

# Hikaru no Go 3 (Import) FAQ

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Hikaru No Go 3

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UPDATE

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- 02/13/05- \*Modified the ranking prizes for 11th rank. Working hard to translate a bit of the official Japanese game guide that is being scanned and emailed to me by Radames Fernandez. I will keep you all up to date on what changes there are due to the guide. So far most of what I have on this FAQ is in the pages I have been getting... so there's little new stuff to post.
- 01/22/05- \*Won a tournament in Denver. In the 35-20k division, I won 1st place.
- 12/22/04- \*Modified my top scores on the Tsumego problems. I also spaced the different sections out as it was kind of confusing to me, and I know it might have been to readers. Corrected some of the exercises. Added the last 2 level 5 exercises.
- 12/20/04- \*Added 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th level items for rank-up. You gain the Sai doll when you get rank 10!
- 12/16/04- \*Added a town map and descriptions of places in the Insei school in the WORLD MAP area. (A thank-you to reader and fellow Go player 'Vinh Tran' for requesting it).
- 12/12/04- \*Met and beat the Mejin. (took a month off to play Final Fantasy X)
- 10/14/04- \*Added 4th, 5th, and 6th level items for rank-up.  
\*Beat the game once. Beat Hikaru in our first game, and won his action-figure.
- 10/06/04- \*Edited exercises 5d, 8d, and 9d. Expanded upon 4th Exercises 'GET' items. Added 5th level Exercises 1f-8f. Changed personal best score on the 4th level Exercises. (Can you tell I have been working Tsumego this weekend?)
- 09/30/04- \*Added 4th 50 Exercises (GBA) 'GET' item
- 09/20/04- \*Added 4th level Insei School Life & Death problems  
\*Adjusted my personal best score on the 3rd & 4th level Life & Death  
\*Added 1-50 Part 4 Exercises 'what to do?'
- 09/13/04- \*Adjusted my personal best score on the 2nd & 3rd level Life & Death.  
Added Insei School 'GET' items. Added 3rd level exercise 10c.
- 09/09/04- \*Adjusted my personal best score on the 2nd level Life & Death, fixed problem 2a.

- 09/08/04- \*Expanded upon the story after beating Ogata 9 dan
- 09/01/04- \*Expanded upon 3rd Exercises 'GET' items
- 08/31/04- \*Added Insei school information  
\*Added Internet Cafe information
- 08/27/04- \*Added Neoseeker to the webpages that host this FAQ  
\*Added 3rd Exercises 'GET' items
- 08/26/04- \*Added 2nd Exercises 'GET' item  
\*Added official Hikaru no Go 3 website (in Japanese only)  
\*Added 16-50 Part 2 Exercises 'what to do?'  
\*Added 1-50 Part 3 Exercises 'what to do?'
- 08/24/04- \*Added 3rd level Insei School Life & Death problems  
\*Changed the format of the School Life & Death problems  
\*Added Insei School 'GET' items
- 08/23/04- \*Added 1st & 2nd level Insei School Life & Death problems  
\*Added Insei School 'GET' items  
\*Added Rank 3 'GET' items  
\*Added 1-15 Part 2 Exercises 'what to do?'

#### Work-In-Progress

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As I progress through this game, I will be updating this FAQ. Thank you for your enjoyment and for your patience. If you come across any discrepancies or any additional information, please feel free to email me and I shall add it to the FAQ.

#### Freeloader

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Hikaru no Go 3 is a Japanese game but works with a Freeloader disk perfectly. The Hikaru no Go 3 GBA cart works with any GBA and GBA SP system without modification.

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#### Disclaimer

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I studied Japanese in college, but am by no means translating this FAQ directly from Japanese. In fact, many of you will find that I use the correct words in one area and not in another. There are reasons for this.

First, my dictionary may not have the kanji that are in the book, and I may not know them either (I only know 200 kanji myself).

Secondly, this FAQ is so that English-speaking people can play this game and enjoy themselves. Most people don't care about literal translation as long as they can play the darn thing.

If you speak Japanese, have the game, and would like me to add your comments, please email me with your information and I will add you to the list of contributors and give you credit. But please do not get angry that I translated something wrong in that I didn't do it verbatim. I am not doing this verbatim.

I will not include a walkthrough. This is a game of Go, and there would be no way that I can make a walkthrough. It is impossible for a computer to beat a pro at Go... but a beginner is another story. This program is a fairly decent opponent, and it would behoove you to learn Go if you are to play well.

And since this is a Go game, I will not include information on how to play Go. I am assuming that the reader can play basic Go and knows the basic rules and terms.

Also, I can copyright my words, but the game is already copywrited by Konami. Please do not steal this document. You may use it. I want you to. That's why I wrote it. But if you would like to post it on your site, please get permission first and don't change the information inside of it. You might as well make your own FAQ in that case.

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Finally, I will include Go websites at the end of this FAQ. This is not because I am promoting anyone. Go is a great game, but it is nowhere as large here in the English speaking countries as it is abroad in Asia and Japan. The links at the end are only meant for further study and searching for clubs wherever you may live.

