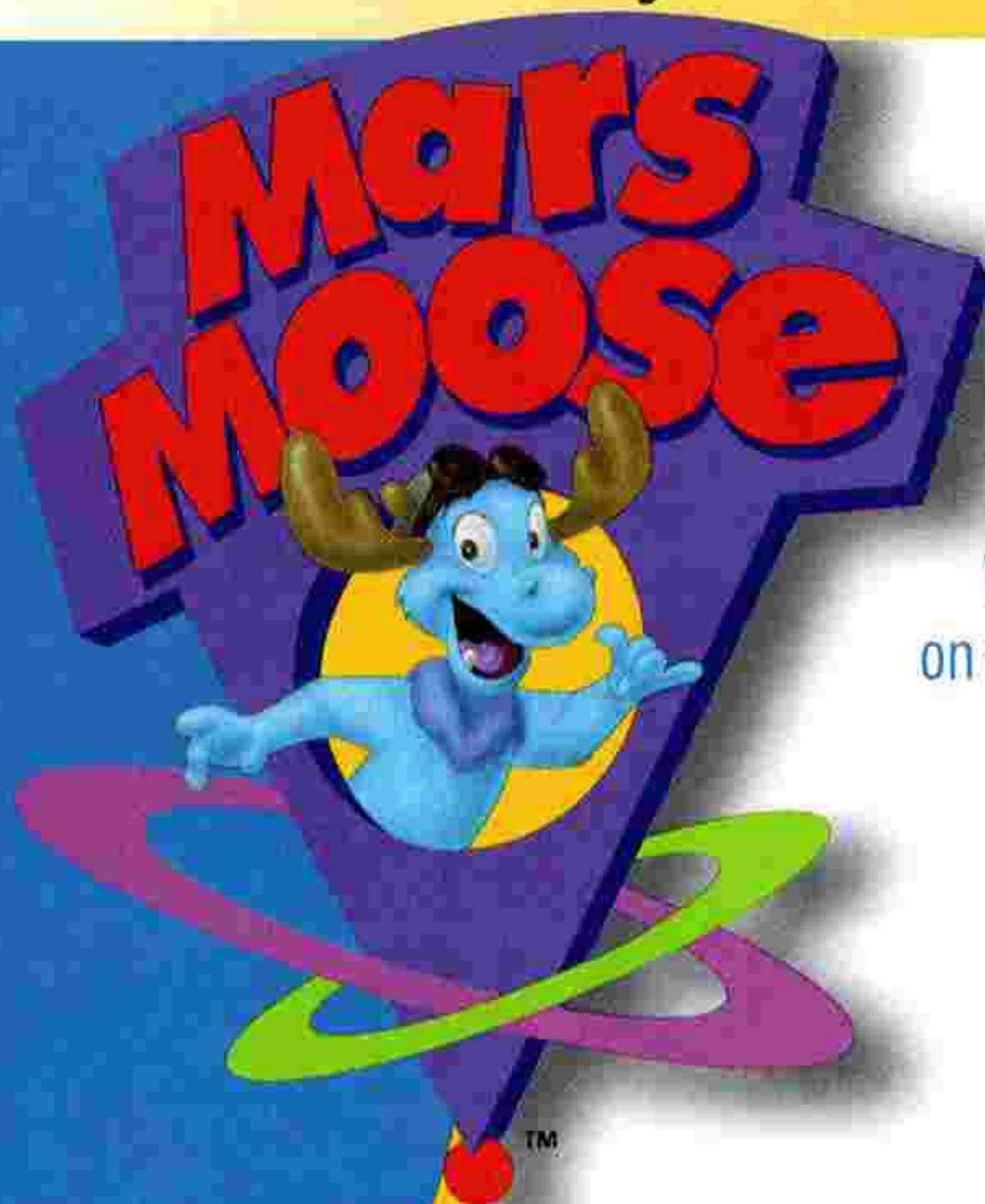




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Cosmic Quest 3 Race through France

