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User's Manual

AlphaBit's Letter Loop[™]



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Dear Parent,

At **VTech®**, we know how important learning to read is to your child's future. That's why we created **AlphaBert's Learn-to-Read System™** - a progressive line of interactive learning products uniquely designed to teach your child how to read, while making the experience fun and rewarding.

This progressive system eliminates the guesswork when selecting learning toys for your child. Learning to read is a step-by-step process, and **AlphaBert's Learn-to-Read System™** provides the necessary building blocks in focused stages. Each stage has its own unique learning milestone, and builds on existing skills with an extensive curriculum that is personalized to your child's age and ability.



Beginning Reader Stage: teaches letters, letter sounds and letter-object associations

Growing Reader Stage: teaches blends, phonics to sound out words and simple spelling

Advancing Reader Stage: teaches independent reading, comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, creative writing

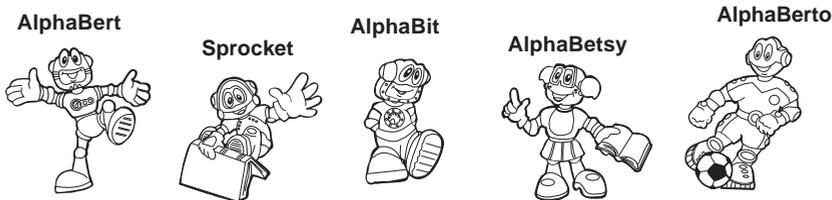
Most importantly, AlphaBert and his friends make learning to read fun, not frustrating. Your child will meet AlphaBert, Sprocket, AlphaBit, AlphaBetsy and AlphaBerto, the reading robots who love to learn and want your child to share their excitement and curiosity. AlphaBert & Friends are your child's learn-to-read coaches who provide encouragement to fill your child with confidence and pride.

As with all **VTech®** learning products, **AlphaBert's Learn-to-Read System™** incorporates advanced technologies that are easy-to-use and reinforce learning. Our hands-on, multi-sensory toys engage diverse learning styles and promote productive play.

Reading has the power to enlighten, entertain and develop young minds. We thank you for trusting **VTech®** with the important job of helping your child learn to read!

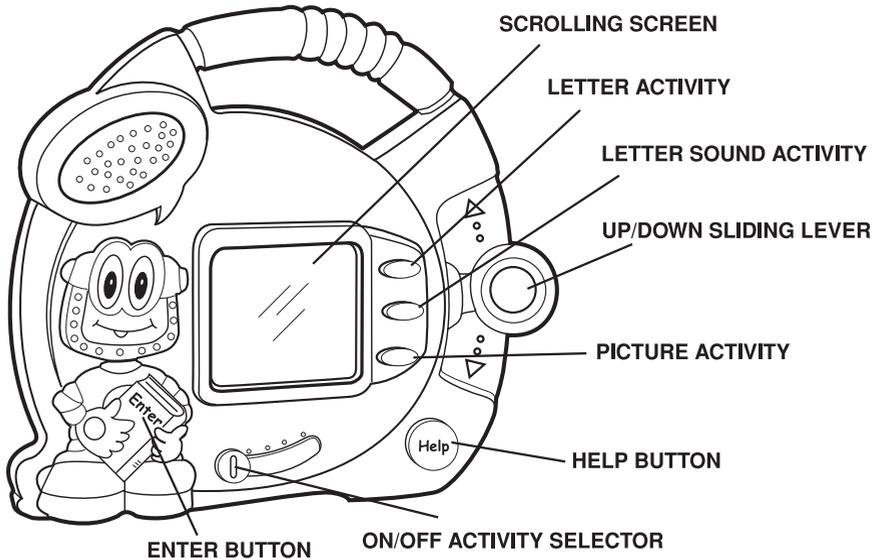
Sincerely,

Your Friends at **VTech®**



To learn more about **AlphaBert's Learn-to-Read System™** and other **VTech®** toys, visit www.vtechkids.com

