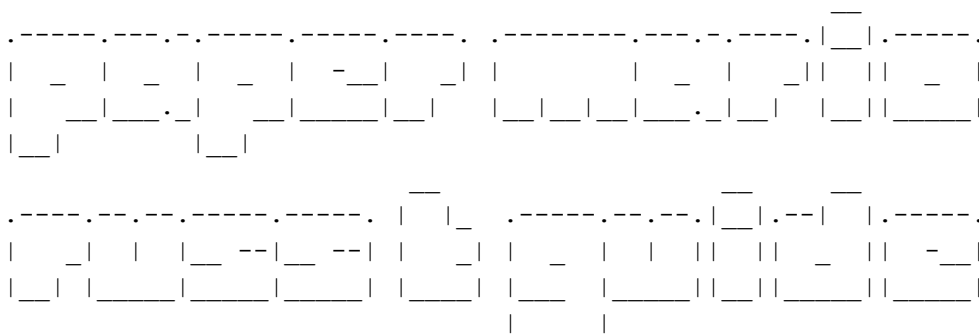


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00A: Introduction ~~~~~

Welcome to the guide! Russ T. is one of my favorite characters in Paper Mario. He's a very smart and distinguished Toad that tries his best to help Mario throughout his adventures in Paper Mario. Russ T. lives on books, and he has tons of useful game information, some of which is very non obvious unless you've read a full FAQ/Walkthrough for the game.

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00B: About Russ T. ~~~~~

Russ T. is in the first house you see in Toad Town (from the west entrance). Russ T.'s purpose in the game is to give you hints about places and things. Of course, if you want to hear a hint again, you have to keep talking to him and hope that he'll repeat the hint/information/story that he told previously. So,

that's what this guide is for: So you can view his hints and tips easily.

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00C: Russ T. Scripts ~~~~~

When you first meet him: "Oh, salutations. You are Mario, are you not? Of course I know who you are. I'm the wise Toad, Russ T. Pleasure meeting you. As you can probably tell, I love books and read all the time. Because I'm so well read, I know all sorts of interesting facts. Whenever you visit me, I'll be happy to share all of my knowledge with you."

When you talk to him before the first chapter: "Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... So it is told taht far away, at the very top of the sky, there exists a Star Haven, where Stars make their home. In Star Haven, there's a treasure called a Star Rod. According to legend, it was made with ancient magic. There are said to be Stars that are particulary strong and good-hearted. They are called Star Spirits. Using the magical Star Rod, these Star Spirits grant the wishes of everyone in this world. That's why, when we make a wish to the night sky and it comes true, it's all thanks to the Star Spirits and their Star Rod. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Now, if you will, how about a little timely information on how to operate the controls. Move the Control Stick and press the Z button to spin and run. That, my friend, is a Spin Dash. Also, when you talk to somebody, you can press Z to go back and read the previous message again. Hmm, let's see. Ah! If you press C Up while out and about, the amount of HP, FP, Star Points, and Coins will be shown. And what else... If you move the Control Stick slightly, Mario walks slowly and quietly. Sometimes it's good to walk slowly rather than always running, don't you know. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... If you go east from the place where Princess Peach's Castle used to be, you'll find a place called Shooting Star Summit. At the foot of the summit live Merlurvee and her brother, Merlow. The older sister, Merlurvee, can see things you're looking for by fortune-telling. The hobby of the younger brother, Merlow, is collecting Star Pieces. If you take him Star Pieces, he'll swap them for Badges. In point of fact, these two are the granddaughter and grandson of Merlon, who tells fortunes in Toad Town. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... There is a message board on the side of Merlon's house that posts news. It would appear that many people enjoy scribbling on the back of the message board. Indeed, various things are always written on it. You may want to take a quick look occasionally. Sometimes you'll read interesting news. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Have you seen any Candy Canes? They're those striped objects growing beside Pleasant Path. They're mysterious objects. Nobody knows anything about them. Even I don't! There are rumors, though... Many people believe that if you do something for the Candy Canes, you'll be rewarded later. Why don't you investigate? If there's anything else you wish to

