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Parent's Guide

Explore & Write Activity Desk™

Interactive Learning System



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the **Explore & Write Activity Desk™**!

The **Explore & Write Activity Desk™** features an interactive desktop with activity cards that introduce letters, music, colors and more. Extend playtime with additional activity packs that each focus on a specific curriculum (each sold separately). The writing pad with a light-up display teaches how to write letters and numbers stroke by stroke. Flip up the desktop and create a masterpiece by using the art station or chalkboard. For more fun, play with the toy cell phone or listen to tunes on the music player.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- One **Explore & Write Activity Desk™** (touch panel, base, four legs)
- Two **Ready, Set, Learn** double-sided activity cards
- One stool (seat, four legs)
- One parent's guide

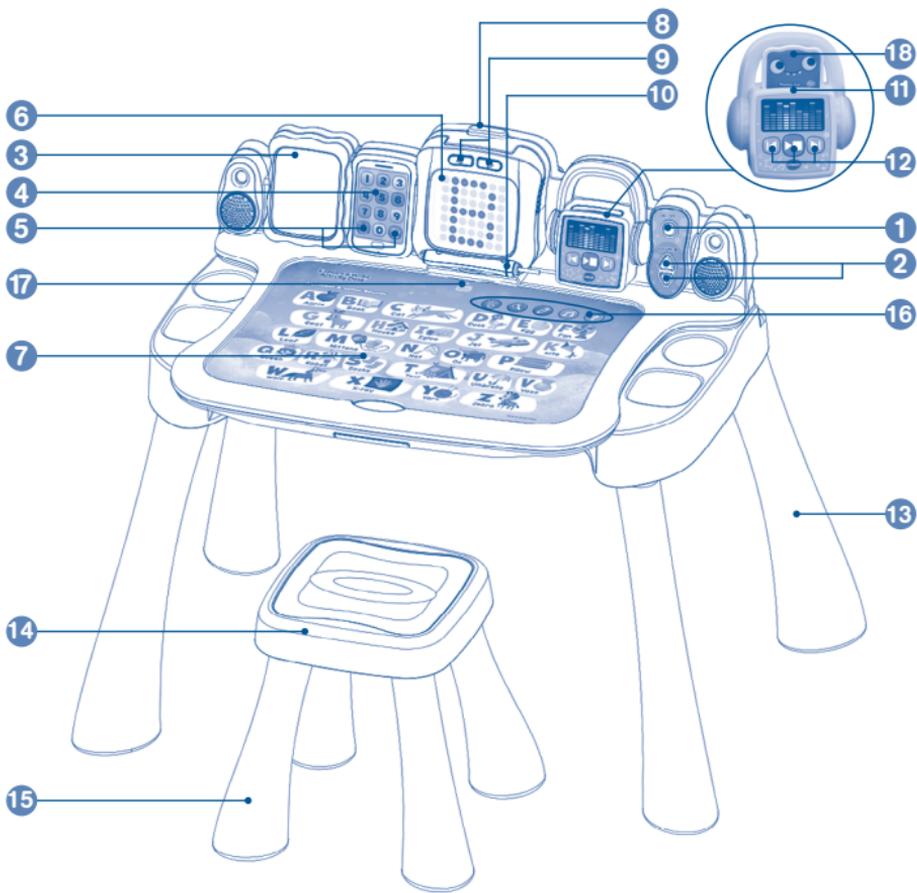
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NOTE: Please keep this parent's guide as it contains important information.

ATTENTION : Pour la sécurité de votre enfant, débarrassez-vous de tous les produits d'emballage tels que rubans adhésifs, feuilles de plastique, attaches, étiquettes et vis d'emballage. Ils ne font pas partie du jouet.

NOTE : Il est conseillé de conserver ce guide des parents car il comporte des informations importantes.

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FEATURES

ACTION

Power Button

Press the **Power Button** to turn the unit **ON**. Press the button again to turn the unit **OFF**.

Volume Buttons

Press the  buttons to decrease or increase the volume. There are five volume levels.

Toy Cell Phone Number Buttons

Press the **Number Buttons** to learn and explore numbers.

Toy Cell Phone Game Mode Buttons

Press the  button to learn numbers in Learn It Mode.

Press the  button to meet new friends in Call A Friend Mode.

LED Display / Writing Pad

Watch images and simple animations appear on the **LED Display**. Transform it into a **Writing Pad** and learn how to write letters and numbers with proper stroke order.

