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User's Manual

Alphabet Soup™



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Dear Parent,

At **VTech**®, we know how important the first day of school is for your child. To help prepare preschoolers for this important event, **VTech**® has developed the **Preschool Learning**™ series of interactive toys.

Preschool Learning™ features fun characters and inviting school themes that use technology to capture a child's attention and teach important preschool skills like spelling, counting and the alphabet. These vital skills are taught in a way that's both fun and highly engaging to maintain a child's interest. Children will also be introduced to fun school subjects such as art class, music class and even recess! With **Preschool Learning**™, learning is fun from day one!

At **VTech**®, we know that a child has the ability to do great things. That's why all of our electronic learning products are uniquely designed to develop a child's mind and allow them to learn to the best of their ability. We thank you for trusting **VTech**® with the important job of helping your child learn and grow!

Sincerely,



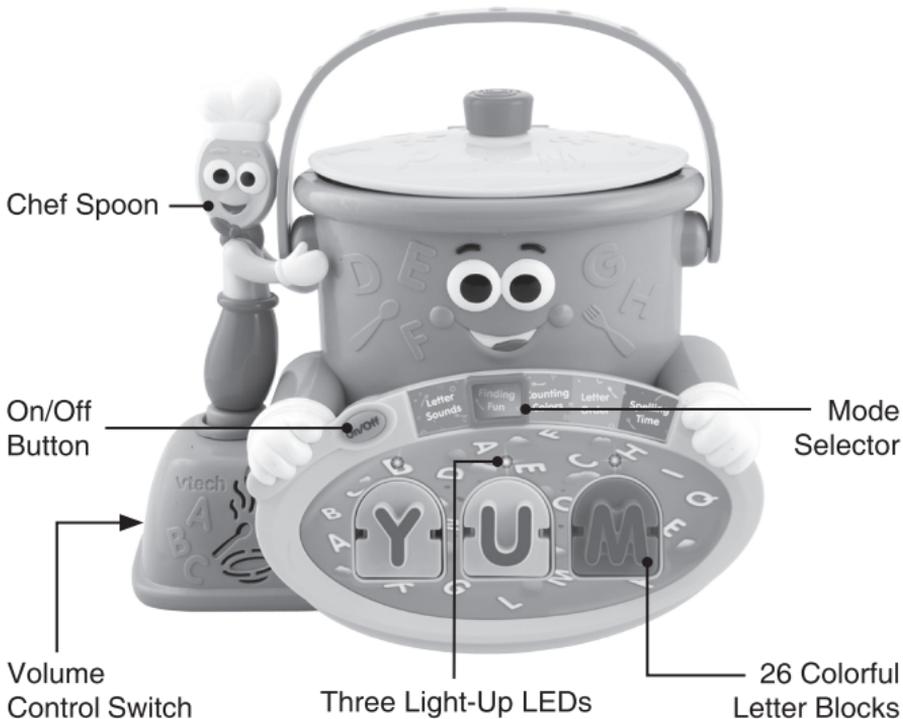
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To learn more about **Preschool Learning**™ and other **VTech**® toys, visit www.vtechkids.com

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing **VTech® Alphabet Soup™**!

The **VTech® Alphabet Soup™** is a recipe for fun! 5 fun, interactive games teach letters, phonics, colors, letter order, and basic spelling. 3 learning slots instantly recognize the letter blocks, and the three LED lights flash together to give a helping hand. Chef Spoon asks questions, and then bounces up and down to encourage and reward your child. 26 colored letter blocks, friendly phrases, and fun sound effects make learning with **VTech® Alphabet Soup™** an experience full of yummy fun!



INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- One VTech® Alphabet Soup™
- 26 colorful letter blocks
- One user's manual

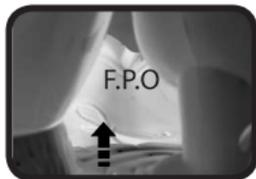
WARNING: All packaging materials, such as tape, plastic sheets, wire ties and tags are not part of this toy, and should be discarded for your child's safety.

NOTE: Please keep the user manual  it contains important information.

