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The Hindi Learning Stack: Read Me (2/97)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains the ReadMe file for the Hindi Learning Stack v1.0, which is included with the Indian Language Kit.

DISCUSSION -----

This document provides information for installing and using the Hindi Learning Stack. In particular, it explains the following

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What is the Hindi Learning Stack?

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The Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 is a Hypercard application. It helps to teach the Hindi alphabet, especially to children. It also contains three games aimed at testing alphabet recognition skills.

the Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 contents

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the Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 consists of the following files:

- Hindi Learning Stack 1.0
- Hindi Learning Stack
- Gaayab!!
- Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 Read Me

System Requirements

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The Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 requires

- Macintosh Computer (Power Macintosh or 68K system)
- System 7.5 or better
- Color or gray scale monitor capable of atleast 256 colors / grays
- Display resolution of 640 by 480 pixels or better

- At least 6.5 MB of available RAM

Installing the Hindi Learning Stack

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To install the Hindi Learning Stack, drag the the Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 folder from Indian Language Kit CD on to your hard disk.

Running the Hindi Learning Stack

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Open the Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 folder and double-click on the Hindi Learning Stack 1.0 icon. A poem and background music will play while a welcome screen is being displayed. Click on the Hindi Learning Stack screen to continue. You will see the parrot (Sonu) and the girl (Monu) flying across the screen. Sonu and Monu will lead you to the first alphabet card.

Using the Hindi Learning Stack

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The Hindi Learning Stack has two sections - Alphabet Teacher and the Games.

Alphabet Teacher

Alphabet teacher takes you through a series of alphabetical cards and teaches you the Hindi alphabets.

Each alphabet card has the following buttons at the bottom:

1. Left button - Goes to the previous alphabet card.
2. Music button - Toggles the background music on or off.
3. Help button - Gives a brief description of all buttons.
4. Games button - Plays Hindi Learning Stack games.
5. Main menu - Shows the main menu of all letters in the alphabet. Click on any letter to go directly to that particular alphabet card.
6. Right button - Goes to the next alphabet card.

Each alphabet card teaches two or three related alphabets. It includes the letter itself, simple words beginning with the alphabet and pictures of familiar objects. When you come into any alphabet card, Sonu will pronounce the letters of that card for you. Repeat the pronunciation by clicking on the letter or the word again. Try clicking on the picture objects or on Monu.

Hindi Learning Stack Games

The Hindi Learning Stack includes the following three games

1. Talking Tree Game (Batooni Paed)
2. Card game (Bataon to Jaane)
3. Find the missing alphabet game (Gaayab))

- Talking Tree game: You can play this game at three levels. The first level is simple. It displays a tree with 5 letters. You will be asked to click on a particular letter. Click on the letter that Sonu asks you to select. You receive 2 points for every correct answer, reflected in your final score. Levels 2 and 3 will display a tree with 10 letters. Be careful in level 3! You will lose 2 points for every wrong guess. Sonu will repeat the letter to be selected when you click on the repeat button. If you find it difficult to pick the right

letter, click on the clue button and the Hindi Learning Stack will flash the alphabet card with the correct letter.

- Flashcards game: The Hindi Learning Stack will display 3 pictures for you. You will be asked to identify the picture for the letter or word displayed. You get 2 points for every correct guess.

- Find The Missing Letter game: The Hindi Learning Stack will display a sequence of letters, with one letter missing. Sonu will also give you five likely answers. You are expected to identify the missing letter.

After completing one round, the Hindi Learning Stack will start a new round for you. You may also click on the right arrow at any time to discard the current round and start a new round.

To finish using the Hindi Learning Stack application, click on the door icon in main menu or press <Command> + Q keys.

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