



# Dora TV Explorer Phone

## User's Manual



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*Dear Parent,*

*At VTech®, we know that a child's imagination is a truly wonderful thing and needs to be developed and nurtured. That's why we created the **Dora the Explorer electronic learning series** - interactive learning toys to stimulate children's imaginations, while also teaching vital preschool concepts such as the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors and objects.*

*Through the use of unique technology and engaging child-directed role-play scenarios, **Dora the Explorer** characters come to life to guide children through learning activities. These engaging characters foster children's critical reasoning skills, enhance their fine motor skills and engage them in exciting role-play activities for endless hours of learning fun.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Your Friends at **VTech®***

*To learn more about the **Dora the Explorer electronic learning series** - and other **VTech®** toys, visit **[www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com)***

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the **VTech® Dora TV Explorer Phone!**

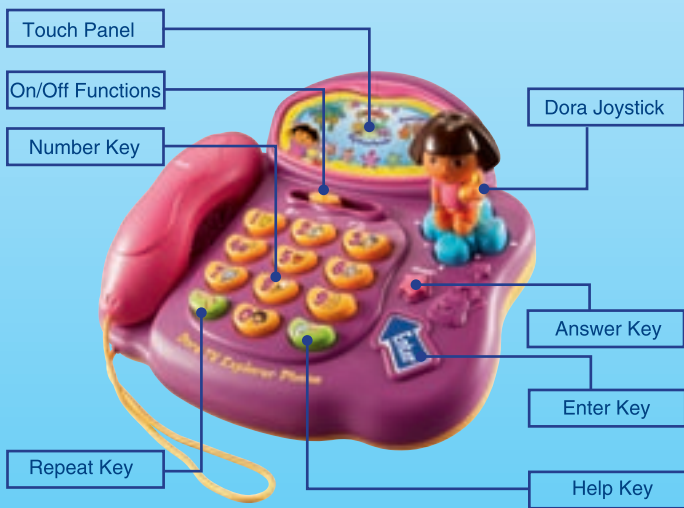
The **Dora TV Explorer Phone** is an interactive TV-connectable learning system as well as a telephone-style toy.

**It's Boots's special day! Un día especial! Join Dora and Boots on a really special adventure as they do Boots's favorite things, like leading the Big Drum Parade, getting bananas to eat at the Banana Grove, and visiting Boots's Daddy at the Amusement Park. ¡Vámonos! Let's go!**

## Included in the Package

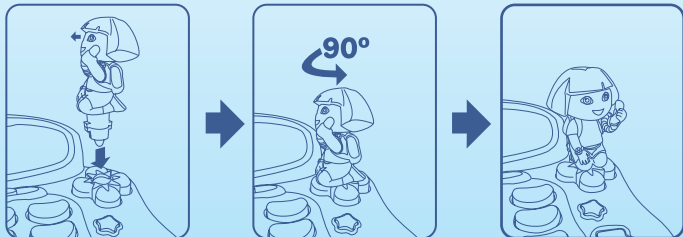
- The **Dora TV Explorer Phone** main unit
- 1 instruction manual

**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.



## 2. SET-UP

The Dora Joystick must be assembled securely onto the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** before play.



**TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, THIS PRODUCT MUST BE ASSEMBLED BY AN ADULT.**

### Getting Started

#### Battery Installation

1. Make sure the unit is turned **OFF**.
2. Locate the battery cover on the bottom of the main unit.
3. Remove the battery cover.
4. Insert 4 "AA" size batteries as illustrated.
5. Replace the battery cover.


#### Battery Notice

- Do not try to recharge non-rechargeable batteries.
- Rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged.
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision.
- Do not mix different types of batteries. Do not mix new and used batteries.
- Only use batteries of the recommended or equivalent type.
- Always insert batteries properly matching the plus (+) and minus (-) signs.
- Batteries that have run out of energy must be removed from the toy.
- Do not short-circuit the supply terminals.





- Do not use more batteries than recommended.
- Remove batteries from the toy if it will not be used for an extended period of time.

## **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES.**

**Notice:** When the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** is running on batteries, you may see this icon  appear on the TV screen. This indicates that battery power is low. Please replace the batteries as soon as possible.

### **AC Adaptor**

Use a standard 9V  300mA  AC adaptor. We recommend the use of a **VTech®** 9V AC/DC adaptor.

1. Make sure the unit is turned **OFF**.
2. Plug the power jack into the 9V DC socket at the back of the unit.
3. Plug the AC adaptor into a wall socket.