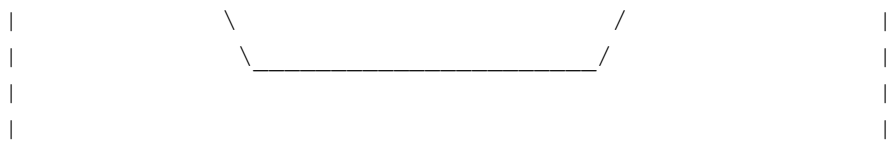
#### Game Booklet Pages

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I won't cover all the pages given here as it is easier to do a step-by-step FAQ. But, here's the game booklet information.

- Inside Cover-1: Warnings (not going to cover this.)
- 2-6: Proper use and maintenance (not going to cover this. Basic safety stuff)
- 7: Chapters (covering here for the most part)
- 8: Prologue (not covering here)
- 9: Connecting (will be covering in other sections)
- 10-11: Characters (may cover later)
- 12-13: Controller
- 14-15: The Main Screen
- 16-17: Game Options
- 18: Replay Screen
- 19: Name
- 20: Story Game Mode
- 21: Start
- 22-29: Your Room
- 30-31: Town Map





The middle is the Goban, and the top two middle spheres are the time left remaining for that character/player to play. This acts like a chess clock.

#### THE GAME BEGINS- STORY MODE

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Name

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Place to put your name. Cycle through hiragana, katakana, and English using the 'L' and 'R' buttons. You are allowed 5 characters.

The very last option on the far right hand side is 'End'. Press that, and you'll take the name you typed in.

Story Game Mode

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Once you leave the game... when you re-start Story Mode you will have 2 options:

[Start] Starts new game

[Load Data] Starts game from previously saved data

Don't forget to load data if you want to return to your old game. When you do, it will recover the saved data. Select it. It will then ask if you're sure that you want to load it. Choose the top choice.

[yes]

[no]

Start

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The game begins with a traditional Goban. Dark stains appear as you examine it and a ghost appears in your room. It's Sai. He describes his dilemma and offers to teach/play Go. This can't be skipped, but you only have to go through it once.

We learn later on, after meeting some of the main stars of the manga, (directly after playing and beating Ogata 9 dan in a very tough 19x19 game) that this game is taking place after the manga ends. We go to meet Hikaru, and Sai is very excited to see his old friend again... but Hikaru does not see Sai. Sai yells Hikaru's name over and over, but Hikaru only addresses your character and

closes the door without seeing his old friend. Sai gets sad, but knows that he is now here to help you with Go, and that is enough for him. He thanks you.

Your Room

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Sai is here, and will help you become a better player. He has several options when you get his attention by pressing 'A'. These are (from top to bottom) with their sub-screens:

[Talk] Sai will keep you company and speak several messages to you.

[Go Lessons] Sai will help you with some Go exercises.

[Basics] Teaches you how to play Go. VERY detailed.

[Go Exercises] GBA downloadable exercises. Play them here too.

[Game] Play a game of Go with Sai.

[Normal] 1 on 1 game.

[Every 3rd stone] you play every 3rd stone. He gives hints.

[Leave] Head to town.

[yes]

[no]

[Data] Go through old games, GBA download, etc.

[Management]

/|-[Kifu Results] Your personal kifu.

/|-[Results] Your win/loss against specific characters

/|-[Effects] Change effects when you play (I wish you could turn these off because they take time and are a bit distracting... but you can't.)

[Connect]

[Stone Wall]

[Game Hand]

[Best Move]

/|-[Name Change] Change your story mode name

/|-[System Option]

[Controller Vibrate] Controller rumble on/off

[Stereo] Stereo on/Mono on

[GBA Download/Upload] This is for downloading information to the Game Boy Advance cart that comes with 'Hikaru no Go3'.

[Blister Pack Viewing] Looks at the figurines you collect in the game

[End Game] End the Hikaru no Go 3 game. Goes to main intro screen.

[yes]

[no]

STARTING A GAME OF GO

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When you begin a game, Sai will appear and take you to a screen where you will set up the options for your game.

Screen 1: He'll ask you the difficulty setting for this game. 1 is the easiest. 15 is Sai level. In actual Kyu level (the game isn't really Dan level, as no computer program can be Dan level... yet...) I would say that 'rank 9' is about 25 kyu, rank 12 is about 22 kyu, and rank 15 is about 18 kyu. The game starts at 9 rank, and unless you are above 25 kyu yourself, I would keep it there. It is challenging enough for beginners at this level.

Suggestion: When you go up 2 ranks yourself (in-game ranks) I would up the difficulty by 1. This way you always have a good challenge.

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Screen 2:

[Stone Color]: Black/White or Red/Blue. Others unlock as you earn them.

[Goban]: Flat or traditional. Others unlock as you earn them.

[Background]: This unlocks later in the game when you earn backgrounds

Moving the 'glowing invisible cursor' to 'GO' at the top of the screen will take you onto the next screen. Doing it again will start the game.

