



# Mouse Play™ Deluxe

**USER'S MANUAL**



*Dear Parent:*

*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 children to learn to the best of their ability. Whether it's learning about letters, numbers, geography or algebra, all VTech® learning products incorporate advanced technologies and extensive curriculum to encourage children of all ages to reach their potential.*

*When it comes to providing interactive products that enlighten, entertain, and develop minds, at VTech® we see the potential in every child.*

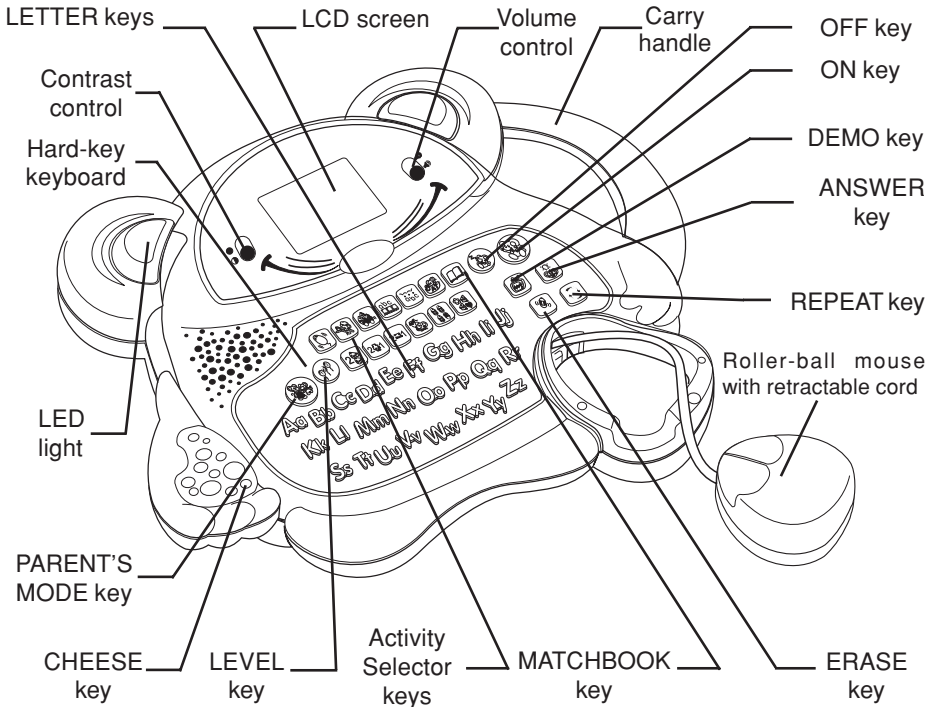
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# INTRODUCTION

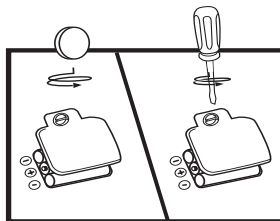
Thank you for purchasing the **VTech® SMART START Mouse Play™ Deluxe** learning toy! We at **VTech®** are committed to providing the best possible products to entertain and educate your child. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S., 1-800-267-7377 in Canada or 01235-546810 in the U.K.

The **VTech® SMART START Mouse Play™ Deluxe** learning toy invites your child to learn about computers with a fun, child-friendly mouse design. Basic curriculum includes letters, mathematics, mouse skills, logic games, music and more! A real roller-ball mouse and exciting animations enhance computer skills in a fun and non-threatening way. Prepare your child today for tomorrow's technology!



# BATTERY INSTALLATION

1. Make sure the unit is **OFF**.
2. Locate the battery cover on the back of the unit and remove, using coin or screwdriver to loosen the screw.
3. Insert 3 “AA”(UM-3/LR6) batteries as illustrated. (The use of new, alkaline batteries is recommended for maximum performance.)
4. Replace the battery cover and tighten the screw to secure the battery cover.



## BATTERY NOTICES

- Install batteries correctly observing the polarity ( +, - ) signs to avoid leakage.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not use batteries of different types.
- Remove the batteries from the learning aid when it will not be used for an extended period of time.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.
- Do not attempt to recharge ordinary batteries.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.

**NOTE:** If for some reason the program/activity stops working, please follow these steps:

1. Please turn the unit off.
2. Interrupt the power supply by removing the batteries.
3. Let the unit stand for a few minutes, then replace the batteries.
4. Turn the unit on. The unit will now be ready to play again.

If the problem persists, please call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S., 1-800-267-7377 in Canada or 01235-546810 in the U.K.