**NOTE:** The use of an adaptor will override the batteries. When the toy is not going to be in use for an extended period of time, unplug the adaptor.



### **Standard Guidelines for Adaptor Toys**

- This toy is not intended to be used by children under 3 years old.
- Only use the recommended adaptor with the toy.
- The transformer is not a toy.
- Never clean a plugged-in toy with liquid.
- Never use more than one adaptor.
- Do not leave the toy plugged in for extended periods of time.

## **Connecting the Dora TV Explorer Phone to your TV**

### **Connecting to a Television**

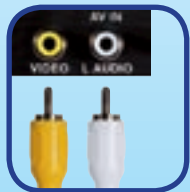
Connect the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** to your TV or monitor by plugging the colored cables on the unit into the matching color video and audio input jacks on your TV set.

### For TVs with stereo audio inputs:



- Connect the yellow plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the yellow video input terminal on your TV.
- Connect the white plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the white audio input terminal on your TV.

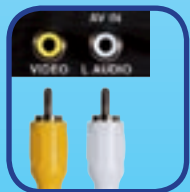
### For TVs with a mono audio input:



- Connect the yellow plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the yellow video input terminal on your TV.
- Connect the white plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the matching input terminal on your TV.

### Connecting to a VCR

If there is no video IN and audio IN terminal on your TV set, you can connect the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** to a VCR.



- Connect the yellow plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the yellow video input terminal on your VCR.
- Connect the white plug on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** cable to the white audio input terminal on your VCR.

## Features

### On/Off Functions

Turn on your **Dora TV Explorer Phone** by turning the main selector switch to the **TV** (leftmost) position or the **Play Alone** (rightmost) position. Turn off the unit at any time by turning the switch to the **OFF** (middle) position.



### Auto Power Off

If there is no input to the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** for about 20 minutes, the unit will switch off to save power. You can turn the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** back on at any time by following the above instructions. We recommend turning the unit off when it is not in use.

### Volume Control

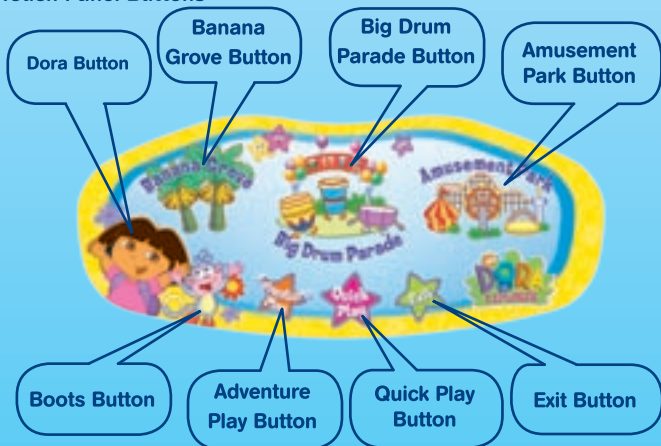
To adjust the sound volume for TV mode, use the volume control on your TV.

To adjust the sound volume for Stand Alone mode, slide the volume switch at the bottom of the unit.



## Touch Panel and Keys

### Touch Panel Buttons





### Banana Grove Button

Press this key to go directly to the Banana Grove section of the adventure, in both TV mode and Play Alone mode.

### Big Drum Parade Button

Press this key to go directly to the Big Drum Parade section of the adventure, in both TV mode and Play Alone mode.

### Amusement Park Button

Press this key to go directly to the Amusement Park section of the adventure, in both TV mode and Play Alone mode.

### Adventure Mode Button (TV mode only)

Press this key to play all the games in story order.

### Quick Play Mode Button (TV mode only)

Press this key to play the games in any order.

### Exit Button (TV mode only)

Press this key to exit the current game.

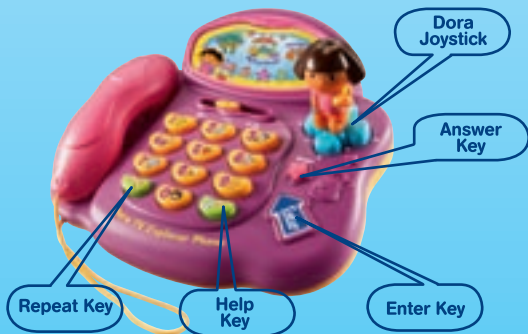
### Dora Button

Press this key to hear Dora!

### Boots Button

Press this key to hear a Boots!

