

INSTRUCTIONS

The Object

You start as an amoeba trying to advance up the evolutionary chain to become a human. To attain this goal you will have to go through a total of six distinctly different evolutionary steps. Do you have the instincts and reflexes to survive and evolve to a higher life form? Play the game to find out! Good luck!

To Begin

Boot the disk in the usual manner. After a few seconds, 'READY' will appear on the screen. You must type LOAD "*", 8, 1. After a few seconds, the title will appear and the game will enter into a demo mode. To start the game, press the space bar or the button on the joystick. A menu will appear and you will be prompted to choose which skill level you wish to start at — beginner, intermediate, expert, or practice. Type 'B' for beginner and the game will begin. You have five lives to succeed in evolving. If you lose all five, the game is ended and you start over.

Game Controls

If you are using a non potentiometer-type joystick, press function key f7. If you want to use the keys, press function key f5.

Stage 1 — Amoeba

You are a lowly one-celled creature trying to eat the immobile DNA cells displayed on the screen. You will face spores, microbes, and antibodies which will attempt to catch you. If anything that moves should touch you, you lose a life. Your only defence against your attackers is a limited supply of shields which will permit you to move through them without harm. A gauge on the bottom displays the amount of shields left, so use them wisely. Eat all of the DNA and advance to the next level.

A, Up; Z, Down; <, Left; >, Right; Space, Shields

Stage 2 — Tadpole

You are a tadpole trying to eat elusive water flies. Eating three of these flies will advance you to the next level. Sound easy? It's not. There are fish trying to eat you so you'd better avoid them. You can avoid the fish by running away or jumping over them. Good luck, Jeremiah!

<, Left; >, Stop; /, Right; Space, Jumps

Stage 3 — Rodent

You are a rodent who, like all rodents, likes to eat cheese. You must burrow around in a network of caves to get to the pieces of cheese that appear randomly in the caves. You will be pursued relentlessly by a number of snakes who will kill you if they catch you. You can kill a snake by dropping one of your three dung piles. Eat five cheeses to advance to the next level.

A, Up; Z, Down; <, Left; >, Stop; /, Right; Space Drops dung

Stage 4 — Beaver

You are a beaver who loves to build dams. Swim across the river and pick up sticks, carry them back, and place them in the dam. When you have retrieved five sticks, the dam will be complete. By the way, watch out for the alligators because they love beaver sandwiches for lunch. Good luck, eh!

A, Up; Z, Down; <, Left; >, Right

Stage 5 — Gorilla

You are a rare orange gorilla in the depths of Africa. You must protect your three oranges from the thieving Vervet monkeys. You must hurl coconuts at the monkeys and attempt to dislodge them from the vines overhead. Five hits and you've made it to the next level.

<, Left; >, Stop; /, Right; 1:2:3:4:5, Aim coconut

Stage 6 — Human

You have attained the highest form of evolution. The genetic mutants have all revolted and you have been sent into Jeff's elastic battle ground to dispatch the renegade creatures with the aid of your laser pistol. Watch out — they shoot too. Kill ten mutants and you will then witness the end of the human race.

A, Up; Z, Down; <, Left; >, Right; Space, Fire

Convenience Controls

Function key f1 — Pauses game

Function key f3 — Continues game

Function key f5 — Selects keyboard control

Function key f7 — Selects joystick control

S — Stops music

H — Displays high scores from demo mode

C — Clears lower seven high scores from demo mode

Note: Press key down until function occurs.

High Scores

If you get one of the ten top scores, you will become a high evolutionary. If, however, you don't start at the beginner skill level then you must get past the human stage to get on the list.



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