## AUTO POWER OFF

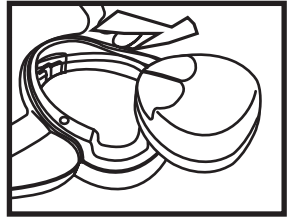
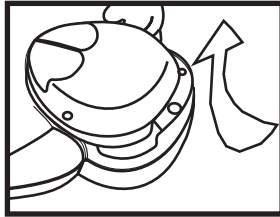
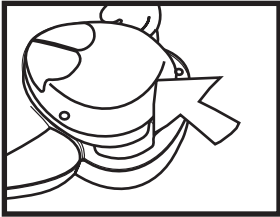
The **VTech® SMART START Mouse Play™ Deluxe** learning toy will turn off automatically if the player does not press any key for 2 minutes.

# MOUSE DESCRIPTION

Removing Mouse from Main Unit.

Follow these steps in removing the mouse from the main unit (Please note the mouse should not detach completely from the unit. It is tethered by a retractable cord, and is intended to be used while attached to the unit.):

1. Push the mouse near the back end.
2. Lift it up starting from its back end.
3. Remove it from the small hinge.



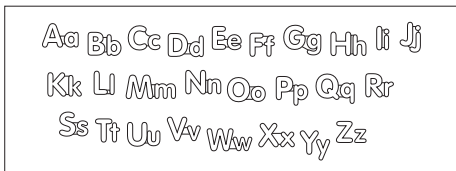
## Mouse Buttons

For all activities, the 2 buttons on the mouse have the same function. Push either the right or left button to select an item on the LCD screen.

# KEYBOARD DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTIONS

Press this key to turn the unit on.

Press this key to turn the unit off.



Press these keys when selecting answers for word-related activities.



These keys can be used as music keys in Music Box's Parent's Mode.

Press this key to learn the answers to questions in selected activities.

Press this key to activate the Matchbook mode.



These keys serve as number keys in the Matchbook mode.

These keys serve as answer selection keys in the Matchbook mode.



Press this key to have a question repeated for you.



Press this key to select the level of difficulty. There are three skill levels for most activities. The default is Level 1 for all games. Each time you press this key, the level of difficulty will increase: Level 1 --> Level 2--> Level 3--> Level 1 --> Level 2 --> .....

## ACTIVITY SELECTOR KEYS

To choose an activity, press one of the 12 activity keys located at the top of the keyboard.



## TO BEGIN PLAY

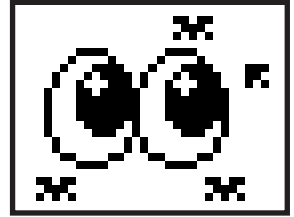
1. To begin play, press the ON key located at the upper right-hand corner of the keyboard.
2. Select the activity you wish to play by pressing one of the 12 activity keys.
3. To adjust the volume, slide the Volume Control Switch down for lower volume or slide it up for higher volume.

# DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

## Mouse Skills



Our mouse friend has been studying very hard and now he's seeing stars! Can you help our starry-eyed friend by moving the arrow around the screen with your computer mouse? When you touch a star with the arrow and click the mouse button, the star will disappear. The mouse's eyes will follow your arrow and reward you with funny animations. Move the cursor mouse as fast as you can and watch the mouse get dazzled!



### Parent's Mode

Parents can challenge their child's reaction skills by pressing the Cheese key to control the occurrence of the flies.

## Cheese Party



Look out! Cheese is falling from the sky! Help the mouse keep the cheese from falling on the ground by moving the position of the tray to catch the cheese. Use the mouse buttons to switch which hand holds the tray.

### Parent's Mode

Parents can challenge their child's reaction skills by pressing the Cheese key to control the occurrence of the falling cheese.

## Cheese Catch



Cheese is flying out of a truck. Your challenge is to catch the cheese in the cart by rolling your mouse left and right to move the cart into place. Think you can do it? I bet you can!

### Parent's Mode

Parents can challenge their child's reaction skills by pressing the Cheese key to control the occurrence of the flying cheese.



## Alphabet Order

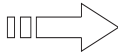


Choo! Choo! Here comes the train! Uh, oh. What's wrong? Our train is carrying four ABC letters, but they were mixed up when the train stopped. Can you help fix the problem by using your mouse to put the letters back in their correct order? Once you get it right, our train will be on its way!

Change from uppercase to lowercase and vice versa by pressing the Cheese key.

### Parent's Mode

Parents can personalize play by replacing the sequential letters with simple words. Use the keyboard to input an original word to be seen on the train and press the Cheese key to confirm the input.



