

Hangman | YEAH hours

Programming steps

1. Play a console-based game with small word set

Where do I get the words to use for Hangman?

HangmanLexicon:

- use HangmanLexicon's stub implementation with a random generator
- create a new instance of HangmanLexicon and store it in an instance variable

Taking guesses

- accept guesses in upper or lower case
- if the user guesses something illegal, give an appropriate error message and prompt for a new character

```
String s = readLine("Your guess: ");
```

2. Add in the graphics

Associating the canvas with the Hangman program

In the Hangman class, declare an instance variable:

```
private HangmanCanvas canvas
```

Then, add:

```
public void init() {  
    canvas = new HangmanCanvas();  
    add(canvas);  
}
```

Make calls on the canvas:

```
e.g. canvas.reset();
```

3. Read in the lexicon from a data file

- reimplement the HangmanLexicon class so that it reads in the words from the HangmanLexicon.txt file.
- put the words into an ArrayList
- implement getWordCount and getWord methods

String processing

example, word is "cat"

start: ---

guess A: -A-

Helpful string methods

check if a character is uppercase:

```
char c = 'c'; (choose any character for this comparison)
boolean isUppercase = Character.isUpperCase(c);
```

check if a character is lowercase:

```
boolean isLowercase = Character.isLowerCase(c);
```

get the character at a certain index (i)

```
String str = "cats";
int i = 0;
char characterAtIndex = str.charAt(i);
```

iterate through all the characters in a string and print each one

```
String str = "cats";
for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
    char ch = str.charAt(i);
    println(ch);
}
```

get the length of the string

```
String str = "cats";
int length = str.length();
```

compare two strings

use `.equals`

e.g.

```
String str1 = "cats";
String str2 = "dogs";
```

```
boolean stringsAreSame = str1.equals(str2);
```

compare two characters

use `==`

Classes & methods to implement

HangmanLexicon

```
public int getWordCount()  
public String getWord(int index)
```

what instance variables do you want to use in this class to store your data?

HangmanCanvas

```
public void reset()  
public void displayWord(String word)  
public void noteIncorrectGuess(char letter)
```

lots of constants here too!

Hangman

use HangmanLexicon and HangmanCanvas here to make your game!