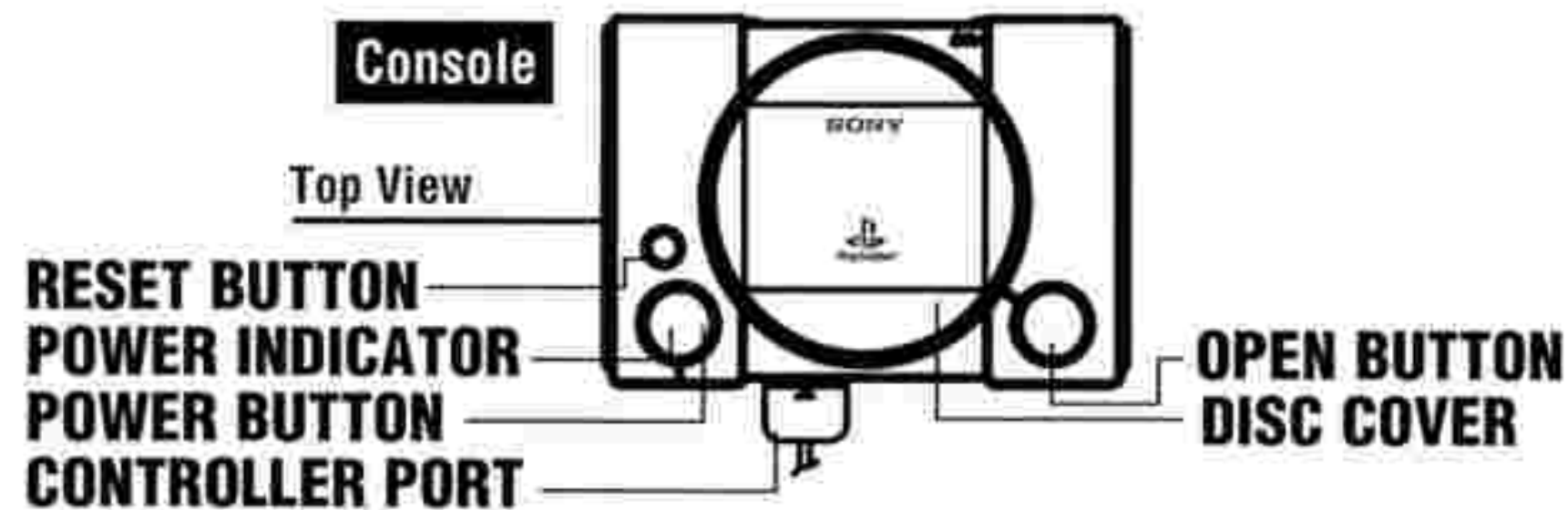


In *Race through France*, your child will join Mars Moose on an exciting bicycle race across the French countryside, while practicing alphabetizing skills.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

