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V. SMILE Baby™  
INFANT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

NICKELODEON™  
**The  
BACKYARDIGANS™**



User's Manual

Dear Parent,

At **VTech**<sup>®</sup>, we know that there is nothing more special than watching your baby discover something new for the first time. These moments become even more rewarding when you see your baby share and smile in the excitement of these important discoveries. That is why **VTech**<sup>®</sup> created the **V.Smile Baby™ Infant Development System**, a unique grow-with-me development system designed especially for the youngest learners aged 9 to 36 months. The learning grows as your baby grows!

The **V.Smile Baby™ Infant Development System** combines a baby-friendly wireless activity panel, age-appropriate curriculum, entertaining images, and fun early learning activities into a unique experience for babies and parents to share together. The **V.Smile Baby™ Infant Development System** engages even the littlest learner with three, grow-with-me play modes: Play Time, Watch & Learn, and Learn & Explore. Babies go from playing with the activity panel, to watching educational videos complete with baby sign language, to directing their own play on the TV screen by choosing subjects they want to learn.

As part of the **V.Smile Baby™ Infant Development System**, **VTech**<sup>®</sup> offers a library of Baby Smartridges based on popular children's environments that engage and invite your baby to play and discover. Each Baby Smartridge features a variety of learning activities, baby sign language, 'grow-with-me' play, and lovable characters to guide your baby on a learning journey.

At **VTech**<sup>®</sup>, we are proud to provide parents with a sensory-rich learning tool for their little ones. Tapping into a baby's natural curiosity, creativity and passion for learning, **VTech**<sup>®</sup> makes every encounter an opportunity for discovery. We thank you for trusting **VTech**<sup>®</sup> with the important job of helping your child grow.

Sincerely,



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To learn more about the **V.Smile Baby™ Infant Development System** and other **VTech**<sup>®</sup> toys, visit [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com)



# Introduction

The Backyardigans go on adventures every day!

With the whole world to explore right in their backyard, they can travel the deep sea, fly to another planet, explore a steamy jungle, and meet the emperor of the Ming Empire! In each activity, the Backyardigans find themselves in different places with different scenes and exciting adventures.

## Getting Started

### Step 1: To Begin Play

To begin play, slide the ON/OFF switch on the activity panel to the ON (  ) position. Next, slide the TV Play/Play Alone switch on the activity panel to the TV Play (  ) mode.



### Step 2: Choose Your Play Mode

Slide the Mode Selector Switch on the activity panel to the Play Time Mode, Watch & Learn Mode or the Learn & Explore Mode. When you have selected a play mode, press any button to continue.



## Step 3: Select an Activity

Press a shape button to choose one of the five activities. In the Watch & Learn Mode, the Baby Sign Language icon will be added. Press the large purple button to select the Baby Sign Language activity.



## Features

### 3 Modes of Play



Play Time

#### **Play Time Mode** (Suggested ages: 9 months and up)

The Play Time Mode was designed specifically with curious babies in mind. This mode of play allows babies to explore each of the activities with the press of a button. Babies will be rewarded with fun animations, sounds and a basic learning curriculum.



Watch & Learn

#### **Watch & Learn Mode** (Suggested ages: 18 months and up)

The Watch & Learn Mode functions as a learning video. With over thirty minutes of stimulating images and playful animations, toddlers will be introduced to a variety of learning curriculum including baby sign language, colors, shapes, numbers, vocabulary and much more.



Learn & Explore

#### **Learn & Explore Mode** (Suggested ages: 24 months and up)

The Learn & Explore Mode is geared toward the toddler who has the knowledge from the previous two modes and is ready to direct his/her own learning. Simple directions and questions allow toddlers to apply the new information they have acquired.

## EXIT Button

When you press the EXIT button within an activity, you will return to the activity selection screen. When you press the EXIT button within the activity selection screen, you will return to the mode selection screen.

## ACTIVITIES

### Educational Curriculum

Activity	Curriculum
Deep Sea Dive	Sea animals, counting from 1 to 5
Mission to Mars	Space Objects
Jungle Journey	Colors ( red, yellow, orange, blue, green )
Samurai Pie	Opposites ( large & small, many & few, thick & thin )
What a Tea Party!	Manners ( "May I?", "Please," "Thank you," "You're welcome," "Goodbye" )
Baby Sign Language	Objects from the Adventure



## Deep Sea Dive

Sea Explorer Pablo and Sea Explorer Uniqua go on a deep-sea dive to find the mysterious Mermaid Tasha, and take photos of her Beautiful Pearl of the Deep.