know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... In Koopa Village, there lives a selfish village senior named Koopa Koot. This old Koopa Koot stops passers by and asks them for favors. Or so I've heard, anyway. And yet, they say that even if you meet his requests, he gives you only one coin. But it's been rumored that every once in a while, he gives out something good. Who knows what he might have... If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... I remember reading something in a book recently. It seems there are three blocks laid on the ground somewhere on Pleasant Path. And then... what was it? Ah! When you do something to the blocks, supposedly you can receive something good. Unfortunately, the book was quite vague on what to do. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Do you know about the Fire Bars? You know, those flaming obstacles that spin round and round? They're terribly dangerous and you'll be burned if you touch one. According to a brilliant book I read some time ago, there's a way to beat them. But if you can't touch them, how do you beat them? Maybe the book wasn't so brilliant... If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 1 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... In our fair land, there are several radio stations to listen to. If you occasionally check the radio, you might just hear some useful information. I've heard that someone in Koopa Village has a radio, so why don't you ask if you could have a listen? Actually, one of the radio stations, FM Shroom, will soon be celebrating its 10th anniversary. Sounds exciting! If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Have you seen that Chet Rippo character around Toad Town? I've heard rumors that if you talk to him, he will increase one of your point levels. But be careful, because when he increases one of the point levels, the other two levels will go down a wee bit. So I would suggest giving the matter a lot of thought before committing to the deal. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... There are tales of long ago, when thieves ruled the far off land of Dry Dry Desert. These robbers collected things from all over the desert and hid them in various places. I've heard of one of these hiding places, a block lying somewhere in Dry Dry Desert. When you hit the block once, a ? Block appears. But that's not all. Oh no! When you hit it ten times, another? Block shows up! This is but one of the rumors about hidden loot in the desert. Thieves thrived there, and I bet they had many hiding places. If you find yourself in Dry Dry Desert, I would suggest that you take the time to look around for treasures. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can

provide? Then, how about this... At the edge of Dry Dry Desert, there's a dusty old town called Dry Dry Outpost. Somewhere in this Dry Dry Outpost, there's supposedly a female wizard. If she casts a spell on you, something good may happen during battles. Why don't you give it a try? By the way, this wizard is said to be the twin sister of Merluvlee, the fortune teller from Shooting Star Summit. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 2 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... There's a place called Mt. Rugged. Trust me, there is. On this mountain, a very rare creature called Whaka lives. If you hit a Wacka, something called a Whacka's Bump will appear. It's very valuable. It's been said that if you eat one, you'll be instantly filled with energy. But... It's rather sad, actually... Even though Whackas are kind, people keep pummeling them to get the Whacka's Bumps. That's why the number of Whackas on Mt. Rugged has been declining. In fact, there's a rumor that there's only one left. The last Whacka... how tragic. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Near Toad Town Station, there's supposed to be a Playroom. But it's apparently closed to non members, which seems pretty rude if you ask me. On top of that, even if you find the place, you still need a membership card to play the games in there! I like to play games as much as the next Toad! But I have no idea how to get a membership card. Hmm... You know... I've heard that Koopa Koot of the Koopa Village is a member of the playroom... That old Koopa Koot might know something about it. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... I once read that a so called Mysterious Treasure Chest lies in Princess Peach's Castle. Apparently it's one of a pair. When you put something in one of the treasure chests, someone can take it out of the other one. That's a pretty exceptional treasure chest, isn't it? A long, long time ago, this chest was given to one of Princess Peach's ancestors by the Star Spirits. According to the book I read, there's only one treasure chest in Princess Peach's Castle. Where in the world could the other one be? If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... You do, of course, know that Forever Forest is east of town. It's a bit of a weird place. I've heard that ghosts have been known to haunt it, so you may want to steer clear. If you do want to go through the forest for whatever reason, it's vital that you find the correct path. To find the right one, look for scenery that differs a bit from the other scenery in the area and follow the path nearby. According to a rumor I heard, there's sometimes a hidden path in addition to the right one. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 3 ~~~~~

Note: You must get the dictionary back from Shy Guy's Toybox to hear what Russ T. has to say!