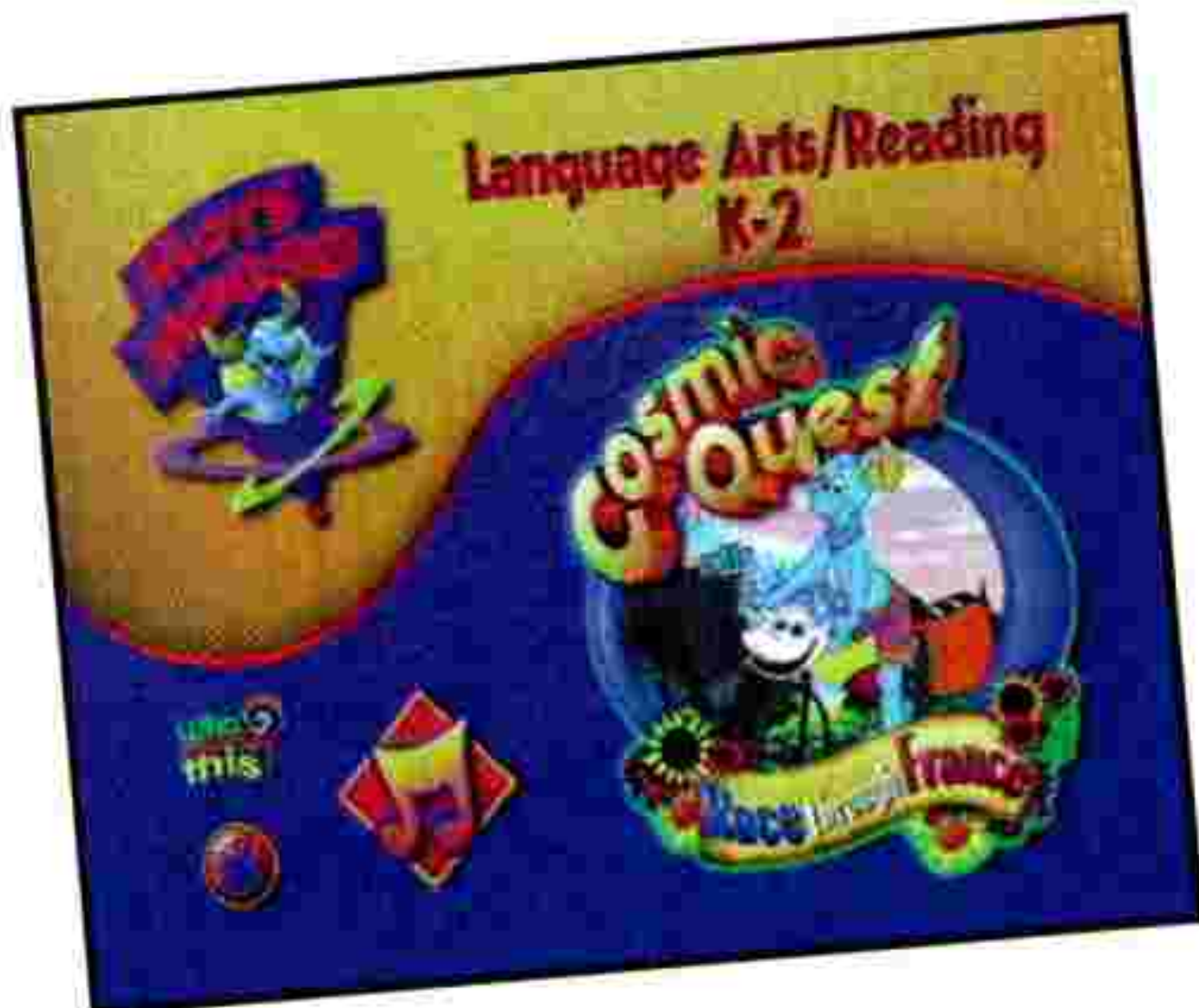
- Sort letters into alphabetical categories
- Develop memory skills
- Identify alphabetical order
- Alphabetize words according to first, second, or third letter
- Develop visual-discrimination skills

Getting Started



Set up the PlayStation™ game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the power is off before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the *Mars Moose Cosmic Quest 3—Race through France* disc and close the CD door. Insert the game controller and turn on the PlayStation game console. Follow the instructions on the television screen to start a game.

- Use the **X button** on the PlayStation controller for clicking.
- At the opening screen, click the **music note** to see Mars' theme song music video.
- To begin the adventure, click the **Cosmic Quest** picture. Notice that the pointer sometimes turns into Mars' blue hand. When this happens, click to begin an activity, perform a task, or see a surprise animation.
- To exit an activity and enter a new one, click the **Marsmatron** in the bottom-right corner of the screen, or move the pointer to the top-left or top-right corner until it turns into a curved arrow, then click the **arrow**.



- The Marsmatron will take you to the opening screen if you click the **picture** in the upper-right corner.
- To turn on the label function, click the **Marsmatron**. Then click "**On**" next to the picture of the book. The label function helps build reading confidence by allowing your child to see and hear the names of many objects over which he or she moves the pointer.
- Click anywhere outside the Marsmatron screen to return to the activity.

