

# vib-ribbon (Import) FAQ/Walkthrough

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\*\*\*\*\* VIB RIBBON \*\*\*\*\*  
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English Language FAQ (Final Version)

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vib ribbon is a music game that allows you to play any music CD as a game. Inserting your music CD in when prompted will cause the sophisticated music programme to analyse the music and create a line of shapes based on the rhythm, tempo and melody of the song or instrumental track. The line is made up of four basic shapes, block, pit, wave and loop, plus combinations of two different shapes. Along this line dances a rabbit called vibri, by timing your button presses she clears obstacles on the line and increases your score.

This FAQ is being written for all of those people struggling with the Japanese version and who may want to know what all the menu screens mean and just what darling little vibri is telling us all! Plus some friends and me have attempted to translate some of the songs so I hope you find our efforts at the lyrics and inspiration for you to try and figure them out yourselves.

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A big thankyou to Matt at <http://cyan.askee.net> for allowing me to use his translations for the two Japanese songs. Check out his site, it's the best vib ribbon site I've seen on the net!

Check out Sony Europe's Official Vib Ribbon site at this address (you'll need Flash though)  
[http://www.playstation-europe.com/games/mini\\_sites/vibrribbon/vibflash/english/vib\\_ribbon.html](http://www.playstation-europe.com/games/mini_sites/vibrribbon/vibflash/english/vib_ribbon.html)

I also have the Vib Ribbon songs as MPEGS email me if you would like them!!

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## FAQ

Q1: What is Vibri?

A: Vibri is the rabbit you guide along the ribbon created by the music.

Q2: Argh she just turned in to a Frog, then a Worm!

A: Make nine mistakes in one form and you will be devolved down into the next form. Keep devolving and the game will end. The evolutionary stages are evolve up from rabbit to queen-angel vibri, evolve back down to rabbit, frog and worm. Make nine mistakes as the worm and it's game over.

Q3: So I'm a stinking, dirty Frog then, how do I get back?

A: Clear twenty shapes without messing up and you will evolve up one level. Behind you is a circle of dots, each shape cleared adds to that circle. Mess

up and the circle clears.

Q4: Ok so what's so special about Queen-angel vibri?

A: Your score goes up big time as the Queen. Look at the shapes (coupons) that swirl behind you, each shape cleared as worm, frog or rabbit adds only one piece to the row of shapes. Clear shapes as the queen and the shapes fill in much quicker!

Q5: But what do the shapes mean?

A: The better you do the more spectacular shapes you'll have when you finish. These translate into your score. You start off with thin purple crosses and lines and these gradually build into bright yellow hexagons and double triangles etc. At the end these are added up to form your score.

Q6: Whats this bonus about?

A: Depending on what state your in when you finish you'll get a clear bonus added to your score. If you are the Queen you get about a quarter of your score again added on. Vibri gets about a fifth, the frog about a seventh and the Worm a big fat zero.

NOTE: In the Vib ribbon game songs there are two per level. At the end of the first song no matter what you state you start the next song as vibri. However your score coupons are carried over and your end bonus for finishing the previous song is added to them.

Q7: How else can I get points?

A: A few more points can be gained though freestyling. If you perform a move on the line before a shape that did not require that move to clear it you will get a small freestyle bonus if you then clear the shape successfully. Eg. You see wave coming up, but do a move for clearing a block just before then quickly clear the wave. Just doing a wave move before would get you nothing.

Q8: Who is responsible for this madness?

A: The company are called Nana On Sha. The fellow behind that company is Masaya Matsuura who also gave us the brilliant Parappa the Rapper and Un Jammer Lammy.

Q9: Wibble, why didn't it come out in the US?

A: Well although it was critically well received on import in the US the poor sales of Parappa and Um Jammer must have put them off making the effort to market it over there. Lucky old Europe won out this time usually we have to put up with non-releases and look at America with jealous eyes.

Q10: I don't Understand what you are supposed to do on the Speed Courses?

A: Well this is not quite so clear cut. You must have your own CD for this, select speed option and choose a difficulty. Now the ribbon will only move towards you at a slow rate from one direction. You have to clear the obstacles to speed the ribbon up, the faster you clear the obstacles, the quicker the timer hand at the top moves towards the goal. The line goes faster the more shapes you complete with out messing up. To get really good scores you must perform freestyle moves inbetween shapes, that increases the lines speed futher.

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After the introduction you'll get a language menu (European version) and then a second menu - GAME, HOW TO PLAY, LANGUAGE.

Then after choosing GAME you'll get four options:

- Play With Vib Ribbon Disc
- Play With Own Choice Of CD
- Options
- Back

1) PLAY WITH VIB RIBBON DISC. Here you can choose three difficulty levels.