"Curses! Mario... A Shy Guy stole my Dictionary. Please get it back from him! I'm... I'm losing IQ points!"

After you give him back the dictionary:

"My dictionary! Oh, wonderful words! Many thanks, Mario."

When he reads the Mystery Note:

"You'd like me to translate this note for you? Let's see.. Ah ha! It seems to be written in the language of the Shy Guys. Let's see here...yes...accents...mmm...dilent "d", hmmm... Yes. It says, "Hit yellow, green, red and then blue. What an odd thing to write down. Any idea what it's about?"

After you complete that part of Shy Guy's Toybox:

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Throughout the world, I've heard, there are chambers hidden in the ground. If the ground near one of the chambers gets a big shock, a hidden panel pops up and a Star Piece shoots out from the ground below. You ought to keep an eye out for these chambers, Mario. Say, that reminds me... I heard that there's a Badge with the power to warn you when you're near a secret. If you found this Badge, it'd be easier to find the chambers. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... There's a grim guy called Anti Guy who guards a special treasure chest... According to a book I read a while back, he abosolutely loves Lemon Candy. If you take one to Anti Guy, he might mellow out a bit. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Some enemies will attack the party memeber who's with you, Mario. Remember, your friends are in battle, too! In a battle, you can defend your friend by pushing A at the right time, just like you do to defend yourself, Mario. It's a simple technique, but it helps protect your pals. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Did you know that when you attack enemies in the field, you'll get in a First Strike during the battle that follows? When you strike, if you Spin Jump or attack with Bombette or Kooper, you'll hurt enemies more than usual. Sure, it's a minor technique, but every little bit helps. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 4 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... You may see symbols above enemies in the battle sequences. These mean that the enemy can make you dizzy, put you to sleep, or call in some reinforcements. When you see those enemies, you should try to paralyze them or put them to sleep before they do it to you. The battle will be much easier if you can make it so your enemies can't move. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can

