

**LEARN:** Colors, numbers, listening skills with musical cues

## How to Play

Join the animal friends as they make their way through the jungle to their picnic. But a cranky lion is napping to his favorite song...and if he wakes up, players must rush and hide in the nearest bush! Watch the lion and listen to the music. Who will get to the picnic first? With two levels of play, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" game is a charming way to play along to the music of one of your favorite pop songs.

## Contents:

- 1 Electronic lion
- 1 Game board
- 4 Animal movers
- 1 Jumbo die
- 1 Label sheet (customer applied)
- 1 Rules sheet

Please remove all contents from the package and compare them to the above list. If any of the items are missing, please contact your local Mattel office.

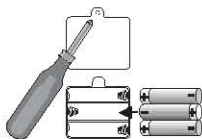
Keep these instructions for future use as they contain important information.

## OBJECT

Be the first player to get your animal through the jungle to the picnic.

### BATTERY INFORMATION/SAFETY

- Batteries may leak fluids that can cause a chemical burn injury or ruin your toy (product). To avoid battery leakage:
- Do not mix old and new batteries or batteries of different types: alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium).
- Insert batteries as indicated inside the battery compartment.
- Remove batteries during long periods of non-use. Always remove exhausted batteries from the toy (product). Dispose of batteries safely. Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. The batteries may explode or leak.
- Never short-circuit the battery terminals.
- Use only batteries of the same or equivalent type, as recommended.
- Do not charge non-rechargeable batteries.
- Remove rechargeable batteries from the toy (product) before charging.
- If removable, rechargeable batteries are used; they are only to be charged under adult supervision.
- If the sound distorts or stops, turn the unit off and then on again. If it still is not working properly, replace the batteries in the base of the lion.



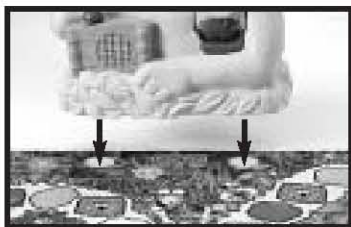
Requires 3 AA batteries (included).

Batteries included are for demonstration purposes only.

For longer life use only alkaline batteries.

## SET UP:

- Apply labels on the sides of the die.
- There is a pull tag on the bottom of the lion base; remove the tag and discard it before playing the game.
- The game is initially set in Loud volume mode but you can choose the sound level to your liking. Just how much do you love this song? There's a switch on the lion's back with three positions: Left is the Quiet mode, Middle is Off mode, and the Right is Loud mode.
- Set the lion base into the precut holes on the board.
- Each player chooses one mover: the hippo, elephant, rhino or zebra. Place your animal mover at the hut, at the start of the trail. Now, they're ready to take a stroll in the jungle, the mighty jungle...



## LET'S PLAY!

### Level 1 (Learn Colors)

#### Rolling the Die

- Roll the die to see who goes first: the first player to roll the **bush icon** on the die. The bush indicates the "safe spot" where the sleepy, cranky lion can't see you!
- Before rolling, the player should push the lion's head down into the



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sleep position and push the **red snooze button** on his radio. This sets the timer and begins the playing of the music "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." You're ready to make your way through the jungle! "A wimoweh..."

- The player then rolls the die and moves according to the **colors** on the die (not the numbers). Advance to the color space matching the color showing on the die. Players may share a space. After all, it's a big jungle!

If the player rolls the **bush**, then advance to the first safe bush spot that's available.

## The Sleeping Lion

- Play continues clockwise until the music stops and the lion's head pops up. This will happen automatically at random intervals, any time from 30 seconds to two and half minutes. If the lion awakes after you roll, but before you move, stay put! It's the next player's turn.
- When the lion awakes from his sleep (Roar!!!), any player who is not on a "safe" bush spot must move back to the nearest bush.
- Once all the players are on a safe bush space, play continues with the same player whose turn it was when the lion awoke. Put the lion's head back down in the sleep position and hit the red snooze button.

**Note:** Do not force the lion's head up out of the sleep position. It'll keep popping up automatically and randomly.

## Getting to the Picnic

- If a player lands exactly on a space in front of a wooden bridge with an arrow running across it, take the shortcut! Slide your mover to the space on the other side of the bridge.
- The first player to reach the picnic finish wins! But, as picnics are best shared, the other players may keep going so all the animals can eat together! Who will pass by the sleepy lion to get to the picnic second, third, fourth?

## Level 2

### (Learn Numbers):

- Play is identical to Level 1, except that players move according to the **numbers** on the die. Count out the number of spaces you can advance on the jungle path.
- Play as detailed above and see who reaches the picnic first! It's not as fun eating alone, so wait until all the animal friends make it past the sleepy lion.

### Jukebox™ Games

Now, one of your favorite songs comes to life for you and your preschooler!

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight," the famous African doo-wop song, has an interesting story. First entitled "Mbube" (pronounced EEM-boo-beh), meaning "Lion," the song was written in 1939 by a Zulu singer from South Africa. It was a big hit in what is now Swaziland, selling nearly 100,000 copies in the 1940s! The Zulu refrain sounded to English-speaking people like "wimoweh" and the modern lyrics were born. Hundreds of artists have recorded the song worldwide, and it passed into the broad field of "folk" music, and became a beloved song in the 1960s by a group called the Tokens.

Have some fun with your child singing along to some of the famous lyrics here. And while you're at it, help her/him develop language and memory skills.

Ee-eee-eee-eee, eee-ee-eee-eee-eee, wee-um-um-a-way

A wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-wimoweh, a wimoweh

(A way - Up - high, a-wimoweh)

In the jungle the mighty jungle the lion sleeps tonight

In the jungle the quiet jungle the lion sleeps tonight (Ho! Ho!)

Near the village the peaceful village the lion sleeps tonight

Near the village the quiet village the lion sleeps tonight (Hey! Hey!)

Hush my darling, don't fear my darling. The lion sleeps tonight.

Hush my darling, don't fear my darling. The lion sleeps tonight  
(Hep! Hep!)

A wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-wimoweh, a wimoweh