- Bronze (Easy) Songs are 'Polaroid' and 'Sunny Day'
- Silver (Normal) Songs are 'Laugh and Peace' and 'Universal Dance'
- Gold (Hard) Songs are 'Overflowing Emotions' and 'Roll Along'
- High Scores
- Back

HIGH SCORES (Vib Ribbon Disc)

BRONZE 1) 6000  
2) 4000  
3) 2000

SILVER 1) 6000  
2) 4000  
3) 2000

GOLD 1) 5500  
2) 3500  
3) 1500

\* If you beat the 3rd score Vibri will sing a little song for you on completion of the track. Beat the 2nd or 1st score and her song will be a little longer and congratulate you more.

FAILING A SONG WILL MAKE VIBRI UNHAPPY!!!!

She will cry, or feign suicide or even run at the screen yelling "GRRRRRR". So don't let her down OK? These apply to all high scores including the free plays with you own CDs.

2) PLAY WITH OWN CHOICE OF CD. Insert any music disc and choose from the following.

- Single Track (choose one track to play though)
- All Tracks (tackle the whole album in one go)
- Speed (take the speed challenge)
- Auto (let Vibri demonstrate for you)
- High Score
- Back (return to previous menu)

HIGH SCORES (PLAY WITH OWN CD)

SINGLE 1) 6500  
2) 4500  
3) 2500

ALL 1) 50 000  
2) 35 000  
3) 20 000

SPEED COURSE DIFFICULTIES AND HIGH SCORES

BRONZE 50/60/70

SILVER 55/65/75

GOLD 65/75/85

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LYRICS TO THE VIB RIBBON SONGS.

Well these aren't exactly the lyrics, sung as they are in slightly impenetrable japlsh. But we've had abit of a stab at figuring them out. The last two Gold Tracks are in japanese but we have had translations very kindly supplied to us (see tracks for details).

BRONZE TRACK ONE - 'POLAROID'

Walking by the ribbon  
Up its spiny side  
Raindrops falling me  
I have no umbrella

Search in my car  
Search in my house  
I can't find just anything I want  
Search in my heart  
Search in my hopes  
There's no rules so  
Any time, any place

Walking by the ribbon  
Up its spiny side  
Raindrops falling me  
I have no umbrella

Walk until I find it  
Such a happy time  
Please say "Good night" to me  
I feel all alone

Ready for you  
Ready for me  
I don't know what I'm just looking for  
Ready for life  
Ready for death  
There's no rules so  
Any time, any place

Looking for my answer  
Looking for my dreams  
Starting over  
Looking for my answer  
Looking for my future  
Hey, I gotta watch, I know

Step by step  
Walk through mountains  
Step by step  
Walk through oceans  
Step by step  
Walk forever  
I'll be running

Jumping down  
Walk through mountains  
Jumping down  
Walk through oceans  
Jumping down  
Walk forever  
I can guess everything

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BRONZE TRACK TWO - 'Sunny Day'

Sunny days every morning  
I wake up and see it's so fine day  
Whenever I hop out of bed  
Greet you and always you're very kind

After a long time  
I'll see you today  
Over a long distance  
Now you're coming to me much

There's no time  
Hurry up  
Everything's so fantastic  
There's no time  
Hurry up  
Don't be late  
Just be on time

Somehow I go up my house  
There is smoke  
It's too special  
Like my bus still spin their wheels  
So fast, so fast  
Boy, I don't have time

Same town, same streets  
Same shopping as usual  
Anything and everything  
Make me happy and tendentious

There's no time  
Hurry up  
There comes a time  
We're growing up now  
There's no time  
Hurry up  
Don't worry, I'll come soon

There's no time  
Hurry up  
Everything's so fantastic  
There's no time  
Hurry up  
There will be someone  
There's no time  
Hurry up  
You will play before you go, you

There's no time  
Hurry up  
Get up and be ready for your happy life

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SILVER TRACK ONE - 'Laugh and Peace'

Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Don't stop now  
Don't stop now  
Laugh at things that are really  
Laugh and Peace  
Stop now  
Stop now  
Laugh at things that are really unusual  
Laugh and Peace  
Shake it out

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long  
Laugh and laugh and laugh and  
Things that are really there

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long

Laugh and Peace and Peace and Peace and Peace  
Laugh and Peace and Peace and Peace and Peace  
Laugh and Peace and Peace and Peace and Peace  
Laugh and Pe and Pe and Pe

Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Yeeeoww!

