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## Reading Buddies

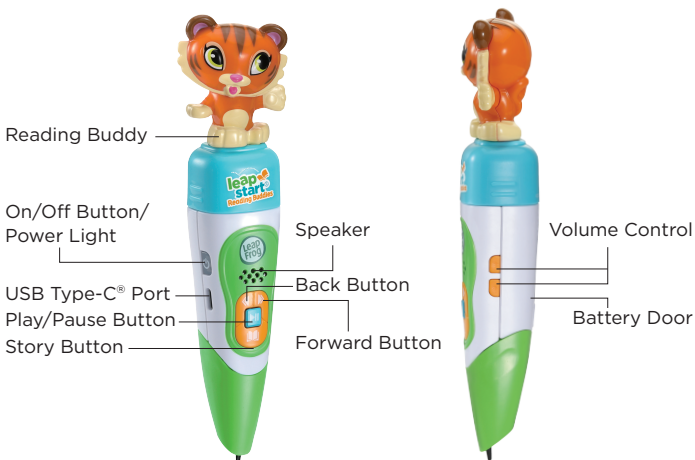


### **Instruction Manual**

This manual contains important information.  
Please save it for future reference.

# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus!**



# INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus**
- Reading Buddy
- Activity books  
(Number of books may vary in different versions.)
- Quick Start Guide

## WARNING

All packing materials, including tape, plastic sheets, packaging locks, removable tags, cable ties, cords and packaging screws are not part of this toy, and should be discarded for your child's safety.

## NOTE

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# GETTING STARTED

- Install 2 AAA batteries in your **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus**. (See the section “**BATTERY INFORMATION**” below for details.)
- Press the **On/Off Button** to begin. The power light will turn green when the **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** is on.

## Install Companion Audio for the Book

### If the book included a Reading Buddy

1. Insert the Reading Buddy onto the stylus.
  2. The Power button will flash red during the installation. Do not remove the Reading Buddy during the installation.
  3. Installation is complete when the light turns green.
  4. You can now use your **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** to explore your book. Your Reading Buddy also includes two audio stories! See the section “**AUDIO STORY MODE**” below for details.
- \* **NOTE:** If you hear a prompt about low batteries, turn off the device and replace the batteries. See the section “**BATTERY INFORMATION**” below for details. If you hear a prompt about not having enough memory, go to [leapfrog.com/connect](http://leapfrog.com/connect) to download the LeapFrog® Connect application and free up memory on your device.



### If the book did not include a Reading Buddy

1. **SET UP:** Touch the tip of the stylus to any image or word. If instructed to download the companion audio, download the LeapFrog® Connect application at [leapfrog.com/connect](http://leapfrog.com/connect) and install it on your Windows® or Mac® computer.
2. **REGISTER:** Follow the instructions in the LeapFrog® Connect application to create a parent account and update your **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus**.
3. **DOWNLOAD:** Download and install companion audio for your book(s).
4. **PLAY & LEARN:** Eject and disconnect the device from your computer. Your **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** is now ready to play with and explore your book.

Please visit [leapfrog.com/system-requirements](http://leapfrog.com/system-requirements) for LeapFrog® Connect minimum system requirements.

# PRODUCT FEATURES

## 1. Reading Buddy

Removable character! Each Reading Buddy plays two engaging audio stories. Plug the Reading Buddy onto the stylus to install all included content to your stylus.



## 2. On/Off Button

Press the **On/Off Button**. The **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** will start and you will hear a welcome message.

**NOTE:** When the device is turned on, if the Reading Buddy is plugged in and the companion audio of the Reading Buddy has not been installed, the installation will start automatically. See the section “**Install Companion Audio for the Book**” above for details.



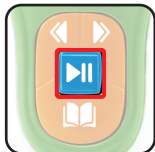
## 3. Story Button

Press the Story Button to access the Audio Story Mode.



## 4. Play/Pause Button

In the Audio Story Mode, press to play or pause the audio story.



## 5. Back Button

In the Audio Story Mode, press to select the previous audio story or the previous chapter of the currently playing story.



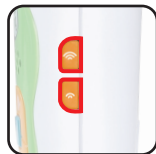
## 6. Forward Button

In the Audio Story Mode, press to select the next audio story or the next chapter of the currently playing story.



## 7. Volume Control

Press the Volume Button to increase or decrease the volume.



## 8. USB Type-C® Port

You can use a USB Type-C® Cable (not included) to download and install companion audio for your LeapStart® books that didn't come with a Reading Buddy. The USB Type-C® port does not charge batteries.



## 9. Automatic Shut-Off

To preserve battery life, the **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** will automatically power down after approximately five minutes without input. The unit can be turned on again by pressing the **On/Off Button**.

## BOOK MODE

Simply touch the tip of the **LeapStart® Reading Buddies Stylus** on any image or word on the book pages to explore.