## Fun to Follow



Our mouse wants to play Hide and Seek. Can you find him by clicking on the letter that he is hiding behind? He will hide again once you find him, so keep your eye on that mouse!

Change from uppercase to lowercase and vice versa by pressing the Cheese key.

### Parent's Mode

Parents can personalize play by replacing the letters with letters that they choose. Simply input your own letters and press the Cheese key to confirm the input.

## Beginning Letters



Our mouse loves to spell! Can you help him out by watching the animation and then finding the missing beginning letter when the word appears on the screen? Use your keyboard to type in your answer. If you need a hint, all you have to do is move the cursor arrow over the rectangle at the beginning of the word to see what letter you need to press. Let's see what you can do!

Change from uppercase to lowercase and vice versa by pressing the Cheese key.

### Parent's Mode

Parents can introduce new words and personalize play by inputting their own simple words (e.g., the child's name). Type an original word and press the Cheese key to confirm the input.

## Counting

Here's a fun new way to count and practice your mouse skills at the same time. Use your mouse to click on each of the objects on the screen that looks like the object on the bottom left corner. When you do this, the object will disappear and the number will change to tell you how many objects you have clicked on so far. Ready? Go!

### Parent's mode

Parents can challenge their child by determining the number of objects on the screen to be counted. The number of times the Cheese key is pressed corresponds to the number of objects on the screen. The game will start five seconds after the last click of the Cheese key.

## Addition

How about some addition? An equation will appear on the screen and an animation will start as 4 possible answers appear one at a time. When you see the right answer, click on your mouse button before it disappears! You don't need to worry about moving your mouse in this activity.

Change the positioning of the equation from horizontal to vertical by pressing the Cheese key and enjoy addition in its many forms!

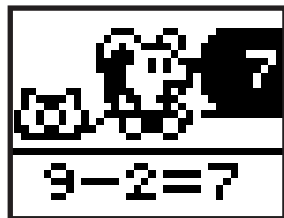
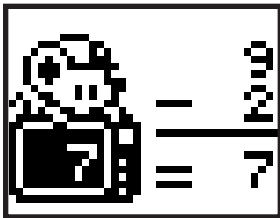
### Parent's Mode

In this activity, Parent's Mode is an explanatory mode. Parents can interrupt the game to explain addition to the child. Pressing the Cheese key changes the numbers into visual representations. Move at a pace that is comfortable for your child by pressing the Cheese key when you are ready to proceed to the next screen. After the animation is finished, it returns to the game.

### Subtraction

Time to subtract! An equation will appear on the screen and an animation will start as 4 possible answers appear one at a time. When you see the right answer, click on your mouse button before it disappears! You don't need to worry about moving your mouse in this activity. Good luck!

Change the positioning of the equation from horizontal to vertical by pressing the Cheese key and enjoy subtraction in its many forms!

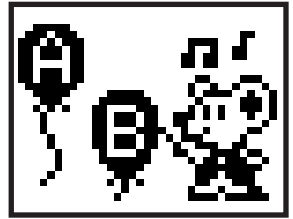


### Parent's Mode

In this activity, Parent's Mode is an explanatory mode. Parents can interrupt the game to explain subtraction to the child. Pressing the Cheese key changes the numbers into visual representations. Move at a pace that is comfortable for your child by pressing the Cheese key when you are ready to proceed to the next screen. After the animation is finished, it returns to the game.

## Music Box

Would you like to hear a song? As the balloons float upwards on the screen, use the mouse to click on one and burst the balloon to release its song. Otherwise, you can press the number key or letter key that matches your chosen song. Pick your favorite songs off of the following list and enjoy some tunes!



	<b>Name</b>	<b>Alphabet keys</b>
1	The Alphabet Song	A, K, U
2	Head and Shoulders	B, L, V
3	Old MacDonald Had a Farm	C, M, W
4	Skip to My Lou	D, N, X
5	Bingo	E, O, Y
6	Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me	F, P, Z
7	Are You Sleeping? (Frere Jacques)	G, Q
8	Hickory, Dickory Dock	H, R
9	Three Blind Mice	I, S
10	I've Been Working on the Railroad	J, T

## Parent's Mode

In this mode, parents can input a song especially for their child. Press the music notes to compose a song or use it as a free-play mode and teach your child how to play a song. The music notes are printed below the letters K through R on the keyboard.

## **Direction Match**

Uh, oh! The objects were all facing the same direction when they first appeared on the screen, but then they started to turn. Now they are all mixed up! Can you help put them all back in the right direction by using your mouse to click on the objects and rotate them back to their original positions? The final picture should look just like the original. Come on. You can do it!

