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The World Ends with You

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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**Convulsions  
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**Eye or muscle twitching  
Involuntary movements**

**Loss of awareness  
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  3. Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
  4. Play in a well-lit room.
  5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

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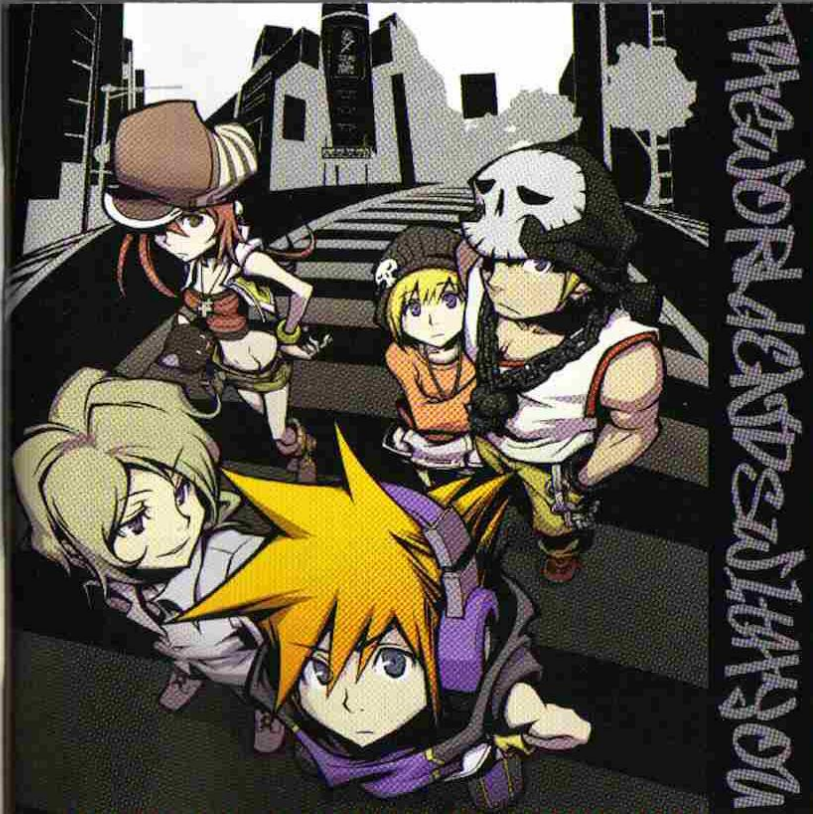


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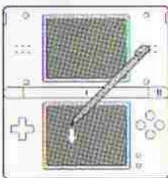
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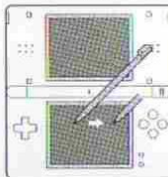
## TOUCH

"Touching" is the term used to describe lightly touching the Touch Screen.



## SLIDE

"Sliding" is the term used to describe keeping light contact on the Touch Screen as you track across it.



### TOUCH SCREEN PRECAUTIONS

- Only the Nintendo DS stylus and other special implements specified in the game should be used on the Touch Screen.
- Use of a damaged stylus or other damaged implement should be avoided.
- Pushing or rubbing the Touch Screen with excessive force should be avoided.
- Fingernails should not be used on the Touch Screen.
- Please do not rub the upper screen with the stylus or any other implement.
- Keep objects such as sand, crumbs, food and liquids away from the Touch Screen.
- When using a protective sheet, be sure to read the instructions included with the sheet to avoid damaging the screen or creating air bubbles.

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# STORY & CHARACTERS

## SHIBUYA, TOKYO.

A boy comes to in an intersection awash with people—alone, unaware of how he got there.

Then, he receives a message:

**Clear this mission...**

**or face erasure.**

And with that, Neku is thrust into a life-or-death Game that sends him scrambling down streets paved with one riddle after another...

## NEKU

Neku Sakuraba

At fifteen, Neku is an ardent fan of graffiti, but far less enthusiastic about forging relationships with other people. When the Reapers' Game throws him into contact with other Players, he has two choices: open up...or get picked off.



