



# Care Bears™

A Lesson in Caring  
User's Manual



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**Dear Parent,**

At VTech®, we know that every year, children are asking to play video games at younger and younger ages. At the same time, we understand the hesitation of most parents to expose their children to the inappropriate content of many popular video games. How can you feel confident in allowing your children to play these games, and still educate and entertain them in a healthy, age-appropriate manner?

Our solution to this on-going debate is the **V.Smile™ TV Learning System**—a unique video game system created especially for children aged 3 to 7. The **V.Smile™ TV Learning System** combines a kid-friendly design, age-appropriate curriculum, entertaining graphics, and fun game play into a unique experience that your child will love and you can support. The **V.Smile™ TV Learning System** engages your child with two modes of play: the Learning Adventure - an exciting exploratory journey in which learning concepts are seamlessly integrated, and the Learning Zone - a series of games designed to focus on specific school skills in a fun, engaging way. Both of these educational modes offer your child hours of learning fun.

As part of the **V.Smile™ TV Learning System**, VTech® offers a library of game Smartridges™ based on popular children's characters that engage and encourage your child to play while learning. The library is organized into three levels of educational play – Early Learners (ages 3-5), Junior Thinkers (ages 4-6) and Master Minds (ages 5-7) – so that the educational content of the system grows with your child.

At VTech®, we are proud to provide you with a much-needed solution to the video game dilemma, as well as another innovative way for your child to learn while having fun. We thank you for trusting VTech® with the important job of helping your child explore a new world of learning!

Sincerely,

Your Friends at VTech®

To learn more about the **V.Smile™ TV Learning System** and other VTech® toys, visit [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com)

# INTRODUCTION

One day, the Care Bears receive a letter from a curious child who asks them, “What does caring mean?” The Care Bears want to teach this child, and all children, the true meaning of caring. Select your favorite Care Bear and learn an important lesson in caring by completing fun and educational games. Learn important school skills along the way, and understand what friendship and love are truly about.

## GETTING STARTED

### STEP 1: Choose Your Play Mode

Move the joystick up or down to choose the play mode you want. Press the ENTER button when you are finished.



Learning Adventure

Learning Zone

Options

#### 1. Learning Adventure

In this play mode, you can learn five valuable lessons about caring by playing with five different Care Bears.



New Game: Select any of the five Learning Adventure Games to begin.

Continue: Select this if you've already completed some of the Learning Adventure Games and want to play with the other Care Bears.

## 2. Learning Zone

In this play mode, you can play one of four fun games that each focuses on a specific learning skill. To change the Level to Easy/Difficult, move the joystick up or down to highlight Easy or Difficult. Press the ENTER button to choose. Move the joystick to highlight the Learning Zone Game you wish to play, then press ENTER to start.

## 3. Options

To turn the background music On or Off, move the joystick up or down to highlight "On" or "Off." Press the ENTER button to make your choice.

## STEP 2: Choose Your Game Settings

1. Follow the voice instructions to choose your game settings.
2. Move the joystick up and down and press the ENTER button to confirm. Press the Exit button to cancel the settings and begin again.



## STEP 3: Start Your Game

- For Learning Adventure, please go to the “Activities - Learning Adventure” section.
- For Learning Zone, please go to the “Activities - Learning Zone” section.

## FEATURES

### Help Button

When you press the Help button, you will hear the Help instruction for that game.

## Exit Button

When you press the **EXIT** button, the game will pause. Use the joystick to select **EXIT** to quit the game or Continue to keep on playing the game. Press the ENTER button to confirm.



## Learning Zone Button

The **LEARNING ZONE** button is a shortcut that takes you to the **LEARNING ZONE** menu screen. When you press the **LEARNING ZONE** button, the game will pause. An Exit box will pop up to make sure you want to quit. Use the joystick to select Exit to quit the game or Continue to keep playing the game. Press the ENTER button to confirm.



# ACTIVITIES

## Educational Curriculum

### Learning Adventure

Game 1. Tenderheart Bear

Game 2. Share Bear

Game 3. Bedtime Bear

Game 4. Friend Bear

Game 5. Funshine Bear

### Learning Zone

Zone 1. Alphabet Adventure

Zone 2. Number Matching

Zone 3. Shape Sorter

Zone 4. Color Champion

### Curriculum

Colors

Shapes and Colors

Numbers and Counting

Matching

Letters

### Curriculum

Letter Order

Counting and Matching

Shapes

Colors

## Learning Adventure

### Basic Operation

(←)	Move to the left
(→)	Move to the right
(↑)	Move up
(↓)	Move down
ENTER button	Jump/Select

### Learning Adventure Game Menu Screen:

The Learning Adventure play mode has five different adventure games. Use the joystick to select the games and press the ENTER button to start one.



### Learning Adventure Game Status Bar

In each adventure game, the status bar stays on the bottom of the screen to indicate what you need to collect and how you are performing.



## Tenderheart Bear

**Caring Lesson:** Caring is helping when others are in need.

### Game Play

The rainbow has lost its colors! Help Tenderheart Bear to collect all the rainbow color bubbles to fill up the rainbow colors. Move the joystick up, down, left or right to help Tenderheart Bear collect the bubbles. Be careful and watch out for the dark cloud! Get as many Care Gifts as possible along the way.



### Curriculum: Colors

- ★ Easy Level: 4 colors are missing in the rainbow. Try to fill in 4 buckets on the status bar with rainbow bubbles.
- ★★ Difficult Level: 6 colors are missing in the rainbow. Try to fill in 6 buckets on the status bar with rainbow bubbles.