Screen 2:

[Board Size] [Black player]

[Komi] [Handicap]

[Game Time] [Placement]

Board Size: 9x9/13x13/19x19

Komi: White's balancing bonus. Usually 6 points. Turns off 'Handicap'.

Game Time: 10 min/20 min/30 min/1 hr/2 hrs

Black player: Who plays black? Nigiri/Left player/Right player

Handicap: Choose how many handicap stones black gets. Turns off 'Komi'.

Placement: Gives you time to play a stone. 10 sec/30 sec/1 min/3 min/5 min

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Screen 'L' (Option):

[BGM] [Effects]

[Character Sound] [Hand Placing]

[Character Time] [Goban View]

[Character Comments]

BGM: Background Music. On/Off

Character Sound: Speaking voices. On/Off.

Character Time: Use time clock. On (6 characters)/Off

Character Comments: On (6 characters)/Off

Effects: On/Off

Hand Placing: Animated hand placing the stones.

Goban View: Top or side view of Goban.

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Screen 'R' (Support):

[Atari Warning] [Occupied Area Shaded]

[Wait] [Hint]

[Word Balloons] [Support Menu]

[Play Comments]

Atari Warning: on/off, left on/right off, right on/left off

Wait: Active, Inactive

Word Balloons: Characters word balloons appear or not. On/Off

Play Comments: Characters comment on your moves. On/Off

Occupied Area Shaded: Off/Normal (default)/Real Time

Hint: Normal Game Off/Normal Game 1-10 times/3rd Stone off/3rd Stone 1-10

times/Off

Support Menu: On/Off

Playing A Go Game

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When playing an actual game of Go on this disc, if you hit Start/Pause, you'll get a screen with these options (in order from top to bottom and left to right):

[Quit] [Reset/Back 2 moves]

[Resign] [Investigate]

[Pass] [Game Analysis]

[Room] [Hint]

[Options] [Zoom]

Quit: Quits the game and counts immediately.

Resign: Different from quit in that you give up. You lose automatically.

Pass: Pass your turn.

Room: Goes back to your room, and saves the game if you are in town.

Options: Sends you to the option room. (see below)

Reset: Only available when playing Sai. Starts the Go game from scratch or takes back 2 moves. Turns off when you get better.

Investigate: Shades controlled territory.

Game Analysis: Gives stats for the current game in its current state.

Hint: Sai's fan taps an area he thinks would be a good move.

Zoom: Makes the characters smaller and the goban bigger.

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Pressing the red 'B' button will get you back to the go game in progress.

End Go Game

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When the game is about to end, one of several things will happen.

- 1) You choose either 'Resign' (you lose automatically)
- 2) You 'quit' (you might lose).
- 3) The opponent will state that there is nothing more productive that can happen. They will then ask if you agree. Two balloons will pop up in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. The top is 'Yes', and the bottom is 'No'. If you choose 'yes', the Go game will end, and the board will remove dead stones, re-arrange its self for easier counting. It will count, and give a verdict on who won.

Sai will pop up onto the screen and make a comment. He will then send you to another screen that shows the finalized score, and you will be asked if you want to save this game in your kifu collection. If you choose the bottom 'no', it will auto-save, and you will move on.

If you choose the top 'yes' (are you seeing a pattern?), it will ask you where you want to save it: Box 1, Box 2, Drop (if you have changed your mind). It will ask for confirmation (the top 'yes' bottom 'no'), and then send you to continue



your Hikaru no Go 3 game.

#### Kifu Screen

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When you play through your kifus, these are the commands available as they appear on screen (top to bottom and left to right). They're pretty obvious:

[Go back 1 play][Go forward 1 play]  
[Auto Back][Auto Forward][All the way back][All the way forward]  
[Variable Information][Reset]  
[Exit]  
(O) \_\_\_\_\_ Who is playing black and their prisoners  
(o) \_\_\_\_\_ Who is playing white and their prisoners

#### World Map

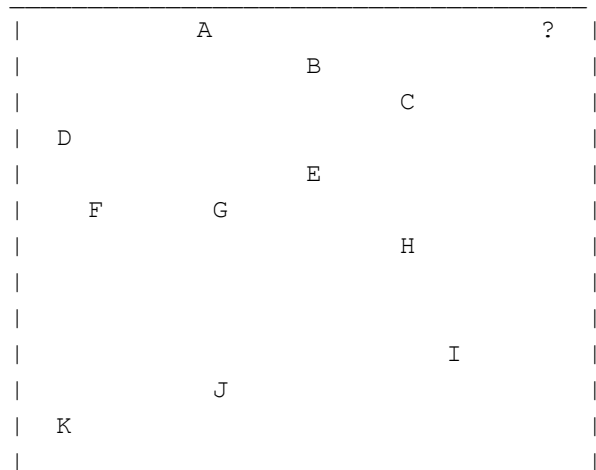
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When you enter the storyline world, you can follow the storyline by visiting areas on the map and playing Go.

