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## SPANISH GOLD

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## ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Welcome to Spanish Gold, probably the World's first computer story book for children. Children have been enjoying multi choice books for years. Now they can have the same freedom of choice on the micro computer. The story is printed slowly, one line at a time to allow children to read at their own speed. At the end of each page they are asked to press the space bar when they are ready to go on to the next part of the story. After several pages of reading, they are presented with a simple choice and from then on they are in command of what happens!

There are seven different endings to the story, and lots of pictures to make the program just like a real story book. Text is printed in yellow on a black background, so that it is clearly legible whichever kind of television or monitor you use with your computer. Key words are highlighted in different colours for added interest.

## AGE LEVEL

The story is intended for children in the seven to eleven age range, but younger children will find it interesting if parents or teachers help them to read it, or read it aloud to them as they would a traditional story book. Older children with reading problems can benefit too. They will want to read it for themselves so that they can find out what happens next!

## READING SPEED

To give the user time to read the text, there is a short pause after each line appears on the screen. If you want to go faster through any part of the story, press down the space bar repeatedly until you get to a part you have not read before, then return to normal speed. Slow readers may take as long as they like to read the story, the computer never runs out of patience!

## SPANISH GOLD AT HOME

Spanish Gold makes an interesting change from the usual bedtime story. Young children will love to have their parents read it to them any time of the day, especially at bedtime. Some of the stories are quite long, and could be read in installments, one more section every day, or a different ending every day. There are seven endings to this program, but children can probably think of lots more for themselves. Try using it at a childrens party or for entertainment on a rainy day, the computer can tell part of the story, then if you stop it at an exciting part, the child or children can be asked to tell what happens next. Each child can make up a small part of the story, older children can finish the whole thing themselves. There are endless possibilities for creative work stemming from this program. Reading skills will be improved, creative writing is encouraged, and artwork of every kind can be encouraged.

## SPANISH GOLD IN THE CLASSROOM

Spanish Gold can be a very useful teaching aid in both infant and junior classes, and also in remedial reading classes in secondary schools. The program can be used by individuals or by small groups of children of the same reading level. It can even be used by the whole class, with different children asked to choose which direction to go.

Spanish Gold can be used as a starting point for childrens own stories. The teacher controls how far the story goes, and the children can then discuss what they think should happen next. Spanish Gold is an exciting story, which will encourage children to write their own exciting endings. It can be used as a serial with infants, a bit more of the story each day, or a different ending each day. Children can put themselves in the story, their own pets aunts and uncles, and set their story in a place they know well.

Spanish Gold can be a very helpful inspiration for all kinds of work besides language development. Use it in conjunction with project work on the Spanish Armada, deep sea diving, or the sea shore. Encourage the children to draw, paint or make models. The program can even be used as an inspiration for drama. Choose children to play each character, and let them write their own lines!



## DISC CARE

Floppy discs are expensive , so it makes good sense to look after them carefully . Never place your disc on top of your disc drive , television , monitor , computer or near any magnetic source . Discs should be stored upright in a cool dry place away from dust , smoke heat sources or sunlight . Do not bend your disc or handle it more than you have to . Take care never to touch the exposed surface of the disc . Keep it away from food and drink and any sharp objects . The head of your disc drive may need infrequent cleaning . A dirty drive head can ruin your disc .

## USING DISCS

Follow the instructions printed on the disc label . Do not turn the disc drive on or off while the disc is inside . Always remove the disc first , and replace it in the envelope provided .To use SPANISH GOLD you should leave the disc in the drive throughout as parts of the program are loaded automatically when they are required .

## ACCESSORIES

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