### **Parent's Mode**

Parents can use this activity to teach their child about direction. Use the Cheese key to call up screens that pictorially describe "Up", "Down", "Left" and "Right."

## **Pair Up**

Help find the pairs. Several objects will appear on the screen, but only 2 are the same. Find these matching objects and click on them with your mouse. When you click on the first object, it will flash. When you find the correct matching object, the incorrect objects will disappear and the correct pair will flash. You will be rewarded with fun sound effects and bright flashing lights!

### **Parent's Mode**

Parents can personalize play by replacing the objects with letters. The first letter typed in will be recognized twice as the object pair to be found. For example, if you input A, B and C and then press the Cheese key to confirm, cards will appear with A, A, B and C.

## **MATCHBOOK MODE**

This product belongs to the Smart Start series, which can be expanded with Matchbooks. These special workbooks are sold separately and can be activated on **Mouse Play™ Deluxe** by pressing the Matchbook key. After inputting the special Matchbook code and a page number, use the unit to answer the questions from the workbook. **Mouse Play™ Deluxe** will respond with the correct answers.

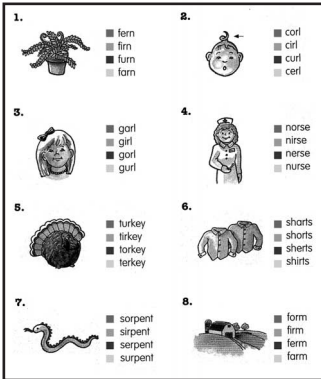
## **Game Play**

The Matchbook is usually divided into six separate sections. All questions in the book are multiple choice and should be answered with the four color book keys located on the **Mouse Play™ Deluxe** keyboard.

1. Press the Matchbook key on the keyboard.
2. Input the Matchbook and section numbers for your particular Matchbook. For example, inputting 012 would mean that you are working on Matchbook 01, section 2. Press the Cheese key to confirm and then start the game.
3. Once the section code is entered, the number of the first question in the section will appear on the screen. Each question has four possible answers. Answer the questions by pressing the color keys that correspond to the correct answers. The four color keys are U, V, W and X on the keyboard and are represented by color book icons underneath these letter keys.
4. As you go through each section, you must answer the questions in the order that they appear. When you finish a section, a score will automatically be displayed on the screen. Each section is divided into 30 questions.

## **Example:**

Things around the house: “Can you pick the correct word to go with these pictures?” Select the correct answer by choosing the letter key (U, V, W or X) that has the same color book icon under it as the answer color.



## GAME STATISTICS

Each activity has its own special features to give you the most fun and the most learning possible! If you want to know your time limit, the number of lives you have, whether or not there is scoring or what kind of interaction Parent's Mode provides, check the chart below:

		Time Limit	Lives	Scoring	Parent's Mode			
<b>Mouse Operation</b>	Mouse Skills	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>	√	<b>Competitive</b>			
	Cheese Party	<b>50 sec</b>	<b>5</b>	√	<b>Competitive</b>			
	Cheese Catch	<b>50 sec</b>	<b>5</b>	√	<b>Competitive</b>			
<b>Word Game</b>	Alphabet Order	<b>60 sec</b>	Level	1	2	3	√	<b>Questioning</b>
			Lives	1	2	3		
	Fun to Follow	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>Questioning</b>			
	Beginning Letters	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>Questioning</b>			
<b>Mathematics</b>	Counting	<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Questioning</b>			
	Challenge							
	Addition	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>Explanatory</b>			
	Subtraction	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>Explanatory</b>			
<b>Creativity and Fun</b>	Music Box	<b>90 sec*</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Explanatory</b>			
	Direction Match	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>	√	<b>Explanatory</b>			
	Pair Up	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>Questioning</b>			
<b>Matchbook</b>	Matchbook	<b>60 sec</b>	<b>3</b>	√	<b>N/A</b>			

- In Music Box, the screen will automatically return to the main menu if there is no input for 90 seconds.

## **CARE AND 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 direct sources of heat.
3. Remove batteries when the unit will not be in use for an extended period of time.
4. Do not drop the unit on hard surfaces.
5. Do not try to dismantle the unit.
6. Do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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### **NOTE:**

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, it may cause interference to radio and television reception. It has been type tested and found to comply within the limits for a Class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause 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 the receiving antenna
- relocate this product with respect to the receiver
- move this product away from the receiver