

Clifford Thinking Adventures User Guide

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WELCOME

Welcome to *Clifford Thinking Adventures* featuring lovable Clifford the Big Red Dog! For nearly 40 years Clifford's big size and even bigger heart have inspired millions of children and families all over the world

to adopt him as their own. His irresistible charm is captured in this innovative new CD-ROM where your child participates in amusing predicaments only Clifford could create!

This skill-building adventure begins as Clifford's owner, Emily Elizabeth, enlists your child's help to prepare for his birthday party. Your child is part of the action as he tracks down Clifford's special birthday package, decorates his HUGE cake, and more. While traveling through Clifford's fun-filled neighborhood, your child is challenged to use his problem-solving and reasoning skills as well as his imagination. He also practices important skills like memory building, sorting, matching, and counting while completing multi-leveled activities cleverly woven into the story. When the party preparations are complete your child is able to throw a party BIG enough for his favorite big red dog!

Learning with Clifford is BIG Fun!

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Check the **System Requirements** below to make sure your computer is compatible with *Clifford Thinking Adventures*. If your system meets these requirements and you experience any difficulty installing or using our software, please refer to the **Troubleshooting** section of this User Guide.

Windows®

- Pentium® 90 MHz or faster processor
- Microsoft® Windows 95, 98, 2000, or later
- 16 MB RAM
- Minimum 35 MB hard disk space available
- 640 x 480 display with 256 colors
- 4X CD-ROM drive
- Windows-compatible sound card
- Printer optional

Macintosh®

- PowerPC, 120 MHz or faster processor
- System 7.5.3 or later
- 16 MB RAM
- Minimum 35 MB hard disk space available
- 640 x 480 display with 256 colors
- 4X CD-ROM drive
- Printer optional

Note: The printer can be used in the **Grooming Activity** and the **Cake Decorating Activity**.

INSTALLING CLIFFORD THINKING ADVENTURES

Windows

1. Insert the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click **Install** when the start-up screen appears.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear, double-click the Setup.exe icon on your CD-ROM drive.

3. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

Macintosh

1. Insert the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click **Install** when the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* start-up screen appears.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear, double-click the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* Installer icon within the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM window.

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TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS FOR WINDOWS XP USERS

NOTE: If the installation on your Windows 2000 or XP computer fails, it is likely that you are not logged onto the computer with administration rights. Log on as a user with administrative rights and re-install the program.

NOTE: If you have Windows XP and are unable to run or get an error message when starting *Clifford Thinking Adventures*, run the Microsoft XP Program Compatibility Wizard.

To run the **Microsoft XP Program Compatibility Wizard**, follow the instructions below.

1. To open the Wizard:
 - a. Click **Start**.
 - b. Click **Help and Support**.
 - c. Click **Fixing a problem**.
 - d. Click **Application and software problems**.
 - e. Under Fix a problem, click **Getting older programs to run on Windows XP**.
 - f. Click the **Program Compatibility Wizard** link in the instructions.
 2. Follow the instructions to start the wizard. When prompted on how to locate the program you are trying to run, choose **"I want to choose from a list of programs."**
 3. Select from the list the program that you are having trouble running.
 4. Select the **Next** button.
 5. Choose **"Microsoft Windows 95"** and use the **Next** button to proceed through the Compatibility Wizard.
 6. Re-launch *Clifford Thinking Adventures*.
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LAUNCHING CLIFFORD THINKING ADVENTURES

Windows

1. Insert the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive and wait for the start-up screen to appear.
2. Click **Play**.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear, click the **Start** menu, choose **Program**, click **Scholastic's Clifford** and then click *Clifford Thinking*.

Macintosh

1. Insert the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive and wait for the start-up screen to appear.
2. Click **Play**.

Note: If the start-up screen does not appear, double-click the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* icon within the **Scholastic's Clifford Thinking** directory, which can be found on the drive of your computer where you installed *Clifford Thinking Adventures*.

SCREEN COMMANDS

Cursor:

The cursor is a big yellow arrow. It sparkles when there is something to click.

Special Cursors:

- In the Puzzle Activity at the Market, the cursor is a bottle of glue.
- In the Digging Activity in Emily Elizabeth's backyard, the cursor is a shovel.
- In the Traffic Jam Activity in Town Square, the cursor is Clifford holding a car in his mouth.
- In the Fire Drill Activity at the Firehouse, the cursor is Clifford riding on top of the fire engine.
- In the Grooming Activity in the Bleakmans' Backyard, the cursor is a pair of scissors, a brush, a bar of soap, or a bottle of hair color.

Click and Stick:

Click something you want to pick up and it sticks to the cursor. Click again to drop it.

Exiting Shortcuts:

To quit the program on a Windows computer, press the Alt+F4 keys.

To quit the program on a Macintosh computer, press the Command+Q keys.

