Cyclobot's Challenge* only appears once a week.



Students listen to the word and then use the keypad or type the letters to spell the word. They have 3 lives which ensures that the length of the test is suited to their ability. Any student only gets a maximum of 3 errors before they move on to *The Spellodrome*. These words become the focus words for the week.



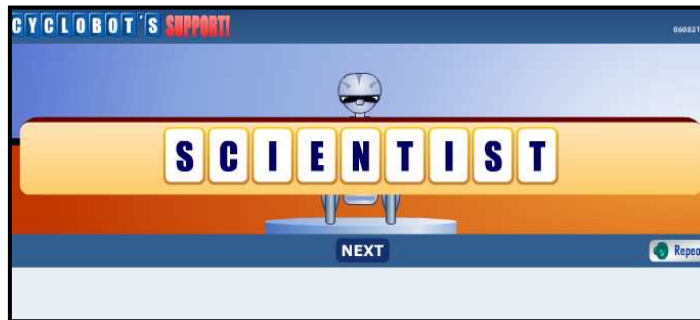
3. Cyclobot's Support!

"*This Week's Focus Words*" are the 3 words that are spelled incorrectly from the weekly test. They are displayed across the top of the student's homepage. Students can practice these words anytime by clicking on one of them and entering *Cyclobot's Support*. They can also enter *Cyclobot's Support* by clicking on any of the words that come up in the report in *My Word List*.

The screenshot shows a student's homepage for a spelling game. On the left side, there is a profile for "Steve S" with a green-haired robot avatar. Below the name, it says "Weekly Points: 1,100". There are three navigation buttons: "Jersey Gallery", "My Word List", and "Report". At the top left, there is a "BACK" button. The main area is titled "This Week's Focus Words:" and lists three words: "centenary", "farcical", and "disseminated". Below this, there are three levels of spelling practice: "1 Rookie Spelling" (10 points per word), "2 Master Spelling" (15 points per word), and "3 Championship Spelling" (20 points per word). At the bottom, there is a banner for "CYCLOBOT'S REVENGE!" which is "playable when weekly points reach 1000". The background features a blue spiral and the word "SPELLODROM" at the bottom.

LOOK, SAY,

The student sees the word and hears it. The student should also say the word out loud.

**COVER, WRITE,**

The word is then covered and the student types in the letters, spelling the word.

**CHECK.**

Lastly, the word is revealed and instant feedback is provided.



Cyclobot's Support is based on the technique "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" that many teachers use as part of their spelling program. This method has proven to be very effective due to the fact that it is a defined process.

Students are encouraged to sound out the words, form the letters and check that the word looks correct.

4. The Spellodrome

The three levels within Spellodrome are: *Rookie Spelling*, *Master Spelling* and *Championship Spelling*. The words within each level increase with difficulty and are worth different amounts of points.

BACK

Steve S

Weekly Points:
1,100

Jersey Gallery

My Word List

Report

This Week's Focus Words:
centenary farcical disseminated

1 Rookie Spelling
10 points per word

2 Master Spelling
15 points per word

3 Championship Spelling
20 points per word

CYCLOBOT'S REVENGE!
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After the students select a level from their homepage, they can view a summary of their progress. From here they *Enter The Spellodrome*.

BACK

Steve S

Weekly Points:
1,100

Jersey Gallery

My Word List

Report

This Week's Focus Words:
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Championship Spelling

Enter The Spellodrome

Championship	This Week	Overall	Speed
Correct Spellings	30	40	
Accuracy	96.8%	95.2%	
Best Time	44 sec	44 sec	

After the students enter *The Spellodrome*, they are shown the word family or letter pattern they are about to practice. Some examples of word families are below.