## Keys



**Number Keys**

Press these keys to enter numbers, or to enter a certain game directly in Quick Play mode according to the number pattern (as illustrated).

**Repeat Key**

Press this key to hear a question again, or to hear the game instructions again.

**Help Key**

Press this key to hear some helpful hints.

**Answer Key**

Press this key to see or hear the correct answer to a game question.

**Enter Key**

Press this key to enter a choice, help Dora jump, and other uses. (For specific uses of the Enter key, please refer to the detailed game description.)

**Dora Joystick**

Use the joystick to make a selection, control Dora's movement and other uses. (For specific uses of the joystick, please refer to the detailed game description.)

**Reset Button**

Press the Reset Button at the bottom of the unit to reset the unit.

**3. HOW TO PLAY****TV Mode****How to Play for the First Time**

1. Turn the switch to the **TV** (leftmost) position to turn on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone**.
2. You will see an opening story, and enter the Adventure mode.
3. Set the difficulty level to Easy or Difficult.
4. Begin your game.

## How to Continue a Game or Start a New Game After Turning Off the Unit

1. Turn the switch to the **TV** (leftmost) position to turn on the **Dora TV Explorer Phone**.
2. You will see an opening story, and choose to start a new game or continue an old one.
3. If you are starting a new game, you can set your difficulty level to Easy or Difficult.
4. Begin your game.

**Note:** You will only have the choice of continuing an old game in the Adventure Play mode.

### Adventure Play



1. The default play mode is Adventure Play, in which Dora and Boots call you for help on their adventure.
2. In Quick Play Mode, you can press the Adventure Play button on the touch panel to begin a game in Adventure Play mode.



### Quick Play Mode

1. In Quick Play mode, you can play any of the Adventure Play mode games individually. To access Quick Play mode, press the Quick Play button, the Big Drum Parade button, the Banana Grove button, or the Amusement Park button on the touch panel.

Touch Panel Buttons	Quick Play Activities
<p data-bbox="205 120 332 147">Quick Play</p> 	<p data-bbox="462 120 599 147">All activities</p>
<p data-bbox="184 330 353 356">Banana Grove</p> 	<p data-bbox="462 330 648 438">Troll Bridge Star Catching Going Bananas!</p>
<p data-bbox="168 544 368 570">Big Drum Parade</p> 	<p data-bbox="462 544 760 695">Ice Cream Truck Noisy Forest Find the Drums Leading the Drum Parade</p>
<p data-bbox="168 800 368 827">Amusement Park</p> 	<p data-bbox="462 800 726 908">Swiper, No Swiping! Amusement Park Gate Fix the Roller Coaster</p>

2. To choose a game in the **Quick Play** mode menu, use the joystick and press the Enter key.

### Activities

There are 13 activities in the **Dora TV Explorer Phone**: 10 activities in **TV** mode and 3 activities in **Play Alone** mode.

## TV MODE

### Music On/Off

Move the joystick to choose and press Enter to turn the background music on or off. Click on the check icon



when you are done.



### Level

Move the joystick to choose and press Enter to select level between Easy or Difficult level. Click on the check

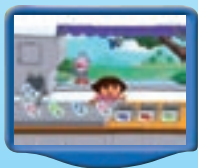
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when you are done.

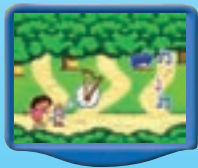
## Game Description

### Ice Cream Truck



Boots wants ice cream, but Ice Cream Truck has a problem: the ice cream is all mixed up! Help Dora and Boots sort the ice cream by colors into boxes with the same color. Ice cream bars move along the belt, one at a time. Move the joystick to choose the box that matches the color of the ice cream bar, and press the Enter key to drop the ice cream into the matching box.

### Noisy Forest



The sounds of musical instruments will lead Dora and Boots through Noisy Forest to the Big Drum Parade, but they need your help listening for them! Choose the path that the musical instrument sound is coming from. Use the joystick to choose a path, and press the Enter key.

## Find the Drums



There are all shapes and sizes of drums at the Drum Parade! Help Dora and Boots give each of their friends the drum they want. Use the joystick to choose the drum that Dora is describing, and press the Enter key.

## Leading the Drum Parade



Now that Dora and Boots have come to the Drum Parade, it's time for Boots to lead it! Help Boots lead the Big Drum Parade by pressing the Enter key when the musical notes are in the square target in the middle of the screen.

