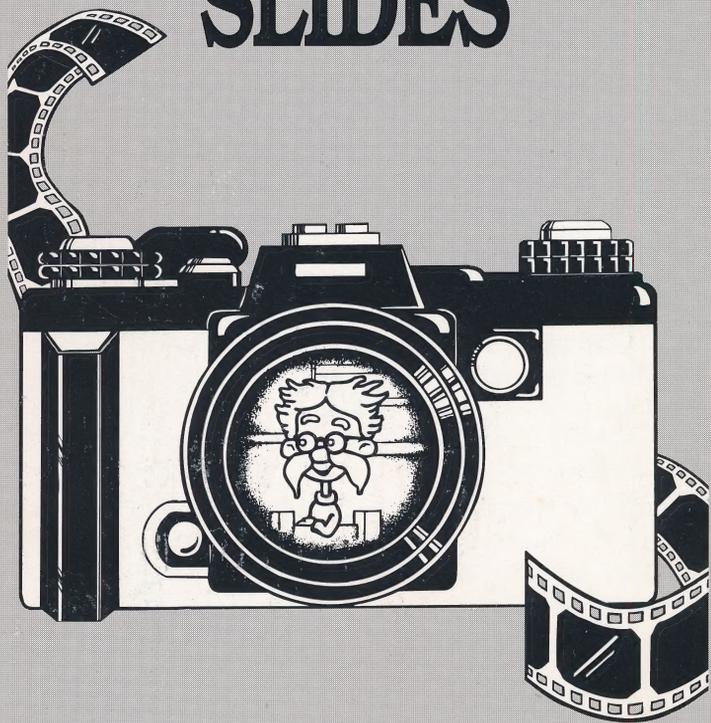


Chapter 1



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UNCLE CLYDE'S CONSONANT SLIDES



Teacher's Guide

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Introduction

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- professional presentation of material to promote student achievement
- multiple levels of difficulty
- accurate educational content
- consistent and appropriate interest, difficulty, and vocabulary levels
- constant monitoring of student progress, on-screen tracking of student achievement, and performance summaries
- immediate and helpful feedback to student responses
- program options to allow the teacher to structure activities to accommodate individual student needs
- easy program operation
- fast-loading DOS to minimize down time when setting up or changing programs
- disk independent operation eliminating frustrating delays during programs and to allow a single program to be loaded into several computers

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Getting Started

Simple program operation enables children to begin using **Uncle Clyde's Consonant Slides** with little or no teacher assistance.

To load an **Uncle Clyde's Consonant Slides** disk on an Apple IIe (128k) or IIc computer:

- Insert the disk, label side up, into disk drive 1 and close the door.
- Turn the computer on.

When the title screen appears, direct students to select an activity by pressing **1, 2, 3, or 4.**

Purpose and Scope

Uncle Clyde's Consonant Slides is a three disk set containing phonics activities for Beginning Consonants, Ending Consonants, and Consonant Blends and Digraphs. Each disk contains four activities intended to help pre-readers and beginning readers master the association between a given consonant, blend, or digraph and the sound it represents.

Beginning Consonants

After a child selects one of 4 activities, Clyde will begin to display his colorful slides. For the first activity, along with the slide, a specific letter is displayed. For each picture, the child must decide if the letter shown corresponds with the beginning sound of the pictured object. The child selects an answer by simply pressing the **space bar** and pushing **return**. A star is earned for each response that is correct on the first try.

For the second activity the child is presented with one of Clyde's picture slides and a set of three consonants. Again, the child simply presses the **space bar** to select the consonant which represents the beginning sound of what is pictured in Clyde's slide. After underlining the correct answer by pressing the **space bar**, the child should press **return**. Clyde will help children know if their answers are right or wrong.

For activity 3, Clyde proudly displays more of his many slides. The child uses the **space bar** to select which of four given words identifies the picture. Children should focus on the beginning consonant to find the correct answer.

In activity 4, the student is given a word with the initial consonant missing. The child must use the keyboard to locate and enter the

missing consonant which completes the word and identifies Clyde's slide.

Clyde has 3 slide carousels for beginning sounds. Each carousel contains pictures for a different set of consonants:

Set 1

c	d	g	l	s	t
candle	desk	garden	ladybug	safe	tent
carrot	doll	gate	leaf	saw	tiger
cat	donut	gift	lime	seal	tire
corn	door	goat	lion	sock	top
cow	duck	gorilla	lock		

Set 2

b	f	h	p	r	q	w
barn	fan	hat	parrot	rake	quarter	wagon
bee	fire	hoe	pear	rat	queen	watch
bench	fish	hook	pie	ring	quilt	well
bone	foot	horse	pin	rose		wolf
book						

Set 3

j	m	v	k	n	y	z
jar	mask	vase	key	necktie	yak	zebra
jeep	milk	vest	king	needle	yarn	zipper
jet	mittens	violin	kite	nest	yo-yo	
jug	monkey	volcano	koala	nurse		
mop						

Ending Consonants

The four Ending Consonant activities are the same as the activities for Beginning Consonants but with the focus on the final sound. To help students remember to identify the ending consonant, the multiple choice responses for activities 1 and 2 have been moved to the right-hand side of the screen.