## AUDIO STORY MODE

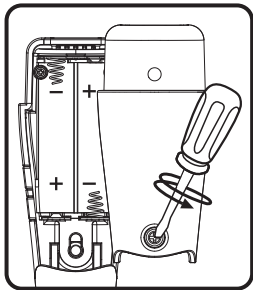
**Each Reading Buddy plays 2 Bonus Audio Stories!**

1. Press the **Story Button** to access the Audio Story Mode.
2. When the story starts playing, press the **Forward button** to go to the next chapter or the **Back button** to go to the previous chapter.
3. Press the **Play/Pause Button** to play or pause the audio story.

## BATTERY INFORMATION

### Battery Removal and Installation

1. Make sure the unit is turned **Off**.
2. Locate the battery cover on the back of the unit, use a screwdriver to loosen the screw and open the battery cover.
3. If used batteries are present, remove these batteries from the unit by pulling up on one end of each battery.
4. Install 2 new AAA (AM-4/LR03) batteries following the diagram inside the battery box. (For best performance, alkaline batteries are recommended. Rechargeable batteries are not guaranteed to work well with this product.)
5. Replace the battery cover and tighten the screw to secure.



**WARNING:**

Adult assembly required for battery installation.  
Keep batteries out of reach of children.

**IMPORTANT: BATTERY INFORMATION**

- Insert batteries with the correct polarity (+ and -).
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable batteries.
- Only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended are to be used.
- Do not short-circuit the supply terminals.
- Remove batteries during long periods of non-use.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the toy.
- Dispose of batteries safely. Do not dispose of batteries in fire.

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**

- Remove rechargeable batteries from the toy before charging.
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision.
- Do not charge non-rechargeable batteries.



## Disposal of batteries and product



The crossed-out wheellie bin symbols on products and batteries, or on their respective packaging, indicate they must not be disposed of in domestic waste as they contain substances that can be damaging to the environment and human health.



The chemical symbols Hg, Cd or Pb, where marked, indicate that the battery contains more than the specified value of mercury (Hg), cadmium (Cd) or lead (Pb) set out in the Batteries and Accumulators Regulation.

The solid bar indicates that the product was placed on the market after 13th August, 2005.

Please dispose of your product and batteries responsibly.

In the UK, give this toy a second life by disposing of it at a small electricals collection point\* so all of its materials can be recycled.



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## Important Safety Instructions

- This toy is only to be connected to equipment bearing either of the following symbols:  or .
- Routinely check this toy for proper and safe condition. If there is any damage or broken parts, remove toy from use.
- To avoid choking, do not allow your child to eat or drink during play.
- Parents of children with injuries or other limitations should consult a doctor before use.
- Do not use the stylus tip if it is broken.
- Keep stylus tip away from eyes, nose, ears and mouth.
- Do not look directly into the stylus light.

**NOTICE:** Toy works best when used on level surfaces.



### **WARNING:**

- Adult supervision required at all times while children are playing with this product.
- Not suitable for children under 18 months.

## **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

**For Indoor, Dry-Location Use Only:** Do not use the product near a sink or other wet locations. Take care not to spill food or any kind of liquid on this product as it may render it inoperable and not serviceable. In case the unit does get wet, unplug all cables and turn it **Off**. Allow to dry thoroughly before reusing. Do not attempt to dry with a hair dryer or other heat source.

**Avoid Prolonged Exposure to Extreme Temperatures and Direct Sunlight:** Operate in places with temperatures ranging from 5°C (40°F) to 38°C (100°F). Do not leave the product in your car as the temperatures in parked cars can exceed the acceptable storage temperature. Exposure to extreme temperatures can result in shortened battery life or cause the product to temporarily stop working.

**Handle With Care:** To avoid injury, damage to this product or other property, avoid dropping and never disassemble, crush, puncture, microwave, incinerate, insert foreign objects or paint the product. Clean your hands before handling the product if they have been exposed to suntan lotions or other chemicals.

**Cleaning:** Disconnect all cords before cleaning. Clean the product with a slightly damp cloth (cold water). Do not use soap, detergent or other chemicals. Never submerge the unit in water. Allow to dry thoroughly before re-use.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

If for some reason the unit stops working or malfunctions, please follow these steps:

1. Turn the unit **Off**.
2. Interrupt the power supply by removing the batteries.
3. Let the unit stand for a few minutes, then replace the batteries.
4. Turn the unit **On**. The unit should now be ready to use again.
5. If the unit still does not work, install a new set of batteries.

## Environmental Phenomena

Electrostatic discharge may cause the unit to malfunction. If this occurs, recover the unit by pressing and holding the **On/Off Button** for 5 seconds until the unit turns off, then press the **On/Off Button** to turn the unit on. Or remove batteries for 10 seconds and reinstall the batteries before powering on the unit again.

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