## SHIKI

Shiki Misaki

Fashionable and fabulous at fifteen, Shiki knows clothes. While she puts on a cheerful face to lend Neku some much-needed moral support, deep down she harbors a secret... She never parts with her homemade stuffed animal, Mr. Mew; to survive, Neku can never part with her.



## JOSHUA

Yoshiya Kiryu

It's quickly evident Joshua is clever beyond his fifteen years—as sly as they come. Unfortunately, his insufferably snotty attitude only serves to widen the gulf between him and Neku...but his knowledge, especially about the Game, does earn him some points.

## BEAT

Daisukengojo Bito

Hot-blooded and hard-headed, Beat is the polar opposite of Neku—even if they are the same age. Still, despite his emotional outbursts, he has a big heart. He's always ready to throw down and ollie into combat on his board, with Rhyme right there beside him.



## RHYME

Rhyme's earnest and hard-working attitude proves a big help to Neku and Shiki early on, as well as to her partner, Beat. She has an addiction to adages and no shortage of smiles, and without her, the others would be lost.

## THE REAPERS

This mysterious organization runs the Game and issues missions to the Players...but for what purpose? Its members serve various functions, from the Harriers who hunt Players down to the officers who command them.



## NOISE

These monsters are called into being by the Reapers, and inhabit parallel worlds.

## GAME OVERVIEW

**The World Ends with You** is an "Action RPG" set in the streets of Shibuya. Clear the Reapers' missions and help Neku survive the Game for seven days.

### PINS WILL KEEP YOU ALIVE!

The pins in Neku's possession are the key to solving puzzles and fighting battles. In the field, you'll use a special pin to scan. In combat, you'll use psych pins—over 300 varieties!

#### Scanning Pin

While in the field, touch the Player Pin in the lower-right corner of the bottom screen to open up a blue scan circle. Within this circle, you will see fragments of people's thoughts and Noise symbols. (See p. 17.)



#### Psych Pins

These are the pins displayed during combat. Each pin has a touch command assigned to it that triggers a unique ability called a psych. You can wear any array of pins you like by building decks. (See p. 38 for more on decks.)



#### Stride-Cross Battle System

This is the name for **WEWY's** unique dual-screen combat system. Neku fights on the bottom screen, his partner up on the top screen. The controls for each screen are different: use the stylus to attack on the bottom screen; use the +Control Pad (or the **A B X Y Buttons**) to attack on the top screen.

Sound confusing? Don't worry; the game will ease you into the experience. Soon you'll be waging thrilling battles, unlike those in any other RPG. (See p. 20 onward for more on combat.)

Or the **A B X Y Buttons!**



## GETTING STARTED

### STARTING THE GAME

- 1 Make sure the Nintendo DS is turned OFF before inserting the **The World Ends with You** Game Card. Once the Game Card has been firmly inserted, turn power ON.
- 2 The screen to the right will appear. After reading the information, touch the Touch Screen to proceed.
- 3 To begin play, touch the **The World Ends with You** panel on the DS Menu Screen or press the **A Button**.

✦ This step is unnecessary if your Nintendo DS is set to Auto Mode. Please consult the Nintendo DS hardware manual for further details.



#### Title Screen

**NEW GAME** Start the game from the beginning.

**CONTINUE** Load saved data and pick up the game where you left off.

#### Saving

Press **START** while in the field to open the Phone Menu, then touch the panel marked Save. (See p. 41.)

#### Game Over

If the HP Neku and his partner share reach zero, it's Game Over.

**Retry** Attempt the current battle again from the beginning. (You need a special item for this option to appear.)

**Retry on Easy** Set the combat difficulty to Easy and attempt the current battle again from the beginning.

**Escape** Exit the battle and return to where you were in the field.

**Exit to Title Screen** Return to the Title Screen, where you can continue from the last point you saved.





# ADVANCING THROUGH SHIBUYA

## TYPICAL MISSION FLOW

The Reapers issue one mission per day.

**Example:** Reach XXXX. You have 60 minutes.

1

Move toward your goal.