Words beginning with 'sl'

Words containing 'ph'

Words ending with 'ary'

Mixed Words

Words containing 'i-e'

Words ending with 'able'

Words containing 'ice'

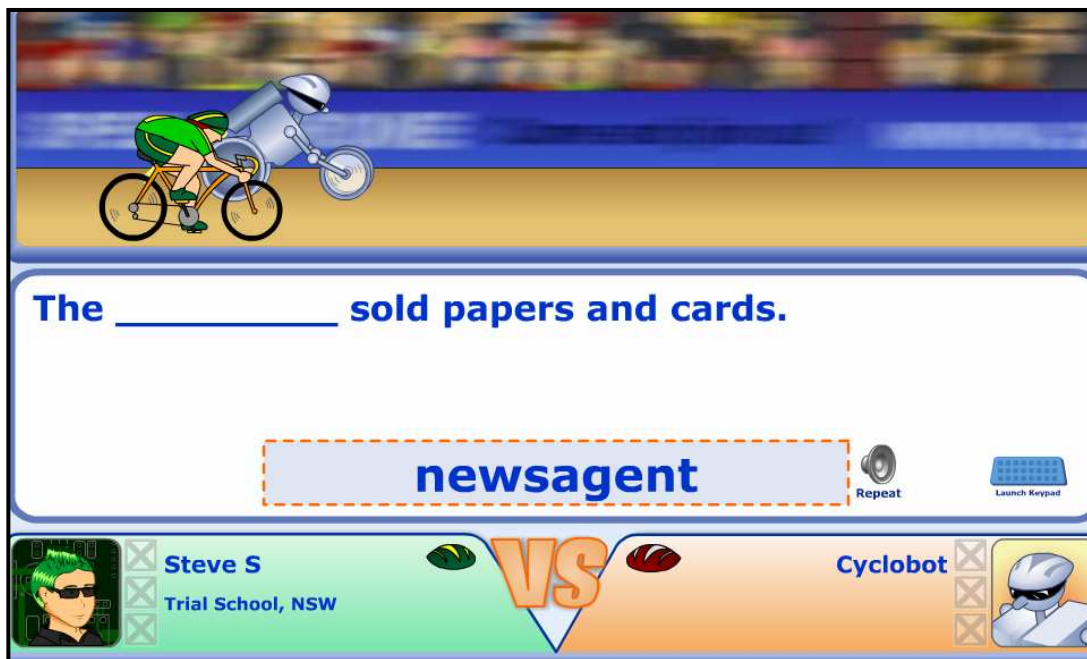
Words beginning with 'fl'

Words ending with 'tion'

Learning spelling words that are organized in particular groups such as word families and letter patterns, reinforces a recognition of how words look and sound. This encourages students to develop their own spelling strategies.

To win points, the student races against Cyclobot around *The Spellodrome*. The aim is to spell as many words as possible before they strike out after three errors.

The student listens to each word as it is used in a sentence. They then spell the word by typing the letters or using the keypad.



Spelling is not just a visual skill. Students also have to know how a word sounds. In Spellodrome they are able to listen to the word as many times as needed.

Listening to the word in a sentence helps students to understand what the word means – this develops vocabulary and improves writing!

4. Reporting and Feedback

Results are displayed straight after each race.

RESULT Position: **2nd** Race Time: **38.4 sec** X close

1) The movie was a bit _____. scary

2) The _____ was very polite and professional. secretary

3) The footballer put his foot over the _____ line. boundary

They can open their report from the homepage which shows progress in each section of *Spellodrome*.

REPORT CLOSE

Steve Summers

Cyclobot's Challenge

High Score = 12 (08 Sep 06) Improvement = 20%

Spellodrome

	Rookie	Master	Championship
Correct Spellings	10	50	50
Accuracy	100%	94.3%	96.2%

Cyclobot's Revenge

Games Played = 2 Victories = 1

Clear and immediate feedback is a valuable way for students to take responsibility and ownership for their own learning.

The tab *This week's words*, links to a list of words spelled incorrectly during the week. Identifying errors can provide a clear picture of how students can best be supported. The report clears each week so it is easy to stay up to date on a student's support needs.