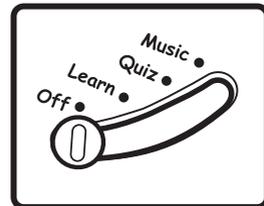
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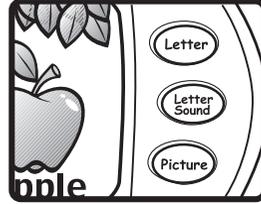
TO BEGIN PLAY

1. To begin play, slide the **On/Off Activity Selector** to the right to choose one of the three activities. AlphaBit will guide you through each of the following activities:

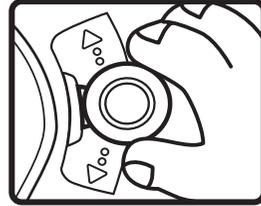
1. Learn
2. Quiz
3. Music



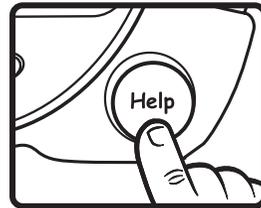
2. When the **Learn** or **Quiz** activities have been selected, press the **Letter**, **Letter Sound** or **Picture** buttons to begin playing the activities.



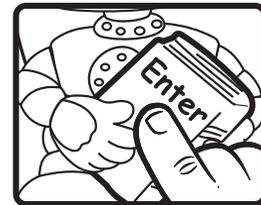
3. Slide up or pull down the lever to scroll forward and backward through the images.



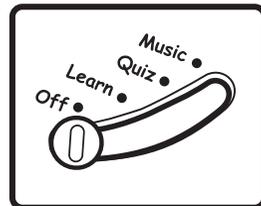
4. Press the **Help** button in the **Learn** and **Music** activities to hear the letter, letter sound, word or melody. In the **Quiz** activity, you will hear hints to help guide you to answer the questions.



5. The **Enter** button is used in the **Quiz** activity to validate your answer.



2. To turn the unit off, slide the **On/Off Activity Selector** to the **Off** position.

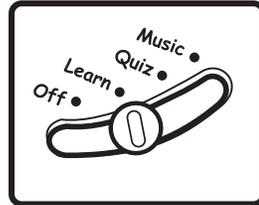


AlphaBit's Letter Loop™ - ACTIVITIES

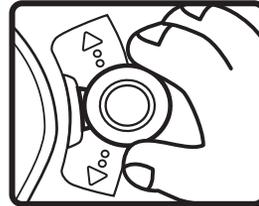
ACTIVITY 1 - LEARN

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

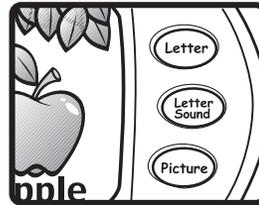
1. Slide the **On/Off Activity Selector** to **Learn**. You will hear a short tune followed by "I'm AlphaBit! Let's get crankin' for some letter fun!"



2. Slide up or pull down on the lever to scroll through the pictures.



3. Once you have stopped on a picture, press the **Letter** button to learn letter names, press the **Letter Sound** button to learn the letter sounds, or press the **Picture** button to learn words. For example, you will hear "A", "A says A and Ah" or "A is for apple."



4. Press the **Help** button to hear the letter name, letter sound or word identified.



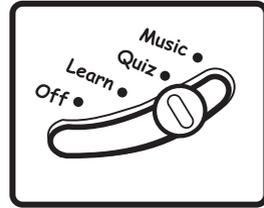
5. If there is no input after 10 seconds, you will hear the letter name, letter sound, or word identified. If there continues to be no input, the above responses will be played randomly until the unit automatically turns off.