Saving a Game:

Your game is automatically saved when you quit the program. You can return to your saved game by clicking your name in the list on the sign-in screen, and then clicking the **Saved Game** button. Or, to begin a new game using the same name, click the **New Game** button.



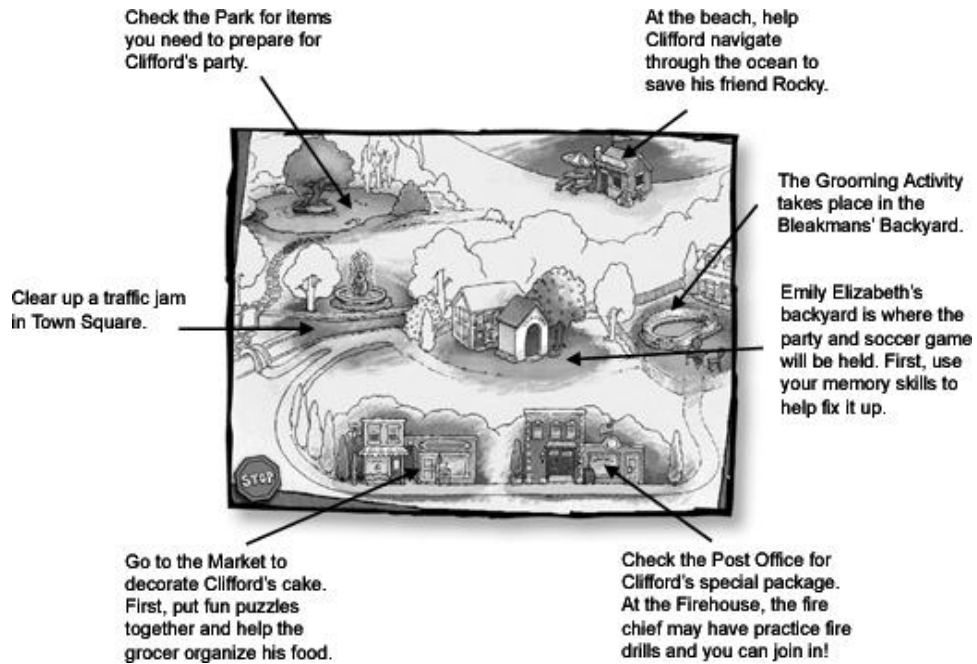
GETTING STARTED

Launching **Clifford Thinking Adventures** activates a short introduction which ends at the sign-in screen. After signing in and starting a new game, choose the level at which you want to play the program: Easy, Medium, or Hard. Next, choose four jewels for Clifford's new collar.

Navigation

There are two ways to navigate through Clifford's neighborhood. You can click the different areas on the map to go to each location directly, or you can move from place to place by clicking on the paths highlighted by a yellow animated arrow.

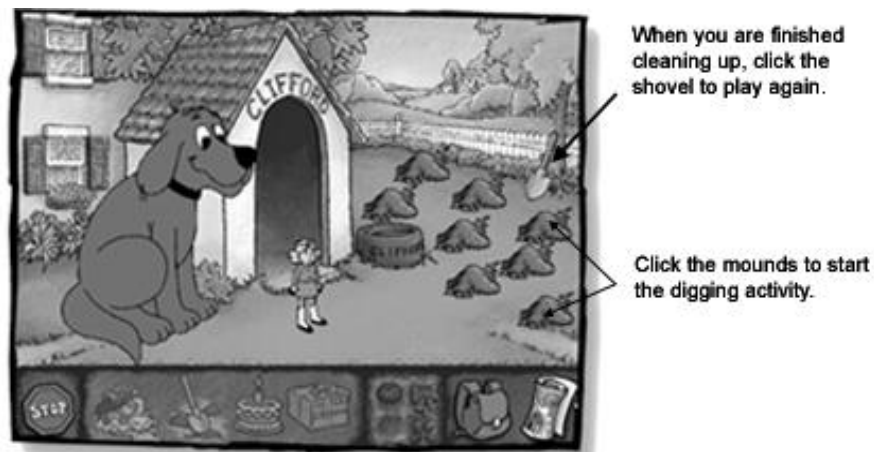
The map is always available on the main interface.



