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NASPA Zyzzyva 3.2.0: What's New

This is the first version of NASPA Zyzzyva to feature lexicons published by NASPA, including only those used in current club and tournament play, and omitting all previous lexicons published by Merriam-Webster (OTCWL, SSWL, OSPD).

The current lexicons are NASPA Word List 2018 Edition (NWL2018), NASPA School Word List 2018 Edition (NSWL2018), and Collins Scrabble Words 2015 Edition (CSW15), the latter published by HarperCollins. The NWL and NSWL lexicons, including definitions, are made available for the use of NASPA members only, but without the licensing and export restrictions that encumbered the use of the OTCWL, SSWL, and OSPD lexicons in previous versions of NASPA Zyzzyva. Note: The licensing requirement remains in effect for the CSW15 lexicon.

Most users of NASPA Zyzzyva 3.2.0 will have run quizzes with the previous lexicons, and will want to preserve the quiz data already built up. The following advice will help you transition your studies to the current lexicons.

Lexicon Styles / Word Tables: When building lexicon databases, NASPA Zyzzyva attaches symbols to show differences between lexicons; for example, in previous versions, new words would be flagged with a "+". In NASPA Zyzzyva 3.2.0, there is no previous version for any of the three current lexicons, so this feature is ineffective for that purpose. Instead, the definition of all new words has been tagged "(2018)", allowing you to find them by searching for that substring using the "Definition" search condition.

Quiz Statistics Databases / Cardbox Data: Because of licensing restrictions on the previous lexicons, the personal databases that record quiz statistics (including cardbox data) for those lexicons are encrypted and thus accessible only with a valid license installed. With NASPA lexicons no longer subject to licensing restrictions in NASPA Zyzzyva, these databases are no longer encrypted, but users need to be able to import those old data for use with the new lexicons. To do this, open a Cardbox pane, use the controls to select the new lexicon and quiz type (usually Anagrams), click Import..., and select the lexicon for which you have an existing quiz statistics database file. Unlike previous versions, that Import Quiz Statistics dialog now allows you to choose lexicons not currently loaded, including obsolete ones such as OTCWL2016 and OTCWL2014. Note: A valid license is required to import data from an encrypted database (.dbll) file, though not to use those data with a current lexicon thereafter.