LEARN

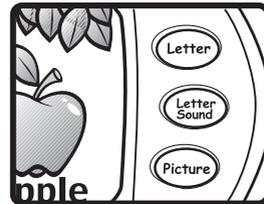
ACTIVITY 2 - QUIZ

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

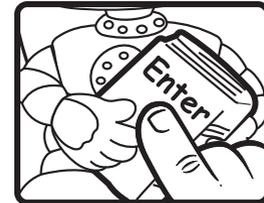
1. Slide the **On/Off Activity Selector** to **Quiz**. You will hear a short tune followed by “Let’s test your brain gears!”



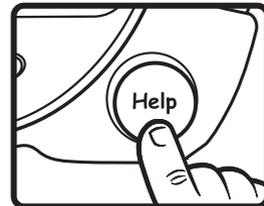
2. Press the **Letter** button to answer questions about letters, press the **Letter Sound** button to answer questions about letter sounds, or press the **Picture** button to answer questions about words. For example, you will hear “Can you find the A?”



3. Slide up or pull down the lever to scroll through the pictures to select the correct answer. When you have selected your answer, press the **Enter** button.



4. Press the **Help** button to hear clues that will help guide you to the correct answer.

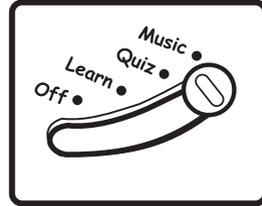


5. You will have 3 chances to select the correct answer. If an incorrect answer is selected, you will hear a sound effect followed by a clue that will help guide you to the correct answer.

ACTIVITY 3 - MUSIC

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Slide the **On/Off Activity Selector** to **Music**. You will hear a short tune followed by “Let’s crank up the tunes!” and a fun melody.



2. Slide up or pull down the lever to scroll through the pictures. Stop on any of the screens to hear a melody. There are 13 different melodies in this activity. They include the following:

- A, N - The Alphabet Song
- B, O - Arkansas Traveller
- C, P - Mexican Hat Dance
- D, Q - Take Me Out to the Ballgame
- E, R - For He’s A Jolly Good Fellow
- F, S - William Tell Overture
- G, T - Yellow Rose of Texas
- H, U - Can Can
- I, V - Glow Worm
- J, W - I’ve Been Working on the Railroad
- K, X - On Top of Old Smokey
- L, Y - Toyland
- M, Z - The Thunderer

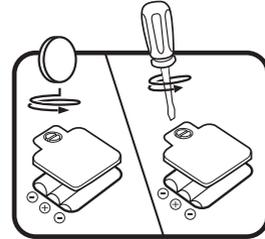
3. Press the **Help** button to hear the melody repeated.



AlphaBit's Letter Loop™ - BATTERIES

BATTERY INSTALLATION

1. Make sure the unit is turned **OFF**.
2. Locate the battery cover on the back of the unit. Use a coin or screwdriver to loosen the screw.
3. Install 3 new "AA" (UM-3/LR6) batteries following the diagram inside the battery box. (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.



NOTE: Due to the scrolling mechanism, this product requires frequent battery replacement. When the scrolling screen functions slowly, please replace with a new set of batteries.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

BATTERY NOTICE

- Install batteries correctly observing the polarity (+, -) signs to avoid leakage.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not use batteries of different types.
- Remove exhausted or new batteries from the learning toy 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.
- Only batteries of the same and equivalent type as recommended are to be used

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES.

AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

To preserve battery life, the **AlphaBit's Letter Loop™** learning toy will turn off automatically after several minutes without input. The unit can be turned on again by pressing any key.

Note: If for some reason the program/activity stops working, then please follow these step:

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 should 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.

WARNING: All packing 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.

AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

AlphaBit's Letter Loop™ - MAINTENANCE

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 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Creating and developing **AlphaBert's Learn-to-Read System™** is accompanied by a responsibility that we at **VTech®** take very seriously. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information, which 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 1-800-267-7377 in Canada, or 01235-546810 in the U.K., with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A service representative will be happy to help you.

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 Sub-part 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 with 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:

1. Reorient the receiving antenna.
2. Relocate this product with respect to the receiver.
3. Move this product away from the receiver.