DIGGING ACTIVITY

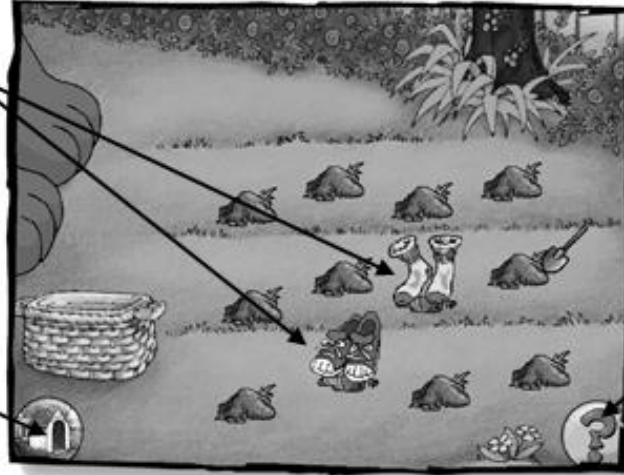
Clifford has made a big mess burying all his belongings in the backyard. Dig up one item that Clifford has buried, i.e., a paint can, and then find the object that goes with it — a paintbrush. Once you've found all the pairs, the backyard will be clear of dirt mounds!

Replay: Click the shovel to dig up more pairs.



Click each mound to see what Clifford has buried. Pair objects that go together.

Click to return to Emily Elizabeth's backyard.



Click for help.

PARK

Why is that hot air balloon stuck in that tree? What is on that lily pad? Explore the Park at different times and see what you find.

Clue: One of the missing jewels for Clifford's birthday collar may be on the lily pad in the pond. Click it to take it with you.

Solution: If you found the rope ladder that was either by the Firehouse or at the Beach, click it in your knapsack to help Clifford rescue Elroy Kibble.

You need to find the rope ladder to rescue Elroy Kibble.

One of the missing jewels may be on the lily pad in the pond. Click it to take it with you.



If you have the rope ladder, click it in your knapsack to rescue Elroy Kibble.

BLEAKMANS' BACKYARD

This is the place to give Clifford his birthday bath and haircut. Once Elroy Kibble has given you his grooming kit and you have found the correct ice cream for the Bleakmans, you are able to use the pool for Clifford's bath!

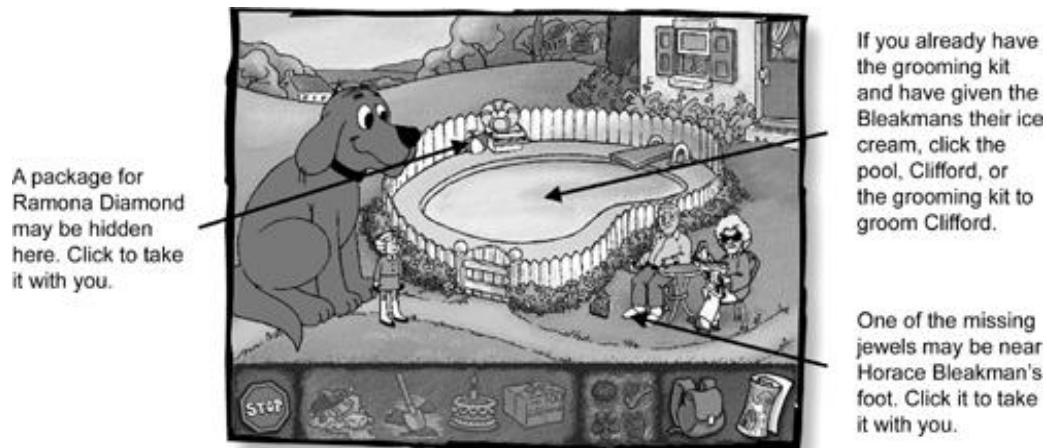
Clues:

- One of the missing jewels may be near Horace Bleakman's foot. Click it to take it with you.

- A package for Ramona Diamond may be hidden here among the Bleakmans' pool things. Click it to take it with you.

Replay: Click the pool, Clifford, or the grooming kit to groom Clifford again.

Solution: In order for the Bleakmans to let you use their pool, you need to find them a cold treat. Look near the Market to find Sandy the ice cream vendor.