2



You may come across invisible walls that impede your progress.

3

Talk to the man in the red hoodie, who will reveal the conditions for getting past the wall. Example: Scan and erase all the Noise in this area.



4



5

Defeat the Noise in combat.



6

After these conditions are met, the Reaper will clear the wall and you can proceed to the next area.

## FIELD & MENU CONTROLS

You move around the field on the bottom screen.

### Touch Screen

- ◆ Move Neku
- ◆ Select items displayed on screen
- ◆ Advance dialogue during cutscenes
- ◆ Make/confirm selections (in menus)

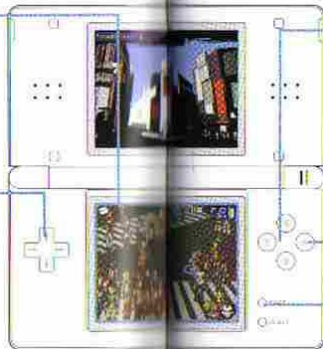
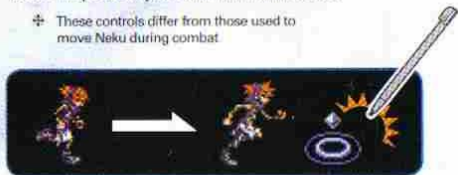
### +Control Pad

- ◆ Move Neku
- ◆ Advance dialogue during cutscenes
- ◆ Make selections (in menus)

### Using the Stylus to Move in the Field

Touch the position you want Neku to move to.

- ◆ These controls differ from those used to move Neku during combat.



### B X Y Buttons

- ◆ Move Neku
- ◆ Make selections (in menus)

### A Button

- ◆ Move Neku
- ◆ Make selections (in menus)
- ◆ Advance dialogue during cutscenes

### START

- ◆ Open the Phone Menu

### Navigating the Map

Move Neku to a jump marker on the map and he will proceed to the adjoining area.



- ⚡ The controls in this manual are based on the Nintendo DS Lite.
- ⚡ Closing the system while the power is ON will activate Sleep Mode, extending the life of the battery. Open the system again to deactivate Sleep Mode and resume play.



# COMBAT CONTROLS

During combat, use the **+Control Pad** (or **A B X Y Buttons**) to control the top screen, and the stylus to control the bottom screen.

## Touch Screen

- ♦ (Bottom Screen) Move Neku
- ♦ (Bottom Screen) Use psychs

## +Control Pad Up

- ♦ (Top Screen) Jump
- ♦ (Top Screen) Navigate through the combo map

## +Control Pad Left

- ♦ (Top Screen) Display the combo map
- ♦ (Top Screen) Navigate through the combo map

## +Control Pad Down

- ♦ (Top Screen) Navigate through the combo map
- ♦ (Top Screen) Block

## +Control Pad Right

- ♦ (Top Screen) Display the combo map
- ♦ (Top Screen) Navigate through the combo map

## Using the Stylus to Move During Combat

Touch some part of Neku's body, then slide the stylus to where you want him to go.

- ♦ These controls differ from those used to move Neku in the field.



## Escaping from Combat

Press **START** to pause the game during combat, and a panel that says "Gotta bounce!" will appear. Select this to immediately exit the battle.

**NOTE:** Some battles cannot be escaped.



## L and R Buttons

- ♦ Hold down to access pins assigned to sub-slots

## X Button

- ♦ (Same as +Control Pad up)

## A Button

- ♦ (Same as +Control Pad right)

## B Button

- ♦ (Same as +Control Pad down)

## Y Button

- ♦ (Same as +Control Pad left)

## START

- ♦ Pause / Display escape panel

## Changing Your Pin Layout

While combat is paused, you can slide your pins around into any layout you want. (Press **SELECT** to reset the layout.)



## Auto-Play on the Top Screen

If you have auto-play turned on (it's turned on by default) and stop controlling the top screen for a moment, your partner will take over and attack the enemy automatically. Let them watch your back until you get used to the controls!



