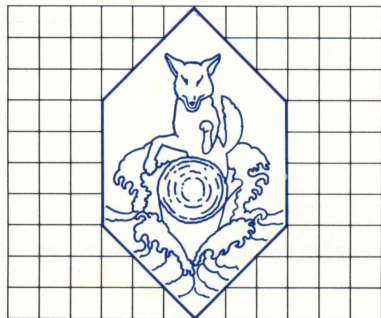


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Program Development: Prentice Associates Incorporated  
Programming Language: Written in MicroMotion FORTH-79

The disk is designed for use on Apple® II, II Plus, or IIe.

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## **Introduction**

In the old days people always told the truth, until Trickster Coyote skulked into camp one night, stealthy as a lizard. He made off with the Totem of the Straight Tongue, and now the people tell lies and talk in circles.

If you can catch the Old Trickster and take back the totem, you will be forever honored by the people.

Coyote is fleet and agile. He has five disguises. If you can stay on his trail and avoid his tricky words until he runs out of new faces, you will defeat him.

Others have tried and failed, but you are the fastest of all. You must succeed. The people are counting on you.

TRICKSTER COYOTE™ is a challenging game that will quicken your wits and give you hours of entertainment. For extra fun, you can play the bonus game, TRICKSTER TAG.

But TRICKSTER COYOTE and TRICKSTER TAG are more than games. They are part of a complete method for quickly and easily adding new words to your vocabulary.

## **Special Features**

**A Built-in Dictionary.** The disk has nearly 300 words, organized into three levels of difficulty. The dictionary provides one definition and/or one synonym and a context sentence for each word. After you select Begin Play, choose the Warm-Up option to preview and study words before you encounter them in the game.

**Add-Your-Own-Words Option.** You can use your own list of eight words to play the Trickster games. Choose the Edit option in the Main Menu; then add your words and their meanings.

**Recap.** At the end of the game, you can see the words you missed and study these words using Recap.

**Instructions.** Complete instructions for playing TRICKSTER COYOTE and TRICKSTER TAG are included on the disk. You will be asked if you want to see the instructions during the start-up sequence.

### **Equipment Requirements**

- Apple II, II Plus, or IIe
- A monitor or television (preferably color)
- One disk drive
- TRICKSTER COYOTE disk

### **Getting Started**

- 1.** Insert the TRICKSTER COYOTE disk into the disk drive, label side up, and close the door.
- 2.** If you are using an Apple IIe, press the CAPS LOCK key down.
- 3.** Turn on the computer, using the switch on the back left. Also switch on the monitor.
- 4.** The red light will go on in your disk drive, and you will hear a whirring noise as the program is loading.

5. In a few seconds, the introductory screens will appear on the monitor.
6. The next screen will appear automatically, and you will be ready to begin.

### **Before You Begin to Play**

You will need to give the computer some important information before you begin to play. The computer will guide you through the choices with a highlighter bar. Press the M key to move the highlighter. When your choice is highlighted, press C to continue.

1. Enter the name(s) of the player(s)—up to four can play.
2. Choose the level of words that you want to appear in the game.
3. Decide whether or not you want to review the words and meanings (Warm-Up) before you play the game. A warm-up session is strongly recommended so that you can get a higher score and more enjoyment from playing.

### **What You Can Learn by Playing TRICKSTER COYOTE**

Trickster Coyote was a favorite among many traditional North American cultures. He was the central figure in a large body of teaching stories that communicated traditional morality, history, mythology, and wisdom. The tale of the stolen totem, which provides the basis for this vocabulary game, is not a traditional

Trickster Coyote story. It was created with affection and respect for the real Trickster, who taught so much to so many and who was kept alive through the ages by traditional native American storytellers.

TRICKSTER COYOTE is carefully designed to help you expand your vocabulary in a way that is easy, fun, and effective. Research has shown that the more knowledge you have about a word's meaning, the more likely it is that you will remember it when you see it again. Research has also shown that repeated exposure to a word in a meaningful context, and practice in using the word in speech and writing, will further help you remember the word as a useful addition to your vocabulary.

The words in the Trickster games dictionary have been carefully chosen by reading difficulty and usefulness. Players may begin to play at any level of difficulty, then proceed to the next higher level once those words are mastered. The words are appropriate for ages eight and older.

Trickster games will help to increase the speed with which you recognize words and think of their meanings. This, in turn, will help to increase your reading speed and sharpen your reactions. To make the words that you learn a natural part of your vocabulary, use them often in your own speech and writing.

### **Adding New Words to the Dictionary**

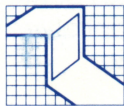
The Edit option allows you to create your own list of eight words

with which to play TRICKSTER COYOTE and TRICKSTER TAG. Once you have entered words into Edit, you should use the Personal Words option on the word-level menu. The list of words will be available to any player and will remain on the disk until you enter eight different words. Once you add eight different words, the first list is erased.

Edit will take you step by step through the process of adding new words, but before you use Edit you must carefully gather all the information you need for each word. The following form shows an example of the information Edit will expect for each word. The maximum number of letters should include punctuation marks and spaces between words. Only the first letter of a sentence will be capitalized, so try not to use any proper nouns in your sentences.

Word (15 letters max.)	DEMONSTRATE
Synonym: (15 letters max.)	SHOW
Definition: (40 letters max.)	TO SHOW CLEARLY
Example sentence: (60 letters max.)	THE MAGICIAN WILL DEMONSTRATE THE SECRET BEHIND HIS TRICK.

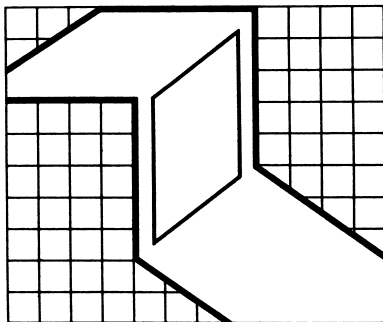




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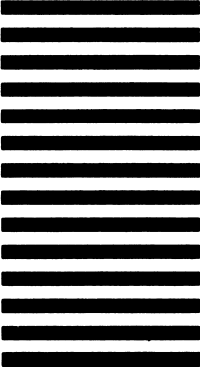


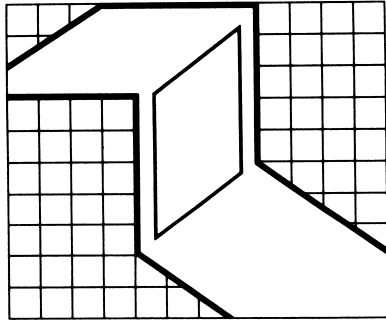
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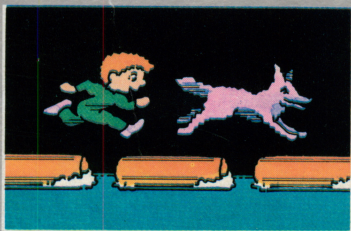
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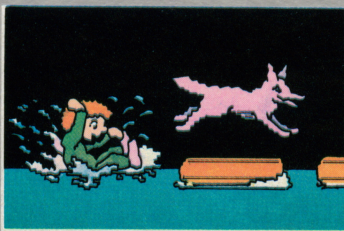
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Trickster Coyote™ is a wise and witty game that takes the serious business of learning vocabulary and turns it into a howling good romp for school-age kids. Coyote is the enemy, armed with 5 disguises and a crafty bag of verbal tricks. Words



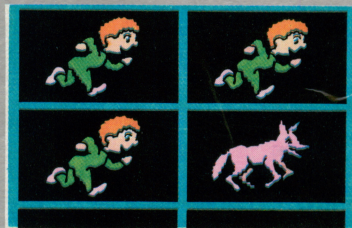
and their synonyms are the only weapons that will bring him down during the log-jumping chase. When the

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300 words have been mastered, players can substitute their own. The action takes place in color—

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