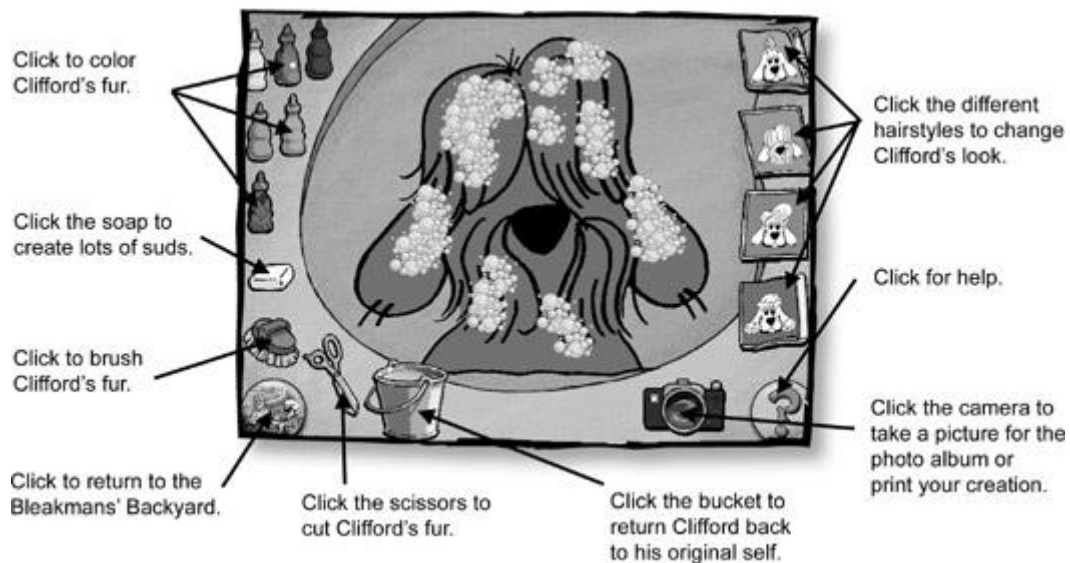


BLEAKMANS' BACKYARD

Grooming Activity

Cut, brush, and color Clifford's fur or try out different doggie hairstyles. You can take a picture of Clifford, print it out, and even view it in the photo album at his birthday party.

Replay: Click the pool, Clifford, or the grooming kit to groom Clifford again.



MARKET

This is just the place to get Clifford's birthday cake! Unfortunately, Clifford has knocked over Mr. Hamburger's display. Before you can decorate a cake for Clifford, you will need to help Mr. Hamburger fix his display.

Clues:

- Maybe someone at the Top Dog Salon can give Clifford his birthday haircut and bath. Click the door and find out.
- Sandy's ice cream cart is in the alley between the Market and the Top Dog Salon. Click it and Sandy will give you the ice cream of your choice.

**MARKET****Grocery Sort Activity**

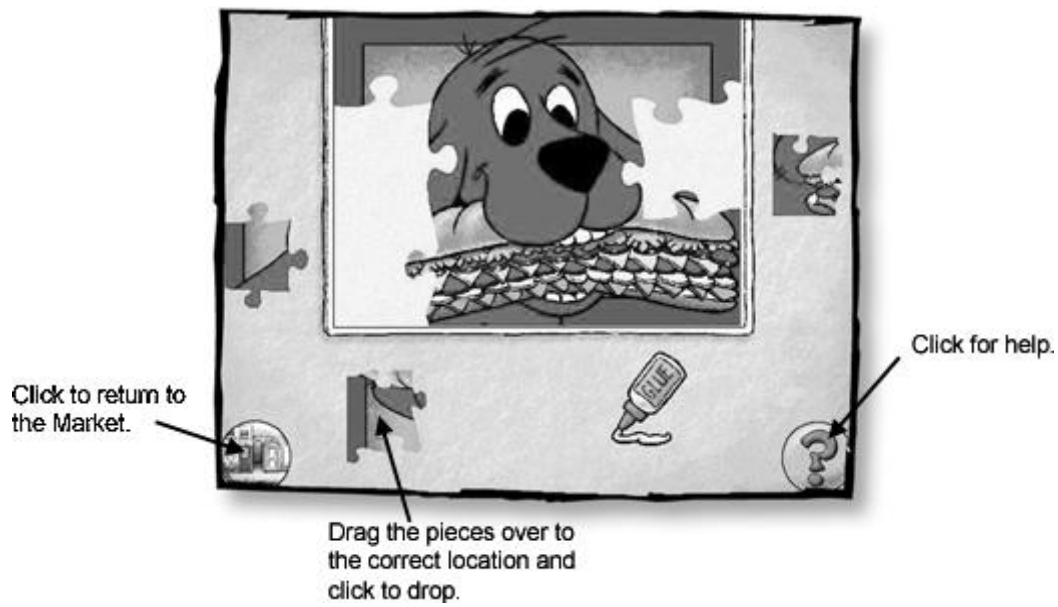
To help clean up, click the items that have fallen off of Mr. Hamburger's display. Put all the foods that are identical within the same compartment. Count out the like items and then find the shelf with the same number of spaces.

Replay: Click the display in front of the Market to sort more groceries.

**MARKET****Puzzle Activity**

Drag the pieces to their correct places to put together a picture of Clifford with some of his favorite treats.

Replay: Click the display in front of the market to put together another puzzle picture.