GETTING STARTED

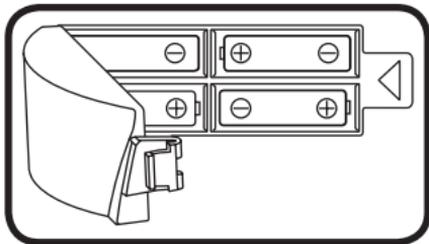
RELEASE THE TRY-ME BLOCKS

1. Make sure the unit is turned **OFF**.
2. Carefully pull the try-me blocks away from the toy and cut the strings as illustrated.
3. Then ove the strings from the back of the toy.



BATTERY INSTALLATION

1. Make sure the unit is turned **OFF**.
2. Install 4 new "AA" (AM-3/LR6) batteries following the diagram inside the battery box. (The use of new alkaline batteries is recommended for maximum performance.)
3. Replace the battery cover.



BATTERY NOTICE

- Install batteries correctly observing the polarity (+, -) signs to avoid leakage.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix batteries of different types: alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium).
- Remove the batteries from the equipment when the unit will not be used for an extended period of time.
- Always remove exhausted batteries from the equipment.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.
- Do not attempt to recharge ordinary batteries.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
- Only batteries of the same and equivalent type as recommended are to be used.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES.

PRODUCT FEATURES

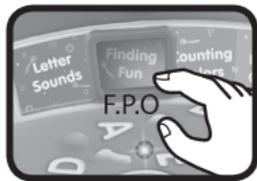
1. ON/OFF BUTTON

- To begin play, press the **On/Off** button.
- Chef Spoon will greet you and an activity will begin.
- Press the **On/Off** button again to turn the unit off.



2. MODE SELECTOR

Slide the **Mode Selector** to select an activity.



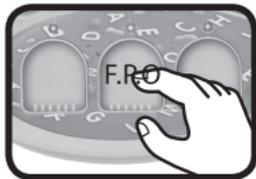
3. CHEF SPOON

Chef Spoon bounces and moves his hands for encouragement during the activities.



4. THREE LEARNING SLOTS WITH SENSORS

Press the sensors without the inserted block to hear instructions. After you've placed a letter block in a learning slot, press it to hear new words, phonics, colors and letter orders.



5. 26 COLORFUL LETTER BLOCKS

Put the 26 colorful letter blocks in the learning slots to learn letters, phonics, and colors, or to answer questions.



6. VOLUME CONTROL SWITCH

To adjust the volume, slide the **VOLUME CONTROL SWITCH** at the back of the unit to the **low volume** position () or the **high volume** position ().



ACTIVITIES



1. Letter Sounds

Put the letter blocks in the learning slots to learn letters and phonics.

2. Finding Fun

Find the right letter block! Chef Spoon will say a letter or phonic, and you'll have to put the matching letter block into a learning slot. There are three chances to answer each question. If you answer 5 questions in a row correctly, you'll move up to the next level!

3. Counting Colors

Find the right color block! Chef Spoon will ask you to find a certain color block or blocks. There are three chances to answer each question. If you answer 3 questions in a row correctly, you'll move up to the next level!

4. Letter Order

Put the letters in order! Chef Spoon will tell you which letters to put in the learning slots, but you have to put them in the right order! There are three chances to answer each question.

5. Spelling Time

It's spelling time! Chef Spoon will give you a word. Spell it by putting the correct blocks in the learning slots! There are three chances to answer each question.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth.
2. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from any direct heat source.
3. Remove the batteries when the unit is not in use for an extended period of time.
4. Do not drop the unit on hard surfaces and do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. If your **VTech® Alphabet Soup** stops working or does not turn on:
 - Check your batteries. Make sure the batteries are fresh and properly installed.
 - If you are still having problems, visit our website at www.vtechkids.com for troubleshooting tips.
2. If, when pressing the **On/Off** button, nothing happens:
 - Check to see that the batteries are aligned correctly.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have a problem that cannot be solved by using this manual, we encourage you to visit us online or contact our Consumer Services Department with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A support representative will be happy to assist you. Before requesting support, please be ready to provide or include the information below:

- The name of your product or model number (the model number is typically located on the back or bottom of your product).
- The actual error message or problem you are experiencing.
- The actions you took right before the error message or problem occurred.

Internet: www.vtechkids.com

Phone: 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada

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Note:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

Caution : Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Creating and developing **Preschool Learning** products is accompanied by a responsibility that we at **VTech** take very seriously. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information that forms the value of our products. However, errors sometimes can occur. It is important for you to know that we stand behind our products and encourage you to call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada, with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A service representative will be happy to help you.