Places you need to go to progress the story will have a red dot in the center of the area. When you are done at that area, the game will automatically save and you can see where you need to go next. Some areas will be available to visit even if you have completed them (the Insei School and Internet Cafe for example). These places sometimes allow you play Go games and get stronger rank, some will just challenge you, some won't do anything.

If the area is filled in light gray, then this area is locked until you do something else on the map somewhere else.

This is the whole map when everything is unlocked (well, almost everything)...



A: Hikaru's House;                    Play against Hikaru here.  
B: Go Class;                            Play against Akari here.

C: Jr. High School; Play against "Shogi Master" Kaga here.  
D: Mejin Touya's House; Play against the Mejin here.  
E: Home Base; To return to your house.  
F: The Touya Go Parlour; Play against Akira here.  
G: Insei School; In the order on the screen...  
\* Play against Ochi.  
\* Play against Tsutsui.  
\* Play against Old Master Honinbo Kuwabara.  
\* Play against cutie Asumi (guess my favorite character).  
\* Play against Ogata.  
\* Practice Tesuji  
H: Internet Cafe; Play to gain rank here. Starts with handicapped 9x9  
games and gets gradually tougher as you gain rank.  
From rank 1-10 you only play 9x9 or 13x13 games.  
I: Conference Center; Play against Kurata here.  
J: Waya's House; Play with the insei gang here. You can even play  
doubles games here. Isumi is also here.  
K: Go Parlour; Play against Mitani here.  
?: ??????; I haven't opened this part up yet. It's still grey. I  
will try to gain rank past 10th soon and see if it  
unlocks if you pass 10th rank. I have beaten the  
game and even beaten the mejin... but have not  
been able to unlock this area. There must be more.

Insei School  
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The top level of the insei school allows you to learn from the pretty girl Asumi  
She'll ask you if you want to play a 13x13 game (bottom=no, top=yes).

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The middle level is where you meet other people in the school and visitors.  
Some of the people will want to play you a game. In the beginning of the game  
you have no choice.

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The bottom level of the Insei School has a teacher who gives you a series of  
5 randomized Life & Death questions. I will not give you the answers. Repeat:  
I will not be giving the answers here.

Why?

Because Go is supposed to challenge your mind. you only get better if you work  
on something yourself. Trust me, it's better this way. Some games you can give  
the answers away... some things are better done yourself. If you send me a real  
nice email though, I may send you the first placement for black for each of the  
exercises... to help you along.

Score:  
20: nothing  
19: nothing  
18: nothing  
17: nothing  
16: Trophy  
15: Life & Death Exercises 2 (downloadable GBA)  
14: nothing

13: nothing  
 12: nothing  
 11: Trophy  
 10: Life & Death Exercises 3 (downloadable GBA)  
 9: nothing  
 8: nothing  
 7: nothing  
 6: Trophy  
 5: Life & Death Exercises 4 (downloadable GBA)  
 4: nothing  
 3: nothing  
 2: Trophy  
 1: Certificate

You earn the privilege of working on 10 tougher problems at scores 15, 10 and 5. Should you start to do poorly, you are given easier problems. This makes it an ongoing challenge. You also get other things as you win and get better scores.

Well, here are the questions in no particular order. They're displayed on a 13x13 (1-13 up/A-M across) board, but I will just post them near their appropriate corner. Place them on your own goban to help you see the pattern better.

I also post my personal best score (best is 10):

@=BLACK  
 O=WHITE  
 X=MARKED WHITE

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 (1st level problems)  
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1a) Personal best: 10

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ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +--@@--OO---
12 |@ @OOO@O
11 | @O @@@@OO
10 | @O @ @ @ O
09 | @O O@@@ O
08 | @@OOOOO

```

2a) Personal best: 10

```

BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
      @ | 12
O    O@ | 11
OO  OO@ | 10
    @@O@ | 09
O  O@@ | 08
    O | 07

```

3a) Capture the marked white stone/Personal best: 10

```

BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----X@----+ 13
    O  O@ | 12
OO    O@ | 11

```

```
OO O@ | 10
O O | 09
O @ | 08
```

4a) Personal best: 10

```
BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----O--+ 13
@ @ O O | 12
@O @OOO | 11
@O @@@@ | 10
OO | 09
OO OO | 08
O | 07
```

5a) Personal best: 10

```
BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----O--+ 13
O O@ O | 12
O O @O@ O | 11
O OOO@ O | 10
@ @ O | 09
@ @ | 08
```

6a) Personal best: 10

```
BCDEFGHIJKLM
---O---O--+ 13
@ @OOO O | 12
@ @@@@@@O | 11
O | 10
@ O | 09
O | 08
```

7a) Personal best: 10

```
BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
O | 12
O O OOOO | 11
O@O@@@@O | 10
OO@ @ | 09
@ | 08
```

8a) Personal best: 7

```
ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +O----O-----
12 @O O@ @
11 @OOOO@
10 |@ @ @ @
09 |@ @ @
```

9a) Personal best: 10