For each activity, Clyde will display ten of his favorite slides. When children are correct on the first attempt, they receive a star. For wrong answers, Clyde provides some additional help. After ten problems, Clyde will turn on the light and give students a friendly smile.

Clyde has 2 slide carousels for ending consonant sounds. Each carousel contains pictures for a different set of consonants:

Set 1

b	m	k	s	l	t
bib	clam	book	cactus	barrel	bat
cab	gum	fork	gas	bell	boat
crib	ham	hook	jacks	camel	boot
tub		mask	walrus	football	magnet
		yak			rabbit

Set 2

d	f	g	n	p	r	x
bed	golf	bag	fan	cap	bear	box
hand	leaf	dog	hen	cup	car	fox
salad	roof	egg	lemon	map	hammer	mailbox
sled	wolf	log	moon	ship	lobster	ox
		pig	pan			

Blends and Digraphs

Clyde and his dog, Hugo, are ready to show slides for four more activities. For activity 1, the child uses the **space bar** to indicate whether a given blend or digraph represents the correct sound for a given picture. This activity allows the teacher to select a single blend or digraph on which to concentrate. Picture sets 1 and 2 offer practice for beginning blends and digraphs. Picture set 3 offers practice for ending blends and digraphs.

For activity 2, Clyde displays a slide, and the child uses the **space bar** to underline one of three multiple choice responses. Have the child press **return** when the correct answer is underlined. Clyde will help children know if answers are right or wrong.

For activity 3, children again use the **space bar** to select the word which correctly identifies Clyde's slide. Stars are earned for responses that are correct on the first attempt.

Activity 4 requires children to provide keyboard input other than the **space bar** and **return**. The students must enter the missing beginning or ending letters of the blend or digraph which is pictured.

Clyde's three carousels for blends and digraphs contain the following pictures:

Set 1—Beginning Blends and Digraphs

br	ch	cl	sh	sw	wh	tr
brick	cheese	clown	shell	swim	wheel	truck
brush	chick	clock	shoe	swing	whale	tractor
bridge	chair	cloud	shark	swan	whistle	train
branch	cherry	clam	ship			

Set 2—Beginning Blends and Digraphs

cr	sn	dr	ch	gl	sh	wh
crab	snail	drum	cheese	glasses	shell	wheel
crib	snake	dress	chick	glue	shoe	whale
crayons	snow	drill	chair	globe	shark	whistle
crown			cherry	glove	ship	

Set 3—Ending Blends and Digraphs

mp	ch	nk	ck	sk	ng	st	sh
chimp	bench	bank	block	desk	king	cast	brush
lamp	lunch	sink	duck	disk	ring	fist	dish
stump	match	skunk	lock	mask	swing	nest	fish
	watch	wink	truck			vest	trash

Program Options

The teacher may access program options by pressing the **control** and **T** keys at the same time. The teacher options allow the teacher to load a new set of pictures into memory. The program will operate independently of the disk once a picture set has been loaded, but the disk must be in the drive to change picture sets.

The options also allow the teacher to remove slides from Clyde's beginning and ending consonant carousels, leaving desired consonants for isolated practice. Also, by pressing the **space bar**, the teacher may select the single consonant sound to drill in activity 1. Another option allows the teacher to segment the practice of blends and digraphs.

Page two of the program options allows the teacher to restrict student menu choices to selected activities. Therefore, if your students are not ready for activity 4, you can eliminate that activity as a choice for your children.

The sound control and access to the student score summary are also located on the program options pages.

Monitoring Student Performance

For each activity, Clyde presents 10 pictures. Children receive a star for each problem they answer correctly on the first attempt. During any activity, the teacher can quickly approximate how a child is performing by comparing the number of stars earned to the problem number. For a closer look at how well students are doing, the teacher may access the student score summary from the program options page (**control T**).

The summary of student scores shows how many pictures each student was presented with from any given consonant sound and how many problems the student answered correctly.

Printer Option

While viewing the student score summary, press **P** for a printout of results. The printout will provide information on the performance of each individual who worked on **Uncle Clyde's Consonant Slides** since it was last loaded and will also give cumulative class totals. The printout also indicates which activities each student practiced.

Special Keys

- esc** Press the **esc** key to exit to the main menu.
- control T** Pressing the **control** key and **T** at the same time will take you to the program options.
- control S** Press **control** and **S** at the same time to turn the sound on or off.
- S** Pressing **S** while on page 2 of the teacher options will take you to the Student Scores Summary.

Disk Independent Operation

Micrograms programs are designed to load quickly and to operate independently of the disk drive. This enables you to load a single program into more than one computer. Children at several computers can use the same program simultaneously without needing to access the disk. Disk independent operation is intended to facilitate efficient usage of our materials and minimize the need for purchasing multiple disks.

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