Activity Page Area

Listen to the game instructions and touch the correct objects on the activity page to play.

Writing Pad Release Button

Press the **Release Button** to release the **LED Display** and transform it into a **Writing Pad**.

Letter and Number Selection Buttons

Press   buttons to select the letters or numbers you would like to write.

Stylus (only works with writing pad)

Practice writing letters and numbers by using the **Stylus** to trace the blinking lights.

Cartridge Slot

Each expansion pack (sold separately) comes with a cartridge. To play an expansion pack, insert the cartridge into the **Cartridge Slot**, and then insert one of the pack's activity cards into the **Activity Card Slot**.

Note: The **Ready, Set, Learn** activity cards that come with the desk do not require a cartridge.

Music Player Controls

Press the  button to play or stop the music, and press the   buttons to hear the previous or next song.

Activity Page Mode Icons

Use your finger to touch any of the **Mode Icons** on the activity page to play.

Activity Card Slot

Insert one of the activity cards into the **Activity Card Slot** to play.

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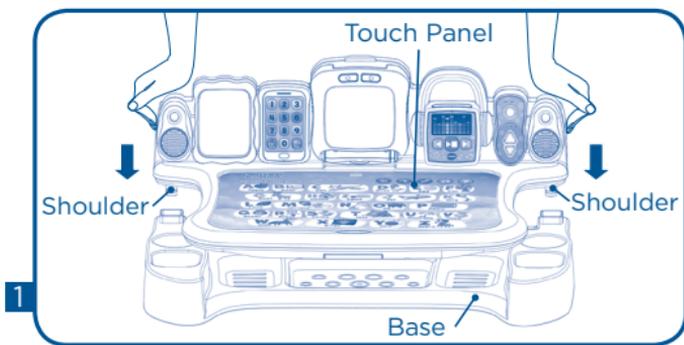
Please do not use a stylus, pencil or other pointed object on the **Activity Page Area** or activity cards.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

With the **Explore & Write Activity Desk™** safety comes first. To ensure your child's safety, adult assembly is required.

For the Desk

1. Support the base by placing it on the floor. Insert the touch panel into the base and press firmly down on the shoulders until you hear a click. Caution: Do not place too much pressure on the touch panel itself.



2. Fully insert the four desk legs into the slots on the bottom of the base.



For the Stool



Insert the four stool legs into the slots on the bottom of the stool seat. Please make sure to fully insert the legs into the seat to ensure the stool is stable. Always make sure all four legs are fully inserted before your child sits on the seat. The recommended weight limit of the stool should not exceed 75 pounds.

Easily Transforms from an Activity Desk to an Art Station and Chalkboard.

To use the **Activity Desk** as an **Art Station**, flip up the touch panel and use the clip to hold paper on the chalkboard surface. You can also draw directly on the **Chalkboard** surface by using chalk.

Art Station



Chalkboard



Use a cloth to erase the chalk and wipe away any remaining chalk dust on the desk or activity cards.

CAUTION: Keep fingers away from the hinges or underneath the desk before lowering the touch panel or closing the desk.

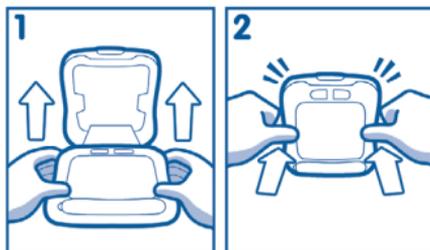
Activity Card Holder

Flip up the touch panel to store your activity cards in the activity card holder.



How to Return the Writing Pad

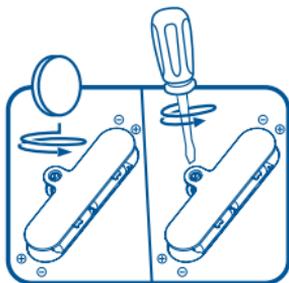
1. Lift up the writing pad.
2. Push the writing pad back into place until you hear a click sound indicating it has been securely returned.



GETTING STARTED

BATTERY INSTALLATION

- Make sure the main unit is turned **OFF**.
- Locate the battery cover on the back of the touch panel. Use a coin or screwdriver to open the battery cover.
- 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.)
- Replace the battery cover and tighten the screw to secure.