## FIELD SCREEN LAYOUT

### Vital NPCs

Characters crucial to the advancement of the story.

### NPCs

Normal passersby.

### Movement marker

Appears at the destination you touched when moving Neku.

### Neku (You)

The character you control.



### Indicators

Icons that inform you of your present situation.

### Partner

The character currently teamed up with Neku.

### Scanning pin

Aka the Player Pin.  
Touch it to scan the area.  
(See p. 17.)

### Pig indicator

Lights up when a Pig Noise symbol is in the area.

### Mail indicator

Lights up when you have unread mail.

### Info indicator

Lights up when information is available on the Phone Menu.



### Reception indicator

The number of Noise in the current area.  
Less bars = more Noise.

### Battery indicator

Select "Gotta bounce!" to escape battle and the battery will drain one bar. Win a battle to recharge it one bar.

### Phone (menu button)

Touch this to open the Phone Menu. (You need a special item to use it.)

### Current time

The current time in real life.

## IN THE FIELD: CUTSCENES & SCANNING

### CUTSCENES

Press the **A Button**, the **+Control Pad**, or touch the bottom screen to advance through the dialogue.



### SCANNING

While in the field, touch the Player Pin in the lower-right corner of the bottom screen to open up a blue scan circle. While the circle is open, you will be able to see Noise symbols and read people's thoughts. Touch the Player Pin again to end scanning.

### Thought Fragment

Touch one of these to read more about it on the top screen.



### Noise symbol

Touch one of these to start a battle.

### Player Pin

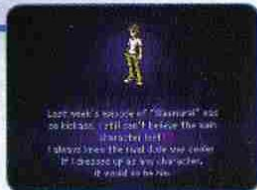
Touch this to scan the area.



## IN THE FIELD: READING THOUGHTS & FIGHTING NOISE

### READING THOUGHTS

Touch the Player Pin. Once the scan circle has opened, you will see short fragments of people's thoughts on the bottom screen. Touch a fragment to view the complete thought on the top screen. Sometimes people's thoughts contain memes or hints on how to proceed. (See p. 19 for more on memes.)



### FIGHTING NOISE

Touch the Player Pin. Once the scan circle has opened, you will see Noise symbols drifting around the bottom screen. Touch one to engage the Noise in combat.



✦ You don't need to defeat all the Noise unless the mission requires it.

## IN THE FIELD: CHAIN BATTLES & IMPRINTING

### CHAIN BATTLES

After touching a Noise symbol to engage it in battle, touch or slide over additional Noise symbols to fight them consecutively in a chain battle. (You need a special item to enable chain battles.)

### IMPRINTING

After collecting memes (key ideas and phrases), you can transmit them directly into some people's minds. Keep an eye out for special imprinting cutscenes.



## COMBAT SCREEN LAYOUT

Touch the Noise symbols drifting around while you scan, and you will engage the Noise in combat. (Sometimes you will be forced into a battle after a cutscene.)

Fusion Stars (★)

Shiki's ESP Cards

Combo Map

Pins

Light Puck

Pin Power Multiplier



Fusion Level

Cursor

Shared HP

Fusion Pin

Prizes (Pin Drops)

## TOP SCREEN

ESP Cards

Cursor

Fusion Stars (★)

Fusion Level

Combo Map

The cards Shiki uses to unlock her Fusion (team attack).

This points to the card you should try to guess next.

Number of ★s collected / Number of ★s needed to increase Fusion level. You can earn more stars by guessing ESP cards correctly.

Indicates how powerful a Fusion you can unleash.

Move through this map to attack enemies and navigate to the card corresponding to your guess. (See p. 27 for more on Shiki's ESP cards.)

## BOTTOM SCREEN

Pins

Fusion Pin

Prizes

The pins Neku is wearing in his current deck.

Appears after you collect enough Fusion ★s. Touch it to unleash a powerful team attack.

Pins you earn for defeating enemies.



Pin Drops

Yen pins you can cash in for money, or psych pins you can use in combat. (Color varies depending on your combat difficulty setting.)