Don't stop now  
Don't stop now  
Laugh at things that are really  
Laugh and Peace  
Stop now  
Stop now  
Laugh at things that are really unusual  
Laugh and Peace  
Shake it out

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long  
Laugh and laugh and laugh and  
Things that are really there

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long

Laugh  
Laugh  
Really, really, really, wow!  
And  
And that are  
Really, really, really

Don't stop now  
Don't stop now  
Laugh at things that are really  
Laugh and Peace  
Stop now  
Stop now  
Laugh at things that are really unusual  
Laugh and Peace

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long  
Laugh and laugh and laugh and  
Things that are really there

Yo, the beats are strong  
Yo, the beats are strong  
But the night is long

Waaaaaaaaaah

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SILVER TRACK TWO - 'Universal Dance'

One, two!  
One, two, three, four!

I just want to shake my head  
Can't get rest; stop hurting each other!  
I just want to stomp my feet  
Can't get peace; stop arguing!  
I just want to shake my hips  
Can't get rest; stop fighting!  
I just want to clap my hands  
Can't you see; go get some for me

Do you want to shake your head?  
And get you hurting each other!  
Do you want to stomp your feet?  
And get bored; stop arguing!  
Do you want to shake your hips?

And get bored; stop fighting!  
Do you want to clap your hands?  
And get big; don't stop for your

Don't stop now for all bitter and sad things  
Don't do things that master didn't; it's spreading  
Let's go home

You can love, baby; it's gonna be happy  
You can give a friend reason so don't stop  
Don't stop; don't stop; it's gonna be crazy  
You can give a friend rhythm so don't stop  
Some day, every day  
Everything, anything, anywhere  
We're having fun

Now's the time for all bitter and sad things  
Now do things that master didn't; it's spreading  
Let's go home

You can love, baby; it's gonna be happy  
You can give a friend reason so don't stop  
Don't stop; don't stop; it's gonna be crazy  
You can give a friend reason so don't stop  
Some day, every day, everything  
Every life, everyone  
Vib Ribbon  
Everything has its day  
Everything, anything, got to move!  
We're having fun

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GOLD TRACK ONE - 'Overflowing Emotions'

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YOU'RE NOT A BABY ON MY HEART.  
I'M NOT YOUR MAMMY.  
DO YOU KNOW? I CAN'T YOU SEE.

i am just kidding, but it comes true  
it's blowing, chattering, i promise

when you get hungry, i give you milk  
your sleeping face.....so....

have fun, then get tired, lie down, and get up  
you've never been spoiled, so i'll let you be spoiled  
even if you feel lonely and want to cry, don't cry  
you are really a baby

YOU'RE NOT A BABY ON MY HEART.  
I'M NOT YOUR MAMMY.  
DO YOU KNOW? I CAN'T YOU SEE.

YOU'RE NOT A BABY ON MY HEART.



I'M NOT YOUR MAMMY.  
DO YOU KNOW? I CAN'T YOU SEE.

when you get hungry i give you milk  
i'm glad to be with you.....so....

have fun, then get tired, lie down, and get up  
you've never been spoiled, so i'll let you be spoiled  
even if you fall down and want to cry, don't cry  
you are really a baby

YOU'RE NOT A BABY ON MY HEART.  
I'M NOT YOUR MAMMY.  
DO YOU KNOW? I CAN'T YOU SEE.

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GOLD TRACK 2 - 'Roll Along'

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let's walk with face up  
walk with arms swinging

even if that way is ROUGH  
don't give up, and go on  
knock on the next door there  
then go on the next step  
go straight always

let's walk with face up  
walk with arms swinging

walk over tall mountains  
and big valleys, don't give up  
go to the new place  
without looking back, cross the bridge over there  
make friends there  
we'll get along

even if that way is ROUGH  
don't give up, and go on  
knock on the next door there  
then go on the next step  
go straight always

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VIBRI'S SPECIAL SONG

(If you choose "How to Play in the first menu Vibri will sing and demonstrate  
the game, here are the lyrics for non-english version owning players)

la la la la  
oh what fun  
whoops that was close (jumps block)  
Vib Ribbon is a game where you press the buttons

that match the sound generated shapes

WAAGH!! This is what happens when you make a mistake! (devolves)  
Don't worry you can still make it (evolves back)

Vib Ribbon only uses 4 buttons  
L1, R1, d-pad down and X

It's really simple!

Look out there's a lot coming this way  
Press L1 and you'll jump right over it!

Here comes a block  
Press L1 for Blocks  
Press L1 for Blocks

Here comes a Loop  
Press R1 for loops  
Press R1 for Loops

Next comes a Pit  
Press d-pad down  
Press d-pad down

Next is a Wave  
Press X for Waves  
Press X for Waves

Phew, I'm shattered.

But it's not over yet.

Hang on..

Hey what's this shape?

It's a Block with a Pit so press L1 and d-pad down together

I see, Oh no there are loads coming!  
Check the instructions for more

OK time to try the Bronze course

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So I hope you get a chance to try this excellent game. Any comments, should be sent to me at falsehead@aol.com

Thanx to all at www.gamefaqs.com for being such a laff and giving me the push to actually start contributing my own work.