TRANSYLVANIA"

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Beginning the Game

To begin playing Transylvania, turn the power on, and when the Macintosh cursor begins to flash a "?" at you, insert your Transylvania disk. You will see an icon called Transylvania. Use the mouse to place the pointer on the icon and double-click the mouse to start the game. You will be asked to type in your name and the name of your next of kin. Do so, and the game will begin.

Vocabulary and Commands

When Transylvania begins, you will see a picture displayed in the upper left corner of the screen, with a compass showing the four cardinal directions (N.S.E.W) below. To move in any of those four directions, use the mouse to place the pointer on the desired direction and click the button once. You also use the mouse to check your inventory by placing the pointer on the bar marked "inventory" located above the picture and holding the button down.

Transylvania has a large vocabulary of words, so you should be able to communicate quite well. If you happen to use a word that is not in the computer's vocabulary, you will be told so. If it's the verb, the computer will respond "I don't know that command." If it's the noun, the response will be "I don't know that word."

Transylvania only checks the first five letters of each word, so you can abbreviate commands like "Search Cemetery" as "Searc Cemet", if you want. Of course, the longer form works fine also. You can also abbreviate traveling in directions should you wish to enter your moves via the keyboard. Instead of "Go North", etc., you can just use "North", or even shorter, "N". The short commands are N,S,E,W,U, and D, for North, South, East, West, Up, and Down, respectively. "Enter" and "Exit" also work as substitutes for "Go In" and "Go Out".

Make a Map

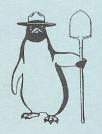
In wandering around Transylvania, you may find it useful to make a map that tells you which direction you went to get where. The paths are unkept and winding, so occasionally you'll follow a path in one direction, and twist around slightly so that the return path is in another direction. The pictures on the screen are drawn so that in each location you are facing north. East is to the right, west to the left, and south behind you.

Saving the Game

Werewolves and vampires can occasionally be vicious, and it's also possible to lose things that may be helpful for rescuing the damsel. You may also get tired and decide to sleep on it and resume the next day... Therefore it's nice to be able to save a game in progress, or to save a game before you try something risky so that if it doesn't work you don't have to start at square one again. To save the game, use the mouse to point at the "file" bar at the top of the screen. Clicking the button will show a pull-down menu with Games 1-5, New Game, and Quit. By holding the button down and pulling the pointer down through the menu, you will highlight one of the seven options. When the option you wish shows in inverse, release the button. If you do so on any of the five "Game" positions you will be given the choice of a) saving the current game status at that position; b) loading a previously saved game; or c) forgetting about the whole thing and returning to the current game. The ability to save up to five different games simultaneously is helpful if you and your brother, uncle, wife, husband, sister, friend, or anyone else are playing with the game around the same time. Choosing "New Game" will start the game over, while choosing "Quit" will end the game and eject the disk.

Disk Replacement

If your Transylvania disk should fail within 60 days of purchase, return it to Penguin Software for a free replacement. After 60 days, please return it with \$5 and we'll rush a new one to you right away. We feel this is a fair replacement policy for entertainment software and is in line with our policy of not copy-protecting our utility and applications software. Please help us by not copying our entertainment software and not making any copies of our utility or applications software except for your own use as backups.



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