Pig Prizes

Special prizes you receive for defeating Pig Noise.

## BOTH SCREENS

Light Puck

Pin Power Multiplier

Shared HP

Land a combo finisher with one character to pass this ball of light to the other character. Keep the rally going steadily and the power of your pins will increase accordingly. (See p. 31.)

This increases as you continue to pass the puck back and forth.

Neku and his partner's shared HP (life energy).

✚ In this game, combatants on the top screen share HP with their counterparts on the bottom screen: if Neku dies, his partner dies; defeat an enemy on the top screen, and it will be erased on the bottom screen as well.






## BOTTOM SCREEN COMBAT: NEKU

Neku attacks the Noise on the bottom screen using psych pins. Each pin has its own touch command, activated using the stylus. You can wear up to six pins into combat.



### Pin Limitations

Each pin has certain restrictions on its use, as well as a unique combo finisher.

	<b>Gauge Type</b>	The gauge drains as you use the pin. Once the gauge is empty, you need to wait for the pin to reboot before you can use it again.
	<b>Finite Type</b>	You can only use these pins the number of times displayed on the pin icon. (Resets after each battle or chain battle.)
	<b>Support Type</b>	These pins' effects remain active throughout the battle.


### Pin Status

Each pin has certain restrictions on its use, as well as a unique combo finisher.

	<b>Locked</b>	This primarily occurs when you use up finite pins.
	<b>Missing</b>	Some enemies may temporarily make off with your pins.

### Pin Gauges

Each gauge-type pin has a **boot** time: the length of time before you can first use the pin in combat. Some pins boot instantly; others require a little more time. Once you drain a pin's gauge through repeated or continued use, you'll have to wait for it to **reboot** before using it again. (Some pins will not reboot in the same battle.)

	<b>Boot / Reboot</b>	This icon shows the pin's boot progress.
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## PSYCH PIN CONTROLS

### Touch Psychs

### Slash Psychs

### Drag Psychs

### Microphone Psychs

"Touch" / "Rapidly tap" / "Press"

"Slash" / "Slash vertically up" / "Slash vertically down"

"Drag" / "Draw a circle" / "Scratch"

"Blow" / "Shout"

### Touch Psychs

"Touch..."  
Quickly touch the Touch Screen and lift.

"Rapidly tap..."  
Repeatedly touch the Touch Screen in rapid succession.

"Press..."  
Press and hold the stylus to a single point on the Touch Screen.

### Slash Psychs

"Slash..." (any direction)

Quickly slide the stylus across the Touch Screen as if slashing with a blade. Be sure to lift the stylus right after you slash—that's the trick!

"Slash vertically down..."  
These psychs only activate if you slash straight down.

"Slash vertically up..."  
These psychs only activate if you slash straight up.

## BOTTOM SCREEN COMBAT: NEKU (CONT.)

### Drag Psychs

"Drag..."  
Slide the stylus around the Touch Screen.

"Draw a circle..."  
Slide the stylus to draw a circle on the Touch Screen.

"Scratch..."  
Slide the stylus left and right (or up and down) on the Touch Screen.

### Microphone Psychs

"Blow..."  
Blow air into the microphone.

"Shout..."  
Speak or shout into the microphone.

## PSYCH TARGETS

Psychs may require you to interact with a specific target:

...Neku	Perform the touch command on Neku.
...an enemy	Perform the touch command on one of the enemies.
...an obstacle	Perform the touch command on cars, signs, etc. scattered around the battlefield.
...empty space	Perform the touch command on an unoccupied part of the Touch Screen.
...the pin	Touch the pin icon.

When dragging, you need to **start** the drag on the target specified.

## PIN PRIORITY AND SUB-SLOTS

When Neku is wearing more than one pin with the same touch command, the pins in lower-numbered slots of the deck will respond to the touch command first. (See pg. 38 for more on decks.)

### ACTIVATED



Pin with the same touch command.  
(Will not activate.)



### ACTIVATED

Used up.  
(Rebooting.)

Pin with the same touch command.  
(Will not activate.)