BATTERY NOTICE

- Use new alkaline batteries for maximum performance.
- Use only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended.
- Do not mix different types of batteries: alkaline, standard (carbon zinc) or rechargeable (Ni-Cd, Ni-MH), or new and used batteries.
- Do not use damaged batteries.
- Insert batteries with the correct polarity.
- Do not short-circuit the battery terminals.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the toy.
- Remove batteries during long periods of non-use.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.
- Do not charge non-rechargeable batteries.
- Remove rechargeable batteries from the toy before charging (if removable).
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision.

TO BEGIN PLAY

Press the **Power Button**  to turn on the main unit.

Activity Page Area

Touch any object on the activity page to explore. Touch any of the **Mode Icons** in the upper right area of the page to play additional activities. Voice instructions are included for each activity. The **Activity Page Area** will not be responsive to touch if the writing pad is down.

Music Player

There are 11 playful and 10 classical music melodies in the **Music Player**.

The **Music Player** will play all the songs one by one. It will stop after every song has played. You can change the song by using the **Music Player Controls**.

Writing Pad

Press the release button on the **LED Display** to transform it into an interactive writing pad. Press the arrow buttons to select which letter or number you would like to write.

When the **Stylus** is not in use, place it back in the stylus holder. Be careful not to pull on the stylus wire too firmly.

NOTE:

- The **Stylus** only works when the desk is on.
- If the **LED Display** is covered, do not use the **Stylus** to draw on it. The sensitivity of the **Stylus** may be affected, and it may not work properly.
- Direct sunlight may impact the sensitivity of the **Stylus**.

Toy Cell Phone

	Learn It Mode Touch the number buttons to learn numbers, counting and number order. Then test your knowledge by answering questions.
	Call A Friend Mode Follow the instructions and press the correct number buttons to meet some new friends.

Some activity cards in the expansion packs (sold separately) will ask the player to use the number buttons on the **Toy Cell Phone** to answer questions.

Battery Status

When the batteries are almost exhausted, the unit will show an empty battery icon  on the **LED Display** for a few seconds and then may automatically power off. New batteries should be inserted before further use.

Automatic Shut Off

To preserve battery life, the main unit will automatically turn off after about two minutes without operation.

ACTIVITY CARDS

To play an activity card, insert it into the **Activity Card Slot**. If the card was purchased with a separate expansion pack, you must insert the expansion pack cartridge before you can play.



- Please insert only one activity card at a time. Inserting more than one activity card may damage the card or the desk and may also result in incorrect card detection.
- Do not try to insert anything other than the activity card into the **Activity Card Slot**. To avoid any interference, please keep the slot area clean and free from debris.
- Keep the activity cards on a flat surface when not in use. Do not bend or fold the activity cards.
- Please wipe away any dust or chalk residue from the activity card before inserting it into the **Activity Card Slot**.

Ready, Set, Learn Activity Cards

The **Explore & Write Activity Desk™** comes with five fun interactive pages that cover fundamental skills such as letters, colors, body parts, music and more. Refer to the table below for details.

Alphabet & Letter Sounds	
	 Touch & Learn Touch the letters and objects to learn the alphabet, words and letter sounds.
	 Searching Fun Listen to the clues and find the correct letters on the page.
	 Letter Writing Select a letter and the game will show you how to write it on the LED display.
	 The Alphabet Song Play the Alphabet Song game. When the music stops, touch the next letter to continue the song.
	Teaches: Letters, Letter Sounds, Letter Order, Letter Stroke Order, Vocabulary

Fruits & Colors



Touch & Learn

Touch the page to learn about fruits and colors.



Searching Fun

Listen to the clues and find the correct fruit on the page.



Coloring Game

Listen to what the painter needs and find the correct color.

Teaches: Colors, Fruits, Vocabulary

Human Body



Touch & Learn

Touch the page to learn about body parts, clothing and accessories.



Searching Fun

Listen to the clues and find the correct body parts and objects on the page.



Dressing Game

Listen to what the boy needs and help him find the correct clothing.



Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Play the song. When the music stops, touch the correct body part to continue the song.

Teaches: Body Parts, Clothes & Accessories, Vocabulary

Music Jammer



Touch & Learn

Touch the page to learn about instruments and different music styles.



Searching Fun

Listen to the clues and find the correct instrument on the page.



Jam Session

Play along and create your own music. Touch to select a music style for the backing track, and touch an instrument in the second row to change the sound of the keyboard.

Teaches: Creativity, Instruments, Music Styles, Vocabulary

Preview Our Collection of Expansion Packs



Explore the page to learn more about our collection of expansion packs (each sold separately). Scan the QR code to visit our website for more details.