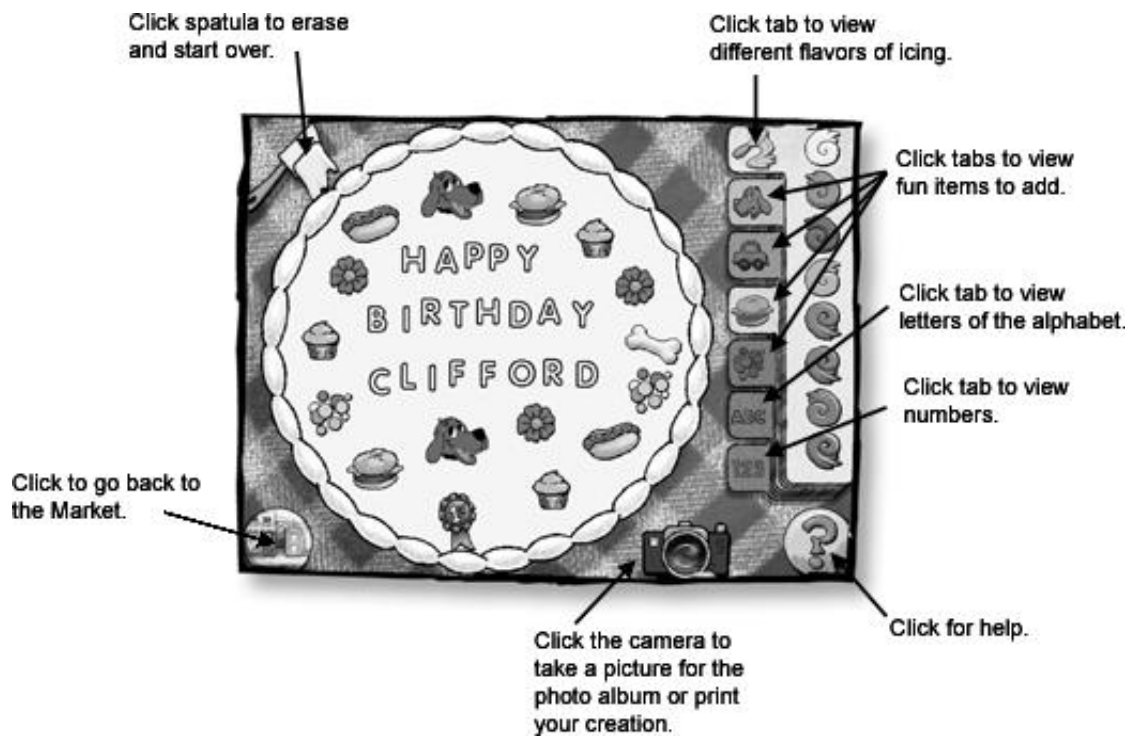


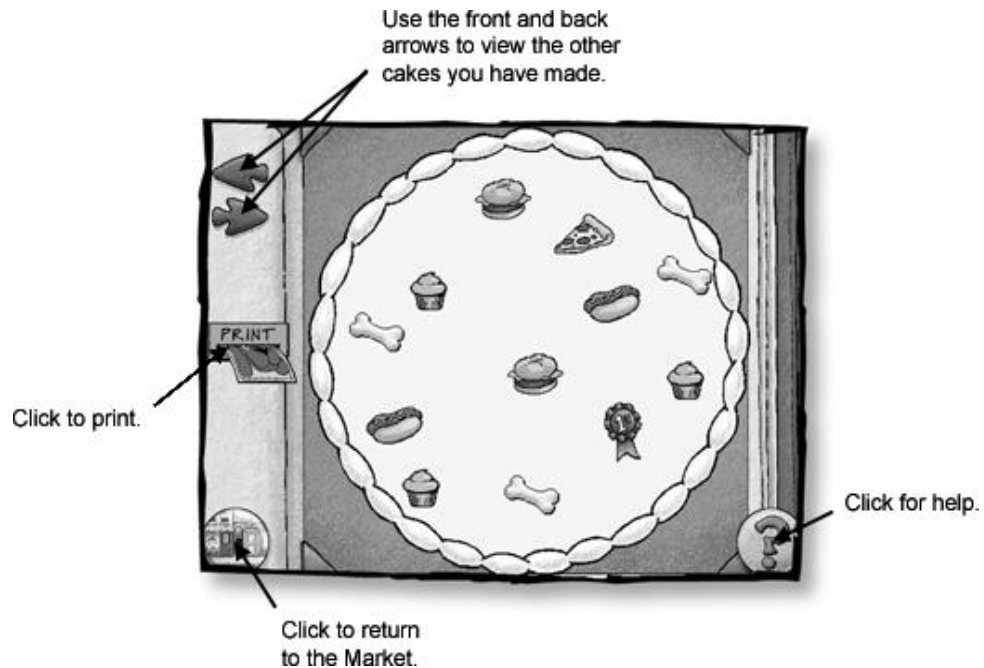
MARKET

Cake Decorating Activity

Decorate your very own special cake for Clifford's Birthday. You can decorate as many cakes as you like. Click the camera to save a picture of your cake or to print it out.

Replay: Click Mr. Hamburger to decorate another cake or to go to Cake Viewing Screen.