```
ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +-@@O---O@@-
12 | @O @OO@
11 | @O O OO@
```

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10 |@ O   O
09 |   OOOO O@
08 |@ @   @
07 | @@@@ @ @
06 |       @

```

10a) Personal best: 10

```

      ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +-@@--O@----
12 |O@ @@@@
11 |O@ @@@@ O
10 | O@OO OO
09 |OO O O
08 | O

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(2nd level problems)
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1b) Capture the marked white stones/Personal best: 10

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BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----@+ 13
   OO@@@OO@ 12
   OO@XXXX@| 11
   @ X@ | 10
   @ X@ @| 09
       | 08
   OOO | 07
       @ | 06

```

2b) Personal best: 10

```

      ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +-----
12 |O OOO@@ @O
11 | O@ @OO@ O
10 |OO@ @   O
09 |       O O
08 |   @   O
07 |       O

```

3b) Personal best: 10

```

      ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +---O@-O@---
12 |@O OOO@
11 |@OOO@@@
10 | @@@ @
09 |@

```

4b) Personal best: 10

```

BCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
   OO   O | 12
   O @O @@@ | 11
   O   OO@O | 10
   O @@@OO | 09
       | 08

```

5b) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKL

13 +---@-----  
12 |@ @OO  
11 O@O  
10 @OO  
09 |  
08 |O

6b) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKL

13 +-----  
12 | O  
11 | @O O  
10 | @O O  
09 | @O O  
08 | @O@O O  
07 | @O@O O  
06 | @O@O  
05 | @

7b) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKL

13 +---OO-----  
12 OO O@ @  
11 @O@  
10 @@@@ @  
09 |

8b) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKL

13 +-----  
12 | @O @O  
11 | @O@O@O  
10 | @ @O@O@O  
09 | @O@

9b) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

----@OOOOO--+ 13  
@O@ | 12  
@@@@@O | 11  
OOO | 10  
O | 09  
O | 08

10b) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

-----@O--+ 13  
O O@O@O@O | 12  
OO @O@ | 11  
OOOO | 10  
| 09

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(3rd level problems)

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1c) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

-----+ 13

    O | 12

@  @O | 11

@ OO O | 10

  @O@O O | 09

  @O@O@ | 08

@  @@@OO | 07

2c) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

-----+ 13

  @@ | 12

@  OO@@O | 11

@ OO @@OO | 10

  O  O O | 09

O O  @O | 08

  O  @O | 07

  @ O | 06

      | 05

      O | 04

3c) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

-----+ 13

  @XX@ | 12

@  @O | 11

@  @ O | 10

  O@ O | 09

  @  | 08

4c) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKL

13 +O-O@@-----

12 | @ O@

11 |O@O@O@

10 |@  @@

09 |@  @

08 |  @

5c) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

-----+ 13

@O  O  | 12

@ OO@OO@OOO | 11

@O O@O@O@O@O 10

@  O  @O@  @O 09

  @  O@O@O@O | 08

    O  O  | 07

@  OOO O  | 06

      | 05

@          | 04

6c) Personal best: 4

BCDEFGHIJKLM

```

-----OO--+ 13
  OOO@O@O | 12
    O @O@ @| 11
  O@@O@@ | 10
    O@O@ | 09
  OOO@@ | 08

```

7c) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

```

13 +-----
12 |@O O@OOO
11 |@O O@ O
10 | @O @OO
09 | @OOO@O
08 | @OOOO

```

8c) Personal best: 7

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

```

13 +---OOO-----
12 | O @O
11 | O@@OO
10 |@@@OO@
09 |@O
08 |@O
07 |
06 |
05 | @ O
04 | @

```

9c) Personal best: 10

BCDEFGHIJKLM

```

-----O--@+ 13
  OOO@@ @@| 12
    OO@ O@O 11
      OOOO 10
    O O| 09
      | 08

```

10c) Personal best: 8

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

```

13 +-@@-----
12 | @OO @OO
11 | @@ O @OOOO
10 | OO @O
09 | @ O @O
08 | @ @OOO @O
07 | @ @O
06 | O O O
05 | @ OO

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(4th level problems)  
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1d) Personal best: 10

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

-----+ 13



```
@O O OOOO 12
OO@OO@OO@OO 11
 @@@@@@ | 10
 @      @ | 09
        | 08
```

2d) Personal best: 10

```
ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +-----
12 |
11 |@@@ @
10 |@OOO
09 |OO
08 | @ @
07 | O
```

3d) Personal best: 10

```
BCDEFGHIJKLM
--O----O-O-+ 13
 O  O@OOOO 12
 OO O@@@@@ 11
 O @@@ | 10
 O      | 09
```

4d) Personal best: 10

```
ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +--O-@-----
12 O  OO@@
11 OOOO@@
10 @O@@ @
09 @@ @
08 | @
```

5d) Personal best: 4

```
ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +O@@-----
12 O O@ @
11 | O@ O @ @
10 | O@O @
09 | OO@@@
```

6d) Personal best: 10

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
 O  OOO| 12
 O @@@O@@ O| 11
 @ O@OO | 10
 OOOO @@ O| 09
 OOO O | 08
 O @@O | 07
 @ O | 06
 @ @@ | 05
 O | 04
```