If you want to use more than one pin with the same touch command in your deck, consider assigning some of them to sub-slots. You can assign pins to sub-slots from the Pins Menu. Touch a pin in your deck to select it, then press the **L Button** or **R Button** so it reads SUB.

Pins assigned to sub-slots are displayed transparently during combat. Ordinarily they won't respond to touch commands. Hold down the **L** or **R Button**, however, and *only* the sub-slot pins will respond.

Sub-slots are entirely optional, but they provide an additional level of control over your psych pins.

This pin is set to a sub-slot.



Hold down the L or R Button...



...and it will respond to its touch command.



## TOP SCREEN COMBAT: BASICS

### ALL ABOUT FUSION (TEAM ATTACK)

Use the **+Control Pad** (or **A B X Y Buttons**) to control your partner on the top screen. Each of Neku's partners uses cards of a different nature to earn ★s toward Fusion (a team attack), but the general controls for each are very similar.

- 1 If enemies are to the left of your partner, press left on the **+Control Pad** (or the **Y Button**). If enemies are to their right, press right on the **+Control Pad** (or the **A Button**). This will open the combo map.

- 2 Before the combo map disappears, locate the card you want, then follow the arrows and press **+Control Pad** (or the **A B X Y Buttons**) to navigate toward it. So, for example: in the image to the right, if you want to pick the card marked with a +, you'll need to press **♦♦♦**, in that order.



♦ Reach a card successfully, and your partner will execute a combo finisher that deals heavy damage to enemies.

- 3 Pick the right cards, and you will earn ★s (shown above the cards on the top screen). Collect enough ★s to gain a Fusion level, and an oversized pin will appear in the upper-right corner of the bottom screen. Touch this Fusion Pin to unleash a powerful team attack.

♦ Wondering which card to pick? See p. 27-29 for character-specific instructions.

After you use your Fusion, your ★s will be reset to zero. However, before using your Fusion, you can also collect more stars and boost its power to a higher level. (You need special items to unlock lv. 2 and lv. 3 Fusions.)

★s you've collected

★s needed for next fusion level



★s earned

Fusion level



## TOP SCREEN COMBAT: SHIKI

### EARNING STARS WITH SHIKI

Three random ESP cards are shown face down on the top screen. Moving from right to left, guess each card's symbol to earn Fusion ★s. (See p. 26 for more about Fusion.)

- 1 Pick a card on the combo map that matches the ESP card indicated by the cursor, and that card will be flipped over.



Cursor



♦ Combo map



- 2 Don't worry if you don't get a match! If the card you picked is anywhere among the three cards, its position will be momentarily revealed. Remember where it was, so you can choose the right card once the cursor reaches that position!



- 3 Match a card on the first try, and a ★ mark will appear to its lower right. You receive two Fusion ★s for this. Match on the second try onward, and you receive one Fusion ★.

- 4 Collect enough ★s, and the Fusion pin will appear. Touch it to unleash Shiki and Neku's Fusion!





## TOP SCREEN COMBAT: JOSHUA

### EARNING STARS WITH JOSHUA

Five numbered cards are shown on the top screen. Moving from right to left, match values (ranging from zero to nine) to each card to earn Fusion ★s. (See p. 26 for more about Fusion.)

- Each numbered card is labeled with a symbol:

- ◆ Pick a value greater than this number
- = Pick this number
- ◆ Pick a value less than this number

Pick a card on the combo map whose value meets the conditions on the card indicated by the cursor.

- Even if you pick a value that doesn't match, be aware that the cursor will still advance to the next numbered card.



Card you matched correctly

Cursor

- Match a card correctly, and a ★ mark will appear to its lower right. You receive one Fusion ★ for this. You don't receive any ★s for a mismatch.
- Collect enough ★s, and the Fusion pin will appear. Touch it to unleash Joshua and Neku's Fusion!



## TOP SCREEN COMBAT: BEAT

### EARNING STARS WITH BEAT

Line up playing cards of four different suits on the top screen, then trigger a card combo. Cards disappear and earn you Fusion ★s if two or more of the same suit fall in a row. Longer combos earn more ★s.