TOWN SQUARE

Traffic Jam Activity

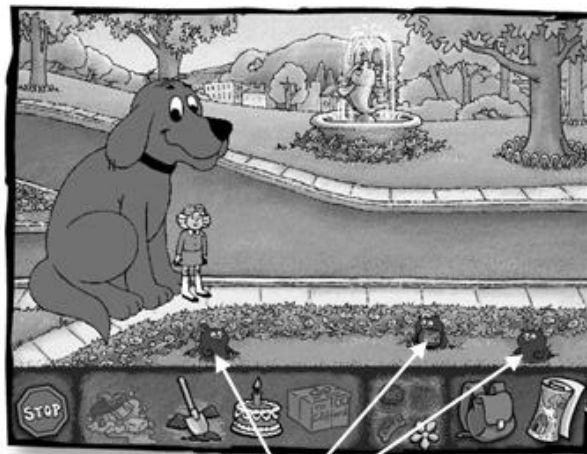
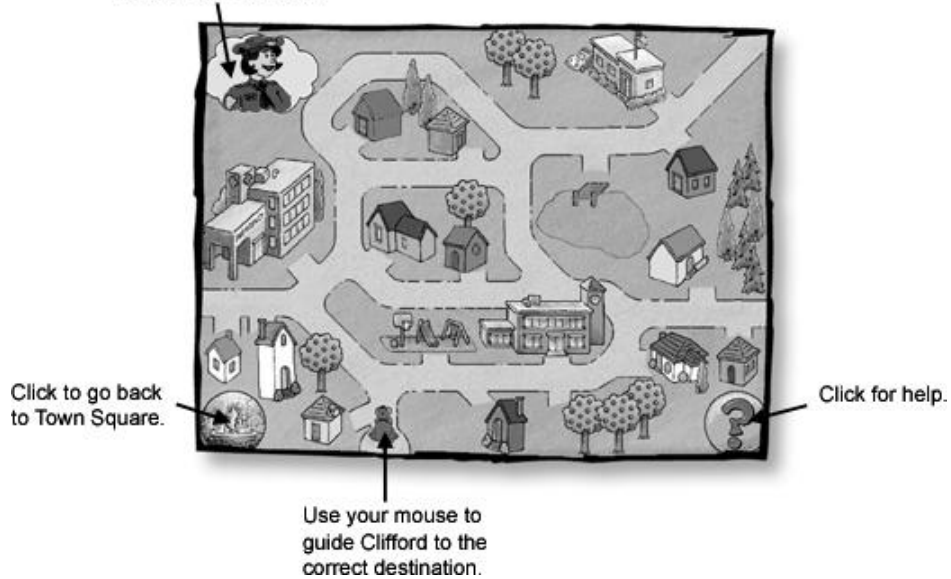
Clifford meant well, but in his effort to retrieve a woman's lost scarf, he caused an enormous traffic jam! After you click on Clifford to start the activity, pick one car at a time to help clear the jam. Listen to where each person needs to go and guide Clifford to the correct destination.

Clues:

- One of the missing jewels may be up in the tree across the street. Click it to take it with you.
- Occasionally, instead of a traffic jam in Town Square, you will find mischievous gophers living there. One of the missing jewels is in a gopher hole.

Replay: Click the moving car to play the traffic game again with a new map. Click the gopher holes to play the gopher game again.

Listen to the directions.



Follow the gophers as they toss the jewel - click the correct gopher hole to take the jewel with you.

FIREHOUSE

Fire Drill Activity

At the Firehouse, occasionally Pete the Fire Chief has fire drills and needs your help to put out the pretend fire. Listen to his directions and guide Clifford to the correct place on the map.

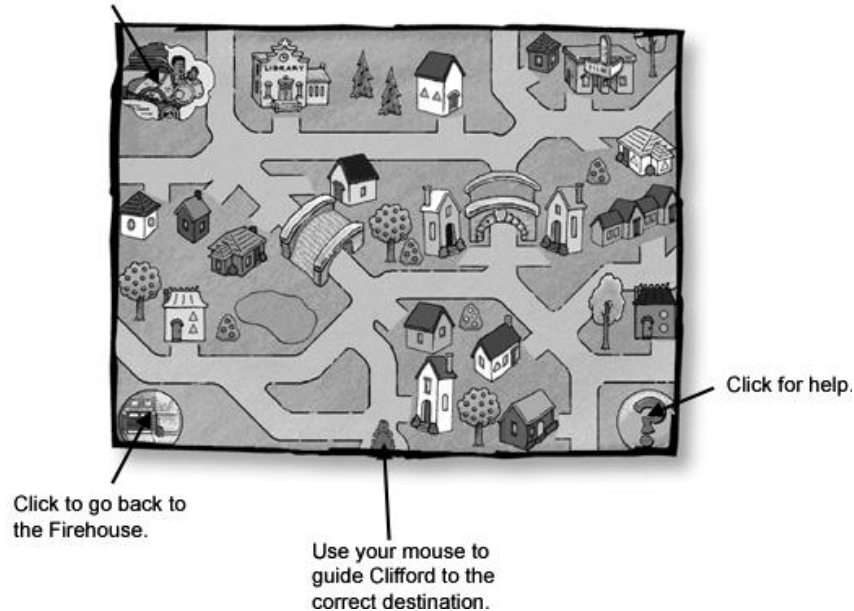
Clues:

- You may find a package you are looking for at the Post Office.
- The rope ladder (that you need to rescue Elroy Kibble) may be on this street. Click it to take it with you.
- One of the missing jewels may be sitting on the mailbox. Click it to take it with you.

Replay: To put out more pretend fires, click the Firehouse.

Solution: Go to the Beach or the Bleakmans' Backyard to find Ramona's missing package. Bring it here and she will give you Clifford's package in exchange.

Listen to the directions.



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BEACH

Swimming Activity

Swim with Clifford in the ocean to save Loretta's dog, Rocky! Navigate Clifford through the water by moving the mouse from left to right. Hold the mouse button down to speed him up. Try to avoid seaweed and waves that will slow him down and drain his energy. To give him energy, help him eat fish sticks. If Clifford runs out of energy, he will return to the Beach to take a nap. Click him to try saving Rocky again!

Clues:

- One of the missing jewels is on the dock next to Rocky. When you save Rocky, you will also get to take the jewel with you.

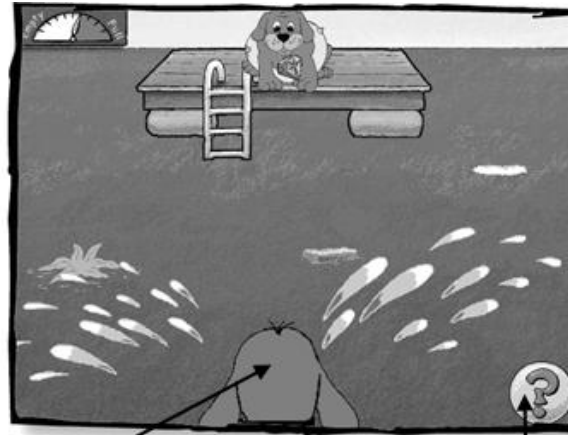
- A package for Ramona Diamond or a rope ladder might be hidden next to Loretta's Fish Stick Shack. Click either one to take it with you.

Replay: Once you have saved Rocky, a whale will appear in the horizon. Click Clifford if you want to help him swim out to the whale.



Click Clifford to play the Swimming Activity.

Click to take the package for Ramona Diamond or to take the rope ladder.



Use your mouse to guide Clifford through the ocean. Hold the mouse button down to speed him up.

Click for help.

CLIFFORD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

It's Clifford's Birthday Party! Click Clifford's special package and you will get to play soccer with Clifford's doggie friends. Click Emily Elizabeth or Clifford and she sings him a special birthday song.

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Click any party guest to hear their birthday wishes for Clifford.



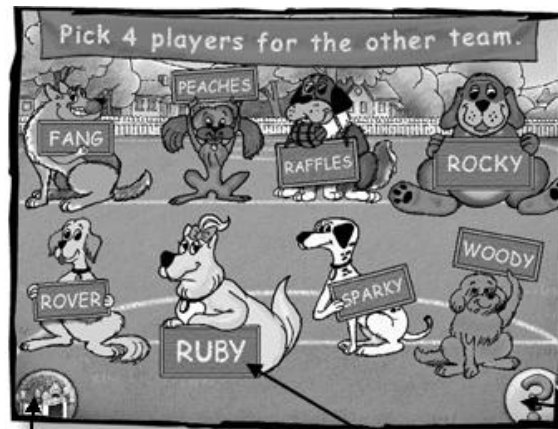
Click to view the pictures you took of Clifford in the Grooming Activity.

Click Clifford's special birthday package to unwrap it.

SOCCER GAME

Use your mouse to move Clifford from side to side to catch the ball and keep the other team from making a goal. Click to kick the ball. To lob the ball over your opponent's head, hold the mouse button down and release.

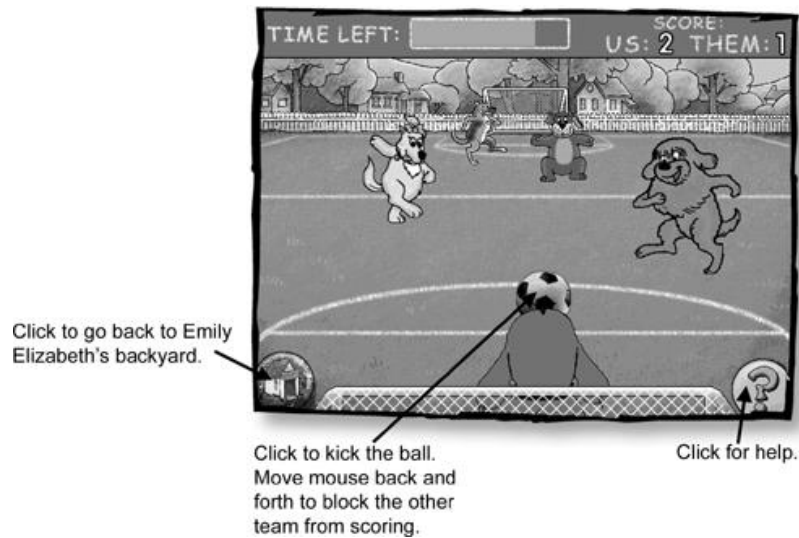
Replay: Click the soccer ball at the party to play another game of soccer.



Click here to return to the party.

Click to pick your opponents.

Click for help.



HINTS FOR PARENTS

Use the following list as a reference to guide your child through *Clifford Thinking Adventures*.

Rope ladder to save Elroy may be located:

- near Firehouse, or
- at the beach near Loretta's Fish Stick Shack.

Ramona Diamond's package may be located:

- near the Bleakmans' pool, or
- at the beach near Loretta's Fish Stick Shack.

Jewels for Clifford's collar may be located:

- on a lily pad in the Park, or
- in a tree at Town Square, or
- in a gopher hole at Town Square, or
- near Mr. Bleakman's foot, or
- on top of mailbox by the Post Office, or
- on the dock at the beach.

Ice cream for the Bleakmans is located in the alley between the Market and the Dog Groomers.

SKILLS

Your child will practice the following skills while playing *Clifford Thinking Adventures*:

- Problem Solving
 - Logic & Reasoning
 - Classifying & Sorting
 - Matching
 - Memory
 - Colors & Shape
 - Counting
 - Spatial Reasoning
 - Creativity
 - Fine Motor Skills
 - Following Directions
 - Imagination
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WINDOWS TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM

When installing *Clifford Thinking Adventures*, you see this message: "Cannot find D:\Setup (or one of its components). Check to ensure the path and filename are correct and that all required libraries are available."

POSSIBLE CAUSE

The CD-ROM is not inserted in your CD-ROM drive.

SOLUTION

Insert the CD-ROM and be sure it is accessible in Windows Explorer.

PROBLEM

The CD-ROM cannot be seen from the Windows Explorer.

POSSIBLE CAUSE

The CD-ROM drives are not installed properly.

SOLUTION

Open the Add New Hardware control panel and follow the instructions.

PROBLEM

Clifford Thinking Adventures is running slow.

POSSIBLE CAUSE

Other programs are running.

SOLUTION

Quit any other running programs.

PROBLEM

When launching *Clifford Thinking Adventures*, you see a message:

- a) "Close other Clifford applications."
- b) "*Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM cannot be found."
- c) "*Clifford Thinking Adventures* installation is incorrect."

POSSIBLE CAUSE

- a) Clifford Autostart or Installer is already running.
- b) *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM is not in the CD-ROM drive.
- c) *Clifford Thinking Adventures* file needs to be reinstalled.

SOLUTION

- a) Quit any other open applications and relaunch *Clifford Thinking Adventures*.
 - b) Verify that the *Clifford Thinking Adventures* CD-ROM is in the CD-ROM drive.
 - c) Reinstall *Clifford Thinking Adventures*.
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Any other problem: Refer to the ReadMe File for more troubleshooting tips, found in the Scholastic's *Clifford Thinking Adventures* folder on your computer.

MACINTOSH TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM

You see this message: "There is not enough memory to open *Clifford Thinking Adventures*."

POSSIBLE CAUSE

- a) Other applications are running.
- b) Virtual Memory is off.
- c) There is not enough available memory because system extensions are using too much of it.
- d) There is not enough available memory even after trying all of the above solutions.

SOLUTION

- a) Quit any other running applications.
 - b) Open the Memory control panel and turn on Virtual Memory.
 - c) Turn off any unnecessary system extensions (possibly using Extensions Manager) and restart your Macintosh.
 - d) Add more RAM to your computer.
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PROBLEM

Clifford Thinking Adventures is running slowly.

POSSIBLE CAUSE

- a) Other applications are running.
- b) File Sharing is on.
- c) Calculate Folder Sizes is on.
- d) Virtual Memory is on.
- e) The Disk Cache is too small.

SOLUTION

- a) Quit any other running applications.
 - b) Open the Sharing Setup control panel and turn off File Sharing.
 - c) Open the Views control panel and turn off the Calculate folder sizes option.
 - d) Open the Memory control panel and turn off Virtual Memory.
 - e) Open the Memory control panel and set the Disk Cache to the default setting option button. If there is no default setting option button, set the Disk Cache to at least 512K.
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