## Troll Bridge



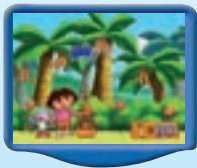
To make it to the Banana grove, Dora and Boots need to get over the Troll Bridge, but the Grumpy Old Troll won't let them pass unless they can follow his dance steps! Each of the Troll's steps (up, down, left or right) is shown on the screen as a colored arrow. Watch the Grumpy Old Troll's steps (Up, Down, Left, Right) and help Dora and Boots follow them by moving your joystick the same way the colored arrows show.

## Star Catching



Stars are flying all around Dora and Boots! Help Dora catch the stars by pressing the Enter key or moving the joystick up.

## Going Bananas!



Boots loves bananas, and it's time to get some for him! Help Dora and Boots count the bananas to pick from the trees. You can count the bananas by moving the joystick and pressing the Enter key. When you're done counting, use the number keys to enter the number of bananas you counted.

## Swiper, No Swiping!



Swiper is hiding behind the number bushes, so he can swipe Boots's bananas! Help Dora and Boots stop him by pressing the number buttons that match the bushes that Swiper is hiding behind.

## Amusement Park Gate



Dora and Boots have to get into the Amusement Park to see Boots's Daddy, but the gate is locked. There's a shape pattern on the gate, but some of the shapes are missing. To unlock the gate, choose the missing shapes. When you have found five shapes, the gate will open.

## Fix the Roller Coaster



Boots's Daddy needs help fixing the roller coaster at the Amusement Park. Help Dora and Boots fix the roller coaster by finding the missing track segments. Place the track piece with the number needed to solve the addition problem. You can also match the shape of the missing piece to the shape in the missing track space. Move the joystick and press Enter to choose a piece of track.

## PLAY ALONE MODE

### How to play

1. Turn on the power to the main unit by switching the main selector switch to the **Play Alone** (rightmost) position.
2. To start an activity, press one of the three game buttons on the touch panel.

### Activities

There are 3 activities in the Play Alone mode of the **Dora TV Explorer Phone**. Activities are distributed in 3 locations.

Play Alone Mode	
Locations	Activity Names
Banana Grove Icon	Banana Grove
Big Drum Parade Icon	Big Drum Parade
Amusement Park Icon	Amusement Park

### Banana Grove (Play Alone)

Help Dora count bananas for Boots's special day. Press a number key, and use the Enter key to count the number of bananas you chose.

### Big Drum Parade (Play Alone)

Press a number to hear a tune from the Big Drum Parade.

### Amusement Park (Play Alone)

Help Dora and Boots fill in the number of the missing roller coaster car. Listen to Dora's clue, and press a number key to answer.

## 4. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

1. Keep your **Dora TV Explorer Phone** 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 **Dora TV Explorer Phone** away from water.
6. The AC adaptor should be regularly examined for damage to the cord, plug, enclosure and other parts. In the event of such damage, the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** must not be used with this adaptor until the damage has been repaired.



## 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 **Dora TV Explorer Phone** 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 of time may cause fatigue or discomfort. We recommend that children take a 15-minute break for every hour of play.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Reason	Solution
The toy is in TV mode, but there is no picture on the TV screen.	1. Improper or missing power connection	1. Check that new batteries are correctly installed, or an AC adaptor (9V 300mA, center-positive) is properly connected to the toy.
	2. Improper TV connection	2. Make sure that the yellow plug of the main unit is connected to the video IN terminal (usually yellow) of the TV.
	3. Incorrect TV mode selected	3. Make sure that the TV is set to "video" mode. Some TVs have several video inputs - please make sure you have selected the video input that matches the video port connected to the toy.

The toy is in TV mode, but there is no picture (or incorrect picture) on the TV, and switching the unit OFF has no effect.	1. Program needs to be reset	1. Disconnect all power supplies (batteries and adaptor).
The TV picture is black and white.	1. Non-matching color system	1. Make sure that the TV is set to the correct TV system (e.g. NTSC or Auto).
	2. Cable connection problem	2. Make sure that the video cable is firmly connected to the video input of the TV.
There is a picture on the TV, but no sound.	1. TV setting	1. Raise the volume of the TV, and make sure it is not set to "Mute."
	2. Cable connection problem	2. Make sure that the white and/or red plug is firmly connected to the audio input of the TV.

## 6. 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 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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Creating and developing the **Dora TV Explorer Phone** product is accompanied by a responsibility that we at **VTech®** take very seriously. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information that 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 800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A service representative will be happy to help you.

**Caution:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.