Mars Moose Cosmic Quest 3—Race through France

While collecting souvenirs from France for Dui's school report, Mars and Starboard join the "International Bicycle Race." Along the way, they visit a French farm, perform in a circus, and ride to the top of a mountain while performing various alphabetizing and memory tasks. Have your child:

- use the arrows on the controller to help Mars and Starboard steer along the busy route of the "International Bicycle Race"; watch for the intersections with signs pointing to places where souvenirs can be found
- click the **X** at any time to set Starboard's cruising speed while racing across France; choose between **Fast** and **Really Fast** speeds; then click **Go**.

The bike bag in the lower-left corner of the screen shows how many souvenirs your child has collected so far.



"Farm"

In this activity, your child will help Mars climb the rungs of a ladder in alphabetical order to rescue the farmer's pet. Have your child:

- click the **barn** to begin
- click a **haystack** to select a level of difficulty
- climb the rungs of the ladder by clicking the **first letter** of the alphabet on the first rung, then clicking the **second letter** of the alphabet on the second rung, and so on

until he or she reaches the top; in Levels 1 and 2, the plank in the lower-left corner of the screen keeps track of game progress

- click the **haystack** in the lower-right portion of the screen at any time for a hint (Level 1 only)
- click a **sign** when finished to choose whether to continue practicing the alphabet at the farm, or return to the race



“Circus”

In this activity, your child will sort letters into alphabetical categories while helping Mars fill in for the circus’ top performer. Have your child:

- click the **circus tent** to begin
- click a **poster** to select a level of difficulty
- notice the letter on the ball Mars is carrying, and notice the letter categories on the three barrels below the tightrope; make sure the letters match the barrels exactly
- click the **red bell** when Mars is directly above the correct barrel to help him drop the ball into that barrel
- click a sign when finished to either sort more letters in the circus, or return to the race

“Mountain Trails”

In this activity, your child will alphabetize words while riding to the top of a mountain to get a trail map for Dui’s report. Have your child:

- click the **information booth** to begin
- click a **tree** to select a level of difficulty
- click to choose the **trail** that’s first in alphabetical order whenever he or she comes to a sign; the map at the bottom of each sign indicates progress along the trail
- click a **sign** when finished to either continue mountain biking, or return to the race.



When your child has collected three souvenirs, he or she can turn off the race route at the Finish Line (watch for the road sign with the checkered flag) to help Mars bring the souvenirs back to Dui. Your child will see different endings to the adventure depending on the level at which the games are played.

Extending the Learning Experience

Family Activities

Write the Alphabet

Have your child write out the entire alphabet—in both upper- and lower-case letters—then post it on the wall for reference.

Alphabetize Your Family

Have your child write down the name of each family member, then cut out each name. Help your child place the names in alphabetical order.

Grouping Letters

Have your child cut out words from old newspapers and magazines. Then help him or her sort the words in three piles: A–G, H–Q, and R–Z.

Help with the Phone Book

To demonstrate a real-life use for alphabetization, ask your child to help you look up numbers in the phone book.

WARNING: READ BEFORE USING THE PlayStation™ GAME CONSOLE.

A very small percentage of individuals may experience epileptic seizures when exposed to certain light patterns or flashing lights. Exposure to certain patterns or backgrounds on a television screen or while playing video games, including games played on the PlayStation™ game console, may induce an epileptic seizure in these individuals. Certain conditions may induce previously undetected epileptic symptoms even in persons who have no history of prior seizures or epilepsy. If you, or anyone in your family, has an epileptic condition, consult your physician prior to playing. If you experience any of the following symptoms while playing a video game—dizziness, altered vision, eye or muscle twitches, loss of awareness, disorientation, any involuntary movement, or convulsions—IMMEDIATELY discontinue use and consult your physician before resuming play.

WARNING TO OWNERS OF PROJECTION TELEVISIONS:

Do not connect the PlayStation™ game console to a projection TV without first consulting the user manual for your projection TV, unless it is of the LCD type. Otherwise, it may permanently damage your TV screen.

HANDLING THE PlayStation™ DISC:

- This compact disc is intended for use only with the PlayStation™ game console.
- Do not bend it, crush it, or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.



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