7d) Personal best: 7

CDEFGHIJKLM

```
-----@-----+ 13
  @ @OO | 12
  @O@ @ | 11
 @@@OOO | 10
  O@ @ | 09
  OO O@ | 08
   O O@ | 07
    O | 06
   OO | 05
  @@@@ | 04
```

8d) Personal best: 5

```
  ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 +OO-----
12 @O@OO @ @O
11 | @ @ @ O@OOO
10 | @ @ @ @
09 |   O
08 | @ @ O
```

9d) Personal best: 1

```
  ABCDEFGHIJ
13 +-----
12 OO@ @
11 @O@OOO@
10 |@OO @
09 |@ @
08 | @ @
```

10d) Personal best: 10

```
  ABCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
  O OO@O @O | 12
  O OO@OOO@O | 11
  O @@@@OO@ | 10
    @@@ | 09
  @ @ | 08
```

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(5th level problems)  
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1e) Personal best: 0

```
  ABCDEFGHIJKLM
-----OOO+ 13
  OOO O | 12
    OO@ @ | 11
  @@@@OO | 10
  OOO @O | 09
    @ | 08
  @ | 07
```

2e) Personal best: 0

```
  ABCDEFGHIJKL
13 OOO-----
12 @ @ O
```

```
11 | @ O OO O
10 @ @OO@
09 | @O@@ O
08 @@@@O@
07 |OO@@ @
06 |O O
05 | O @
04 | O
03 | O
```

3e) Personal best: 3

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

```
-----@O@-O+ 13
  @ @OO@ | 12
  @ O@@@ | 11
  @ OOOO | 10
  O @O | 09
  @ @@@ | 08
  @ @ | 07
```

4e) Personal best: 0

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

```
-----@+ 13
  OO@ | 12
  O O O@@@ | 11
  @OO@ | 10
  @ @ OO | 09
  @O | 08
  | 07
  | 06
  | 05
  | 04
  O | 03
```

5e) Personal best: 2

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP

```
-----+ 13
  OO@@ | 12
  O @OO O O | 11
  @ O@O | 10
  O | 09
  @ | 08
  | 07
```

6e) Personal best: 8

ABCDEFGHIJ

```
13 +-----
12 | OOOO@
11 | O @O @@
10 |O@@@O
09 | O@OOO@@
08 | O@ @@
07 |OO@ @
06 |O @
05 | @
04 |@ @
```

7e) Personal best: 0

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLM
-----O@---O+ 13
  @ @OOO@ 12
    @O@O@ 11
      @OOO@ | 10
    @@@@O  O | 09
  @OOOO  | 08
@OOO@O O | 07
  @O  | 06
 @ @O  | 05
  O  | 04
```

8e) Personal best: 0

```
ABCDEFGHIJ
13 +-----O---
12 | @OOO@ @
11 | OOOOO @
10 | @
09 @OOOOOOO
08 |
```

9e) Personal best: 7

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLM
-----+ 13
      | 12
    O  | 11
  @O @  | 10
  O@O@O  | 09
      | 08
      | 07
      | 06
O      @  | 05
```

10e) Personal best: 0

```
ABCDEFGHIJ
13 +@O-----
12 O@O O@  O
11 OO@OOO@ OO O
10 |O@ @@@
09 |O@ @  OOO
08 |@OOO@O
07 |OOOOOOO
06 | O
```

Lower Right: Internet Cafe  
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The internet cafe allows you to play other people. You can play here to help you earn ranking and progress in the game. First, the hostess will ask you if you wish to play or not (bottom=no, top=yes). Then, you will be given an opponent. It will show their stats, and if you have played them before and if you won or lost. Then, on with the game!

Game Boy Advance Download Screen

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This is a great feature of this game.

Hikaru no Go 3 comes with an adapted GBA cart for you to download information to and from. Here's how to set up this feature from your 'room' in story mode.

\*Go to the 'Data' option.

\*Keep your Game Cube controller in port 1.

\*Plug in the GBA/Cube adapter into your GBA and the cube port 2, and choose the top selection on the screen.

/|- [Controller Port 2]  
/|- [Controller Port 3]  
/|- [Controller Port 4]

\*Put the 'Hikaru no Go 3' GBA cart into the GBA

\*Turn on the GBA and push 'select' and 'start' at the same time, and keep them down until the 'Nintendo' logo disappears and you only have the 'Game Boy' logo.

\*Cycle through the Game Cube screens by pressing 'A'. The screens tell you to do what I just told you to do.

\*If you did it correctly, at the lower right-hand corner of the screen you should see a percentage meter, and a green (as opposed to purple) 'Nintendo' logo on your GBA. This is downloading set-up info into the cart.

\*When it is done, the GBA screen should display Japanese characters in small circles. This is 'Hikaru no Go 3' in Japanese. You can't do anything on this screen, so don't try. You're not finished yet...

\*The TV screen will show several choices. They are as follows (from top to bottom)

/|-[Multi-Player] Downloads the GBA games for 1 on 1 and 2 on 2 player games

/|-[Go Exercises] Sets of 50 exercises.

/|-[Unknown] This unlocks later.

/|-[Data Upload] When you have results or have finished exercises on your GBA  
[yes]  
[no]

/|-[Cartridge Clear] Erases all data on the GBA  
[yes]  
[no]

Selecting any one of these will do the appropriate action to the GBA. This will take time to download, and so you will be sent back to your room to talk to Sai

and do exercises. You can't leave the room or play against Sai until the GBA is finished loading.

\*When the GBA is done, turn it off and unplug it. You can now play this whenever you like.

#### Gamecube/GBA Go Exercises Screen

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Each of these exercises is meant to help you with certain situations in Go that might come up. In fact, there are entire books with just these problems to work on. I will describe (in short) what they are requiring for these problems...

#### Go Exercises / 1st set

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- 1) Capture all white stones that are in atari
- 2) Save all of your black stones that are in Atari
- 3) Capture all white stones that are in atari
- 4) Save your stones in atari, capture white in atari
- 5-7) Black to move- Best move
- 8) Prevent the upper left white group from connecting
- 9-10) Prevent white from making 2 eyes
- 11-12) Make 2 eyes
- 13-14) Begin to capture the marked white stone (hint: ladder)
- 15-16) Capture a white stone or group
- 17-19) Begin to capture the marked white stone
- 20-21) Capture a white stone or group (hint: snapback)
- 22-23) Black to play- Best move
- 24-25) Black to play- Best move (hint: tiger mouth)
- 26-27) Black to play- Best move (hint: bamboo joint)
- 28-29) Black to play- Best move (hint: net)
- 30-31) Black to play- Weaken white
- 32-37) Prevent white from making 2 eyes
- 38-40) Make white's eyes false
- 41) Black to play- Capture White
- 42-47) Black to play- Best move
- 48) Black to play- To start capture
- 49-50) Black to play- Best move

#### Go Exercises / 2nd set

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- 1) Black to play- Best move
- 2) Save the 3 stones
- 3) Use the Cut method
- 4-6) Isolate the middle white stone
- 7) Black to play- Best move
- 8) Link the 2 black groups
- 9) Black to play- Best move
- 10) Save the isolated group
- 11) Prevent the 2 white stones from linking
- 12) Save the isolated 2 stones
- 13) Save the middle stone
- 14) Save the middle stone from 1 & 3 white
- 15) Prevent 1 & 3 white from linking to the other white stone

- 16-17) Connect your 2 groups across the top.
- 18) Save your top group
- 19) Save your middle group.
- 20-29) Coming soon
- 30-40) 19x19 Fuseki/Joseki- Black to play- Best move
- 40-50) Black to play- Best move

note: the exercises become less and less 'something' to do, and more about 'Life and Death' situations: how to survive or make the most of a given situation.

#### Go Exercises / 3rd set

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- 1-5) Black to play- Best move
- 6-10) 19x19 Fuseki/Joseki- Black to play- Best move
- 11-15) 9x9- Middle game- Black to play- Best move (VERY helpful!!!)
- 16-25) Black to play- Best move
- 26-35) 19x19- Black to play- Best move
- 36-42) 19x19- Joseki A,B,C,D best move (VERY helpful!!!)
- 43-50) 13x13- Black to play- Best move

#### Go Exercises / 4th set

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- 1-4) 19x19- Fuseki A,B,C,D best move
- 5-8) 13x13- Finish the sequence
- 9) 9x9- Finish the sequence
- 10) 13x13- Finish the sequence
- 11-13) 9x9- Middle game- A,B,C best move
- 14-16) Tesuji
- 17-21) 13x13- A,B best move
- 22-28) Black to play- Best move
- 29-36) 9x9- Middle game- Black to play- Best move
- 37-43) Black to play- Best move
- 44-50) Black to play- Best move

#### GBA Versus Screen

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Two players need to have purchased the 'Hikaru no Go 3' game to play 2 or more people. I unfortunately cannot report upon this as I do not have 2 copies of the game.

#### Secrets and Neat Things

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Some of the neat things in this game really make it worth playing. I'm easily amused so these are just things I liked.

- 1) As you defeat characters, you gain a 'Doll' of them wrapped in a 'blister pack'. You can view the doll in the Data area. You can't take them out of their wrapping, however.