provide? Then, how about this... Prices for goods go up and down depending on which shop you go to. Of course, it's smarter for you to buy items at a cheaper shop. Be a bargain hunter! You know, if you're a real go getter, you can even sell items you buy at once shop to another shop. If you have good business sense, you may just make a profit. If there's anything else you wish to know, please free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Ever been to Lil Oinks Farm, near Toad Town Station? On that Farm, no more than ten Li'l Oinks can be in the pen at one time, so when the 11th comes, the first Lil Oink runs away and leaves the farm. Whenever a Lil Oink runs off, it drops an item. The item dropped depends on wht kind of Lil'l Oink it was. Of course, whenever you take one of these items, other Li'l Oinks will also leave the farm. To grab the item or not to grab the item... that is the question. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... If you take a Koopa Leaf and Dried Pasta to Ms. Tayce T., she will make some scrumptious spaghetti for you. That dish is actually a traditional one, a classic handed down in Koopa Village through many generations. Why don't you try it once, Mario? Come on! You'll love it! If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 5 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Do you know of the Yoshis that live on Lavalava Island in the South Ocean? Perhaps because their tropical island is so colorful, the Yoshis themselves are of many different colors. It seems they have different personalities, depending on their body colors. They all love food, but Yellow Yoshis seem to really delight in delicacies. Next time you see a Yellow Yoshi, try giving it something delicious. Trust me - it'll be happy. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... You know a Koopa called Mr. Kolorado, the famous explorer and archaeologist? I have nothing but respect for him. Solving the riddle of the Candy Canes on Pleasant Path, investigating Dry Dry Ruins in Dry Dry Desert, discovering many new facts.. these are but a few of his accomplishments. Recently, he found a treasure that proves an ancient civilization once existed on Lavalava Island. According to Mr. Kolorado, a long time ago, people once lived on Lavalava Island. I heard that these people used to live in the holes dug out of the side of the volcano on Lavalava Island. But they were forced to flee the island because the volcano became very active. Even he couldn't find out what kind of people they were or where they escaped to. Long after these mysterious people left the island, Yoshis and Ravens arrived, and they've lived in harmony ever since. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Do you know a giant Koopa called Kent C. Koopa? A long time ago, it seems this gent lived in Koopa Village. At the time, they say Kent C. Koopa often trained with four village Koopas. Kent C. Koopa was amazingly strong, so he always beat the team of Koopas. Strong as he was, I've heard from sove village residents that even Kent C. Koopa had a few weak points, though. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... There should be a place called Flower Fields hidden somewhere in the world. A very rare Crazee Dayzee, called an Amazy dayzee, is said to live there. I heard that this Amazy Dayzee is so timid that it runs away when it sees someone. If you glimpse it, count yourself lucky. I'd sure like to see it once. Even if you miss it the first time, you might see the Amazy Dayzee if you visit the same place again. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 6 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... It's a known fact that Miss Tayce T. is the best cook around. Everyone says so. I've had the good fortune to try many of her dishes, and believe me, they're heavenly. If I had to pick a favorite, it would be her Yoshi Cookie. According to Tayce T., the recipe calls for Cake Mix and a Melon. Try it if you get the chance. I highly recommend it. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... I just heard a rumor... Apparently, there's a shop somewhere under Toad Town. I can only wonder what kind of goods they sell there. Some folks are saying you can find real bargains there, while others have been ripped of. Who's telling the truth? If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... In hot climates, Snowman Dolls seem to sell very well. It makes sense that warm folks want cold goods, right? On the other hand, people who live in cold areas pay dearly for Fire Flowers. One could make quite a profit if one bought and sold wisely. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Koopa Village folk adore any food that has a bit of Koopa Leaf mixed in it. Koopa Leaf is an extremely delicate ingredient, so unless you cook it correctly, it won't taste very good. In these dark times, there are only a couple of people in the world who can successfully make Koopa Leaf dishes. I recall a shopkeeper at Koopa Village complaining about this... If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

After Chapter 7 ~~~~~

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... According to the vast stores of information I've gathered, there appears to be soldiers called the KooPatrol guarding Bowser's castle. They're nasty. And moreover, you can't jump on them because they're fitted with special spiked armor. There are creatures called Bony Beetles as well. They can also extend sharp spikes. When you head to Bowser's Castle, I would recommend that you take along a Spike Shield Badge, if you have one. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... You know a fellow called Goomba in Goomba Village? In olden times, he used to be a famous fighter. His name is all over

the copy of the Fighter's Almanac that I happen to own. He was an unrivaled champion. He'd knock out his enemies one after another using his greatest move, the Multibonk. When he was younger, he traveled the world, looking for someone to challenge him. In fact, Goompa taught the Dojo Master here in town. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... In the frozen heights of north, there's an icy peak named Shiver Mountain. Legend has it that deep in the mountain is a mystical fortress called the Crystal Palace. The existence of the palace has faded from people's memory. In this day and age, nobody remembers where it is or how to get there. You can see why folks call it a phantom palace. There is hope, though. According to my sources, the famed archaeologist Kolorado has immediate plans to search for and rediscover the legendary crystal structure. How exciting! Ah, to be young and adventurous again! If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

"Are you talking to me because you crave knowledge that only my intellect can provide? Then, how about this... Just the other day, I was fortunate enough to read the most fascinating book. This book said, and I quote... "...the Evil King chortles, and a sacred rod and seven lights fade into darkness. A lovely maiden rises to the heavens. But lo! A hero clad in red appears and travels the world. He gathers around him eight who are pure of heart. This hero restores the seven lights, and they raise him high into the sky. On the airy heights, the hero clashes with the Evil King. The lovely maiden wishes..." That's how it ended! Somebody had torn out the rest of the pages! Now I'll never know the ending! What kind of no good tears up books?!?! I think I have heard of this kind of story but I'm not sure where I read it. If there's anything else you wish to know, please feel free to ask me."

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