- When Beat is attacking from the ground, you can pick cards in sets of two at the end of his combo map. If you only need one card, press up on the **+Control Pad** (or the **X Button**) to jump and attack from the air.

Next card insertion point



- The cards you pick are displayed in a row on the top screen. Keep an eye on the cursor to see where cards will be inserted next, and pick cards to set up a combo. (The card combo won't trigger just yet.) Beware the flames on both sides of the row of cards. They will gradually move toward the center of the screen; if you don't pick your next card(s) quickly enough, they will burn the cards you've amassed.
- Once you've lined up the cards the way you want them, pick the skull card from the map to execute the combo. Cards that won't trigger a combo simply disappear. Otherwise, for each set of matching adjacent cards, you'll receive one Fusion ★ before they disappear. If additional card pairings emerge, you can earn progressively more and more ★s.
- Collect enough ★s, and the Fusion pin will appear. Touch it to unleash Beat and Neku's Fusion!

◆ Ground attacks



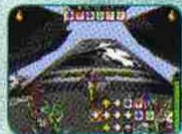
Cards come in sets

◆ Air attacks



Add single cards

◆ Example combo



Skull card



# COMBAT POINTERS

## LEVELING UP

Earn enough EXP (experience points) during battle, and Neku will gain a level. Neku and his partner share the same level.

## COMBAT RESULTS

On the Results Screen displayed after winning a battle, you can review your combat performance and find out how many PP (pin points) you earned. Depending on how you did during the fight, the PP will be multiplied to calculate the total amount you receive. Gaining PP will make your equipped pins stronger.



Overall rank

Maximum number of hits

Overall rank

Deck

The pins Neku is wearing.



Pin drops

Pins you picked up during the battle.

Info plates

These list various bonuses you've received.

Time elapsed during combat

Your total PP

BASE PP	The number of PP you earned during this battle.
ROUNDS	The number of chained battles you won.
TIME	Rating based on how long you took to win.
DAMAGE	Rating based on how much damage you took.
SPECIAL	Appears if you received any special bonuses.

After your total PP have been calculated, they will be added to the pins in your deck (shown at the bottom of the bottom screen). The gauges below the pins will increase, and when one fills, that pin will level up and grow in power, number of uses, boot time, etc.

## LEARN TO KEEP THAT PUCK GOING!

In **WEWY**'s battle system, the light puck serves as a general guide to which screen you should be focusing on. First, perform a combo finisher on either screen. This will send the light puck (a green orb of light) to the character on the opposite screen. Now, perform a combo finisher with that character to pass the light puck back to the first character.

Time your attacks well and keep the rally going, and your pins will steadily increase in power. The amount of that increase is determined by how fast you manage to pass the light puck, so keep it moving!

Try focusing on the character with the puck, and you'll be able to tear through battles more effectively.





## THE PHONE MENU (BRAND CHART & PLAYER STATS)

Press **START** to open the Phone Menu. (Once you have the right item, you can also open it by touching the phone icon in the upper-right corner of the bottom screen.)

Story progress

Brand chart

Menu panels

Player stats



Current area

Map of Shibuya

Menu help

Exit to the field


### Brand Chart

Lists the most popular (and least popular) brands in the current area, so you can keep an eye on the local trends. Wear the most popular brands' pins and items into combat and you'll receive a bonus; wear the brand at the bottom of the chart and you will be penalized. (See p. 45 for more on the trend system.)

### Map of Shibuya

A map of the game world. Each area in Shibuya is color-coded and labeled to indicate which brand is hottest in that area.

### Menu Help

On any of the game's menus, you can touch this  icon to access a mini-manual.

### Exit to the Field

Closes the Phone Menu and returns to the field.

### Menu Panels

See the following pages for more information: Friends, p. 41; Noise, p. 34; Items, p. 35; Pins, p. 37; Chapters, p. 41; Tin Pin, p. 39; Mingle, p. 40; Save, p. 41.

### