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## Keep on Buggin'

Every year on Ant Island, under the rule of the Queen Ant and Princess Atta, the colony works tirelessly gathering food for winter. And every year, Hopper, the evil grasshopper, with his henchmen, Molt and Thumper, fly in with their gang and steal the ants' food. It's not only terrifying to the ants - it's downright humiliating.

While the other worker ants are busy gathering food, the creative ant Flik is inventing a machine to harvest the crop effortlessly. Impatient because Hopper is expected soon, Princess Atta orders Flik to go out to the field and pick grain like everybody else. Hopper shows up early looking for his food. Flik accidentally spills the bowl of grain, which infuriates both the ant colony and the grasshopper gang.

Encouraged by his colony to leave, Flik goes to the City to find bigger bugs for protection against Hopper's gang. Coming across some out-of-work circus bugs, Flik mistakes them as warriors and hires them on the spot. Together, Flik and the circus bugs must attempt to free the ant colony from the grips of Hopper and his evil grasshopper gang.

## Getting Started

Turn OFF the power switch on your Nintendo Game Boy. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.

Insert the Game Pak of *A Bug's Life* into the slot on the Game Boy. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.

Turn ON the power switch. The credit screens appear (if you don't see them, begin again at step 1).

When the title screen for **A Bug's Life** appears, press the Start Button to proceed.







## Main Menu

Press the A Button to select any of the following options:

- START GAME** Begin a new game
- PASSWORD** Enter a previously acquired Password
- OPTIONS** Customize your game
- CREDITS** View the team that made **A Bug's Life**

**Note:** By pressing the START Button, you will automatically begin a new game.



## Options Menu



Press the A Button to change each of the following options:

- SFX** Toggle the sound effects On or Off
- MUSIC** Turn the music On or Off
- SKILL** Toggle the game difficulty between Easy or Hard
- EXIT** Return to the main menu

**Note:** By pressing the START Button, you will automatically return to the Main Menu.





## Take Control

Through Flick's adventures, many obstacles can interfere with his quest and slow him down. Following is a list of buttons on the Game Boy used to aid Flick in his endeavors.

**A Button:** Jump

**B Button:** Throws berries (Flik must collect some first) Press and hold to run w/Control Pad

**LEFT/RIGHT:** Flick walks in the direction pressed

**DOWN:** Crouch/Look Down  
When crouched, press the Control Pad Left/Right to make Flick walk in a crouched position

**START Button:** Pause the game



A Button

B Button

Control Pad

SELECT Button

START Button

## Health Indicator



Flik begins his adventure with 6 lives to progress through the game. Each life contains three health units, which decrease every time an enemy injures Flick. These health units can be replenished by picking up food items. When Flick loses the three health units, he loses a life. When all 6 lives are gone, the game is over.





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## The Characters

**Flik** – Imaginative, inventive and full of ideas, Flik, the worker ant, is always looking for new ways to help the colony. Unfortunately most of his inventions backfire – getting him into trouble. Through many hard lessons, he comes to realize that his self-worth doesn't depend upon the approval of others. Because of this, Flik gains acceptance from the colony.



**Princess Dot** – Tired of being told "not until your wings grow in," all Dot wants to be is grown up – and fast! Knowing what it feels like to be an outsider, Dot is immediately drawn to Flik. Her unwavering belief in him helps Flik ultimately believe in himself.

**Heimlich** – As part of the clown trio, there's only one thing that comes between this oversized caterpillar and his performance: food, food and food!



**Tuck & Roll** – Identical Hungarian pill bugs, Tuck and Roll are the acrobatic cannonball act for P.T. Flea's circus. The only problem is, they speak in gibberish and don't understand a word of English – Gnnheh?



**Dim** – Big, lovable, not-so-bright Dim performs as the roaring, ferocious beetle in Rosie's wild insect taming act. Dim will do anything for Rosie and is very protective of her.

**Rosie** – A black widow with a heart of gold, Rosie is a performer whose talents range from wild insect tamer to high wire acrobat. However, Rosie's web-spinning ability is all thumbs, or legs. With a little encouragement, especially from Dim, Rosie spins the web of her life to help save her circus pals from danger.



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**Hopper** – He's hungry. He's horrible. He's Hopper! Jumping at the chance to be cruel, Hopper and his bully gang rove from ant colony to ant colony to steal the food that the ants work so hard all year to collect. When brave little Flik unites the colony against him, Hopper's worst fears are realized. Like Hopper says, "it's a bug-eat-bug world."



**Molt** – Hopper's bumbling brother Molt may look like a big mean grasshopper, but deep down, he's not so bad. Easily frightened, Molt has been known to jump out of his exoskeleton at the slightest scare. He also knows the secret that might save the ants – Hopper's afraid of birds.



## The Levels



### Level 1 – The Harvesting Machine

Help Flik invent his Harvesting Machine by collecting the items necessary to build it. Watch out for Bees, Worms, and Grasshoppers.

### Bonus round – Harvest the Crop

Flik must use the Harvesting Machine to harvest the crop. Press the Control Pad Up/Down/Left/Right to move Flik in that direction. The round ends when:

- Time expires
- Flik collides with a worm or bee
- Flik harvests the entire crop

**Note:** If Flik did not collect all of the pieces for the Harvesting Machine in Level 1, he will not be able to harvest the crop.





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### Level 2 – The City

Flik and his new friends must overcome several obstacles together. Be careful as you jump onto Rosie's webbing, it may fall apart beneath you.

### Level 3 – The Warriors Arrive

Flik must return to Ant Island with the Circus Bugs.

### Level 4 – Princess Dot and the Sparrow

Princess Dot is trapped near the Sparrow's nest on the far side of the riverbed canyon. Flik must rescue Dot before the Sparrow eats her.

### Level 5 – The Mechanical Bird

Flik sets off through the ant tunnels looking for parts to create the Mechanical Bird.



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### Level 6 – Return to Ant Island

Flik returns to Ant Island riding on Dim's back. They must travel against the wind and avoid flying obstacles.

**Note:** Press the Control Pad Up/Down/Left/Right to move Dim in the direction pressed.

### Level 7 – The Grand Banquet

Flik must release the Mechanical bird from the top of the tree.

### Level 8 – Hopper's Demise

Flik must lure Hopper to the nest of the real bird.







## Scoring

There are several ways to score points in **A Bug's Life**. In order to gain the highest score possible, you will need to gain items and defeat the enemies. You can also gain bonus points at the end of a level and during the bonus round.

50 points



Berry (Flik's Weapon)

500 points



Bean (adds 3 Berries)

700 points



Health Berry (adds health)

1000 points



Raspberry (adds health and 3 berries)

1000 points



Harvest Machine pieces

1000 points



Mechanical Bird pieces

### Enemies

300 points



Bee

300 points



Worm

300 points



Wasp

200 points



Grasshopper



## Passwords



The Password Screen allows you to enter passwords that you have earned from previous games. Be sure to write them down as you earn them so you won't have to play the level all over again.



If you have a password to start at a certain level, highlight **PASSWORD** and press the A Button. Enter your password by moving Flik along the leaves and pressing the A Button for each number or letter. When you have entered the password correctly, you will commence play at the beginning of that level.





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