- 2) Since the internal clock keeps time, Sai tells you "Good Morning", "Good Afternoon", or "Good Evening" accordingly. Nice touch.
- 3) As for being an opponent, the game recognizes good and bad moves. It will reward you when you play well by playing special effects. Also, it realizes when it has no moves left and will pass automatically. So if it doesn't pass, something's still workable.
- 4) As you gain rank and complete tasks and beat young characters, you gain items. As you get them, they appear in your room to help 'decorate' it.
  - 1st 50 Exercises all correct- Crystal Goban you can choose when starting games with Sai. Kifu played by the characters of Hikaru no Go. You also get a set of green and 'mother of pearl' stones to use.
  - 2nd 50 Exercises all correct- Goban and mat. You also get a set of marblized stones to use.
  - 3rd 50 Exercises all correct- Travel Goban. You also get a set of stones with Shindo and Akira's faces on them as well as Mitani's honeycomb special effects to use. The stones you get here are similar to an actual product offered in Japan. The Goishi set came with 80 go stones (with 40 different characters on them, 1 stone keychain (with Hikaru), 1 9x9 board, 2 bags (one for white and 1 for black) with SD caracatures of Hikaru and Akira on them (Hikaru on the white bag and Akira on the black). The set you get in this game just has Akira and Hikaru on the stones. You could put different stones in the keychain. if you wanted.
  - 4th 50 Exercises all correct- Chinese standing Goban. Very nice. Also, you get red and black shiny stones. Again, very nice.
  - 2nd Rank- Shoulder bag & effect.
  - 3rd Rank- Hikaru no Go 3 poster & effect.
  - 4th Rank- Shogi plaque & effect.
  - 5th Rank- Yellow Soda can & effect.
  - 6th Rank- Pink Soda can.
  - 7th Rank- Blue T-Shirt & effect.
  - 8th Rank- Green T-Shirt.
  - 9th Rank- Yellow Sneakers & effect.
  - 10th Rank- White Sneakers & effect & Sai doll (to complete wall collection)
  - 11th Rank- Fan (fits on the top shelf of bookshelf)
  - 12th Rank- Pumpkin (not achieved yet)
  - 13th Rank- Kickboard (not achieved yet)
  - 14th Rank- Red Refrigerator (not achieved yet)
  - 15th Rank- (not achieved yet)

#### Go Terms

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This is not a direct translation from Japanese. English equivalents are given. This was written putting them in alphabetical order based upon the Japanese alphabet (a, i, u, e, o, ka, ki, ku, ke, ko, etc...).

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Agehama: Prisoners. Captured stones.

Atari: When a stone or group of stones has/have 1 liberty open.

Atsume: 'Thickness' The influence of stones in relation to each other.

Uttegaeshi: 'Snapback'. A move where you sacrifice a stone to capture a group.

Uwate/Shitate: 'Upper hand' and 'Lower Hand'. Refers to strong moves or weaker moves.

Oi-otoshi: A situation where if a group connects an Atari, it will die. No escape.



Ooba: A big extending move on the side or corner of the board.

Okigo: Handicap Go.

Kakari: Often called the 'knight's move'.

Kishi: Professional Go player.

Kifu: A record of a game. It tells of each stone placement and other info.

Kyuuba: An urgent point in which you must make a move to either survive or fortify your position.

Kyoku: 9 stone handicap game.

Kiru: To 'cut'. To place your stone diagonally between two connected stones.

Kou: 'Threat'. When two groups of opposing stones can capture each other's intervening stone infinitely. Also written as 'Ko'.

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Komi: The points that is given to white at the beginning of a game to supplement black going first.

Shi: ???

Ji: Territory.

Jiai: A balance of territory.

Shikatsu: Life and death problems.

Shicho: 'Ladder' attack.

Shimari: A corner enclosure of stones.

Shuukyoku: End game where counting starts.

Jouseki: A standardized set of moves.

Seki: A situation where white and black both live. Usually because if one plays, the other kills. Worth no points. A stalemate.

Seme-ai: Also known as a capturing race or liberties race.

Sente: Play initiative. The aggressive play. Defensive play is 'gote'.

Dame: A neutral point where nobody owns that space. This space is filled in during the end game.

Chakushu-kin-shiten: Move prohibiting branching out?

Tsugi: A connection of stones.

Te: A played hand. Can consist of a single played stone or a group of stones.

Tewari: An evaluation of an area. Usually done out of game or in teaching games.

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Tesuji: A clever play.

Touryou: To resign.

Nigiri: To determine who goes first. One person chooses odd or even and the other grabs stones. If the guess was correct, then they are black.

Hiraki: An extension of stones.

Fuseki: Initial play of stones in the beginning of the game.

Matta: Wait. Not ready.

Moku: Point on the board.

Moyou: 'Net'. Stones placed so the opponent plays into a trap and is stopped or captured.

Yose: End game. Finishing up the game and playing last moves.

Go Websites

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\*<http://www.usgo.org/index.asp>

Homepage for the AGA (American Go Association). Go to tournaments to get rated.

\*<http://www.dragongoserver.net/index.php>

A play-by-internet-when-you-can server. I am on as "noriaki\_kakyouin".

\*<http://gobase.org/>

A great site that has tons of information about Go games everywhere.

\*<http://senseis.xmp.net/>

A plethora of information is here. Like a big Go dictionary.

\*<http://www.goproblems.com/>

A place that has tons of 'shikatsu'/'Life and Death' situations (like the GBA download).

\*<http://csgo.org/>

If you're ever in Colorado Springs, Colorado, I'll be at these meetings.

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