### Game Play



Play Time

**Play Time Mode:** Press the color buttons to explore sea animals with Sea Explorer Pablo.



Watch & Learn

**Watch & Learn Mode:** Sea animals lead Sea Explorer Pablo & Sea Explorer Uniqua to find the mysterious Mermaid Tasha.



Learn & Explore

**Learn & Explore Mode:**

Press the color buttons to tell Mermaid Tasha how the sea animals led Sea Explorer Pablo & Sea Explorer Uniqua to her.

At the end of each activity, you will be rewarded with a song!

## Mission to Mars

The Backyardigans are going to explore life on Mars. During their trip, they will encounter different space objects like the Earth, Star, Sun, Moon and Mars until they finally land and discover a Martian friend.



## Game Play



Play Time

**Play Time Mode:** Astronaut Pablo and Astronaut Uniqua are in a space shuttle headed for Mars. Press the color buttons to see space objects appear in front of the shuttle.



Watch & Learn

**Watch & Learn Mode:** Astronaut Pablo and Astronaut Uniqua are going to Mars! When they land on Mars, they meet a little Martian who lives there. The Backyardigans show the Martian where they are from and the space objects they saw during their trip.



Learn & Explore

**Learn & Explore Mode:** Press the buttons to help Astronaut Pablo show the Martian which space objects they saw before landing on Mars.

At the end of each activity, you will be rewarded with a song!

## Jungle Journey

The giant Red Ruby of the jungle is lost! Help Pablo and his friends go on an adventure through the Colorful Jungle to find the Red Ruby and return it to the Great Golden Idol where it belongs!



## Game Play



Play Time

**Play Time Mode:** Explore the jungle with the Backyardigans. Press the color buttons to watch flowers of different colors bloom.



Watch & Learn

**Watch & Learn Mode:** The Backyardigans find many colorful objects and insects as they search for the Red Ruby of the jungle.



**Learn & Explore Mode:** The Backyardigans need to find the Red Ruby in the colorful Jungle and return it to the Great Golden Idol. To find the Red Ruby, they need to remove the other colored jewels from their path. Press the color buttons to help the Backyardigans remove the jewels to find the Red Ruby.

At the end of each activity, you will be rewarded with a song!

## Samurai Pie

Apprentice Austin wants to learn how to make the best pies for Empress Tasha. Luckily, Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone can train him to make the best pies.



### Game Play



**Play Time Mode:** Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone shows Apprentice Austin how to make pies. Press the color buttons to see Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone make pies of different types and sizes.



**Watch & Learn Mode:** Apprentice Austin is trying to learn from Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone how to make pies, but when Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone makes a large pie, Apprentice Austin makes a small pie; when Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone makes a thick pie, Apprentice Austin makes a thin pie. Watch Samurai Pie-Maker Tyrone as he shows Apprentice Austin how to make the best pies.



**Learn & Explore Mode:** Apprentice Austin presents his pies to Empress Tasha. Help him choose the size, number and thickness of pies that Empress Tasha wants to eat.

At the end of each activity, you will be rewarded with a song!



## What a Tea Party!

The Backyardigans are going to have a tea party, and want to borrow the perfect tea set from the emperor of the ancient Ming Dynasty. They need to be polite and use their best manners so the emperor will let them use his tea set.



### Game Play



Play Time

**Play Time Mode:** Uniqua and Pablo have come to the palace. Palace Guard Tyrone tells them they must use their best manners when visiting the emperor. Press the color buttons to hear Palace Guard Tyrone use polite words.



Watch & Learn

**Watch & Learn Mode:** Watch the Backyardigans use good manners and polite words to ask Emperor Austin to borrow his tea set.



Learn & Explore

**Learn & Explore Mode:** Press the color buttons to help the Backyardigans use the right words to give the tea set back to Emperor Austin.

At the end of each activity, you will be rewarded with a song!

## Baby Sign Language - First Words





Watch & Learn

This activity only appears in the Watch & Learn mode. Teach baby to start talking with his or her hands. Research has proven that babies who sign learn to speak earlier, experience less frustration, and benefit intellectually. Watch as Uniqua introduces baby signs including “fish,” “sun,” “flower,” “pie,” and “goodbye.”

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Keep your **V.Smile Baby™** clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth. Never use solvents or abrasives.
2. Keep the unit 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 Baby™** 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 Baby™ Infant Development System** does not contribute to any additional risks, we do recommend that parents supervise their children while they play games in front of a television. 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 for a prolonged period of 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 **Baby Smartridge™** without first turning the unit OFF, you may experience a malfunction. If this happens, and the console does not respond to pressing the ON/OFF button, remove the batteries from the console unit. Then, reinstall the batteries.

## 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 following information:

- 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 occurred.

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- 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

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