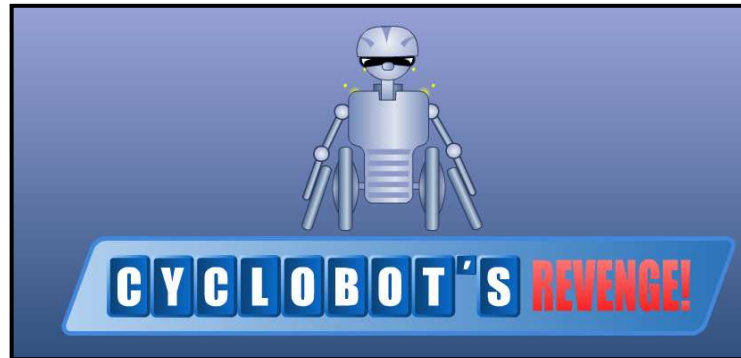
REPORT RETURN CLOSE
28 Aug to 3 Sep

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correctly Spelt = 20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorrectly Spelt = 9
bush	I've
concentrate	bookkeeper
crane	croak
crew	despicable
cricket	goal
cried	plum
crime	soap
crimson	they'll
crooked	we're
crumb	
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don't	
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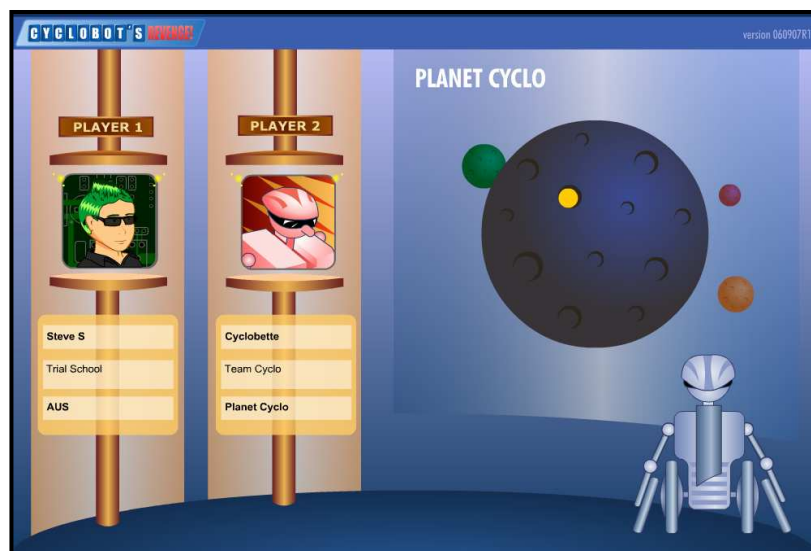
Students can return to *Cyclobot's Support* and practice using the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* method by clicking on any word within this report.

6. Cyclobot's Revenge

This section is a really fun way to practice newly gained spelling skills. It is essentially the timeless game Hangman presented in a captivating new way where students practice their recognition of word formation.



The student plays real time against a member of the Spellodrome community or even a member of Planet Cyclo!

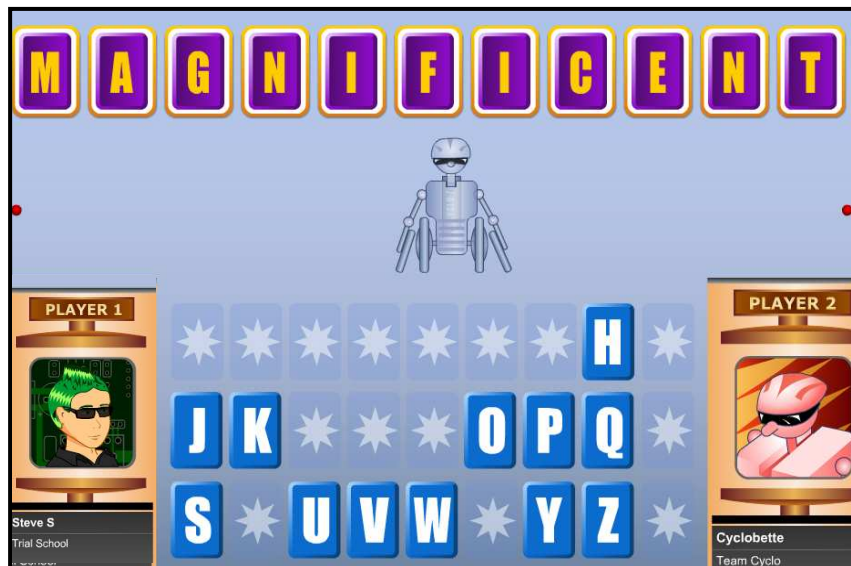


Games are a great way to reinforce newly learned skills and to reward hard work!

In *Cyclobot's Revenge*, selecting a correct letter leads to another turn. Students are required to strategise the way letters are blended together to form words as letter patterns begin to emerge.



The winner is the player who completes the word!



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