EXPAND THE LEARNING

Purchase additional expansion packs for even more learning fun! Each expansion pack includes eight pages that focus on developing key skills.

Expansion Packs	Subject	Age
Preschool Super Skills	Multi-Curriculum	2 - 4 Years (Pre-K)
Get Ready for Preschool	Multi-Curriculum	
Phonics Fun	Language Arts	
Nursery Rhymes	Language Arts	
Numbers & Shapes	Math	
Animals, Bugs & Critters	Science	

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Solution(s)
The main unit does not turn ON .	Reload the batteries to reset the Explore & Write Activity Desk™ . Please refer to the Battery Installation section for instructions.
	Batteries may be exhausted. Please replace with a new set of batteries.
The activity card inserted is not recognized.	Make sure that only one activity card is inserted into the slot.
	Make sure the activity card is the only object in the slot, and that it is fully inserted. It should be firmly placed in the recessed Activity Page Area .
	If the activity card belongs to an expansion pack, make sure the expansion pack cartridge is inserted.
The main unit is ON but the Activity Page Area does not respond.	Make sure the LED Display is not ejected. The Activity Page Area only works when the LED Display is securely attached to the main body.
	Make sure you are touching the Activity Page Area with your finger and are not using the Stylus or other objects.
The main unit gives an incorrect response.	Reload the batteries to reset the Explore & Write Activity Desk™ .
	Batteries may be exhausted. Please replace with a new set of batteries.
	Humidity may cause interference with the Explore & Write Activity Desk™ . Please be sure the desk is in a dry area.

If the **Explore & Write Activity Desk™** does not respond to an inserted cartridge, carefully try the following:

- Remove all batteries.
- Use a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol or an alcohol-based window cleaner to gently clean the contact area of the **Cartridge Slot**.
- If necessary, dry the now clean contact areas with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- Make sure that all parts are completely dry before restoring electricity.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Please store and use in dry areas.
2. Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth.
3. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from any direct heat sources.
4. Remove the batteries when the unit is not in use for an extended period of time.
5. Do not drop the unit on a hard surface and do not expose the unit to excess moisture.
6. Keep the activity cards placed on a flat surface when not in use. Do not bend or fold the activity cards.
7. Keep the activity cards clean by wiping them with a slightly damp cloth.

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 started.

Internet: Visit our website at vtechkids.com and fill out the Contact Us form located under the Customer Support link.

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.

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THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES. OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND (2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED, INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRABLE OPERATION.

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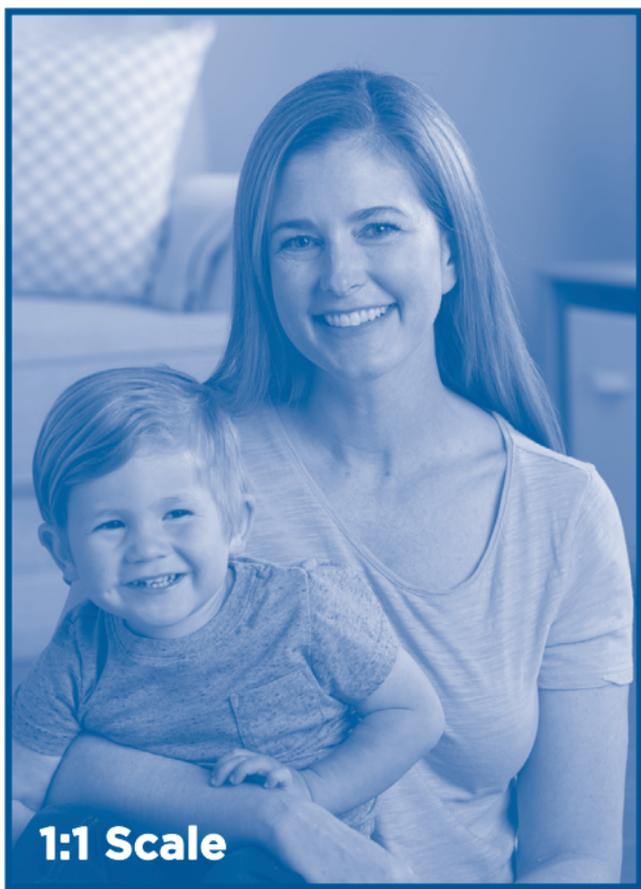


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