## Share Bear Game

**Caring Lesson:** Caring is sharing what you have with others.

### Game Play

It's a beautiful day and Share Bear would like to collect kites to share with her friends. Move the joystick up, down, left or right, and press ENTER to jump. Get the kite shapes following the order shown on the status bar. Try the rainbow slide and bridge to have more fun. Watch out for the cute bird, she just might take your kites! Get as many Care Gifts as possible along the way.



### Curriculum: Shapes and Colors

- ★ Easy Level: Collect 12 kites in the correct shape order.
- ★★ Difficult Level: Collect 18 kites in the correct shape and color order.

## Bedtime Bear

**Caring Lesson:** Caring is helping others to have a good night's sleep.

### Game Play

It's time for the Star Buddies sing lullabies and go to sleep, but they are still playing. Help Bedtime Bear to collect the playful Star Buddies according to the number shown in the status bar. Move the joystick up, down, left or right and press ENTER to jump. You'd better hurry, because Bedtime Bear's cloud will start to disappear!



### Curriculum: Number Counting



Easy Level: Collect between 8 - 10 Star Buddies.



Difficult Level: Collect between 10 - 20 Star Buddies.

## Friend Bear

**Caring Lesson:** Caring is spreading friendship.

### Game Play

Everybody likes to play with a buddy! Help Friend Bear to pair up the Star Buddies with their matching friends by following the order shown on the bottom of the screen. Move the joystick left or right and press ENTER to Jump. Get as many Care Gifts as possible along the way.



### Curriculum: Matching



Easy Level: Collect 9 pairs of letters and numbers.



Difficult Level: Collect 15 pairs of letters and numbers.



## Funshine Bear

**Caring Lesson:** Caring is showing others how to have more fun.

### Game Play

The Care Bears are having a party! Help Funshine Bear to collect balloons following the order shown on the status bar, so that all of the Care Bears will have a great time. Move the joystick left or right and press ENTER to jump. Watch for the flowers and the slide - there's fun to be found!



### Curriculum: Letters and Letter Order



Easy Level: Collect 12 letters.



Difficult Level: Collect 16 letters in correct letter order.

## Learning Zone

### Learning Zone Game Selection Screen:

The Learning Zone play mode features four different learning games. Use the joystick to select the games and press the ENTER button to start one.

Alphabet  
Adventure

Number  
Matching



Shape  
Sorter

Color  
Champion

## Learning Zone Game Status Bar:

In all four learning games, the status bar will stay on the screen and show how well you are doing.



## Alphabet Adventure

### Game Play

The Star Buddies need to get across the clouds and to the other side. Help them to get across by following the letters in the correct order. Press the ENTER button to jump. Do it as fast as possible as more Star Buddies are waiting for you!



### Curriculum: Letter Order



Easy Level: Help 10 Star Buddies to get across to the other side.



Difficult Level: Help 15 Star Buddies to get across to the other side.

## Number Matching

### Game Play

The Star Buddies need your help to match up the different types of pairs they've found. Move the joystick up, down, left or right and press ENTER to confirm. Look closely, because it gets challenging!



## Curriculum: Counting and Matching



Easy Level: Match 6 pairs.



Difficult Level: Match 9 pairs.

## Shape Sorter

### Game Play

Shapes are falling from the sky! Move the joystick left or right to help the Star Buddies to catch the shapes in the matching jars. Look closely, because the shape on the jar is changing all the time.



## Curriculum: Shape



Easy Level: Collect 10 shapes.



Difficult Level: Collect 15 shapes.

## Color Champion

### Game Play

Watch where you sit! Listen for the color that is called and move the joystick left, right, up and down to get to a matching seat before the time is up! Hurry! Hurry! Don't sit on a seat that is occupied by one of your friends.



## Curriculum: Color



Easy Level: 6 rounds with 12 seats in 4 Colors.



Difficult Level: 10 rounds with 12 seats in 6 Colors.

## OPTIONS MENU

### Music On/Off Selection

To turn the background music On or Off, move the joystick up or down to highlight "On" or "Off." Press the ENTER button to make your choice.



## CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Keep your **V.Smile™** clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth. Never use solvents or abrasives.
2. Keep it out of direct sunlight and away from direct sources of heat.
3. Remove the batteries when not using it for an extended period of time.
4. Avoid dropping it. NEVER try to dismantle it.
5. Always keep the **V.Smile™** away from water.

### WARNING

A very small percentage of the public, due to an existing condition, may experience epileptic seizures or momentary loss of consciousness when viewing certain types of flashing colors or patterns, especially on television. While the **V.Smile™** TV Learning System does not contribute to any additional risks, we do recommend that parents supervise their children while they play video games. If your child experiences dizziness, altered vision, disorientation, or convulsions, discontinue use immediately and consult your physician. Please note that focusing on a television screen at close range and handling a joystick for a prolonged period a time may cause fatigue or discomfort. We recommend that children take a 15 minute break for every hour of play.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

Please note that if you try to insert or remove a Smartridge™ without first turning the unit **OFF**, you may experience a malfunction. If this happens, and the unit does not respond to pressing the **ON/OFF/RE-START** buttons, disconnect the AC adaptor from the main unit or remove the batteries. Then, reconnect the adaptor, or reinstall the batteries. If the unit still does not respond, press the **RESET** button at the bottom of the unit, using a pen.

## 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 problem you are experiencing.
- The actions you took right before the problem.

If you wish to buy additional joysticks for your **V.Smile™** TV Learning System, please visit us online, or contact our Consumer Services Department.

Internet: [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com)

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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.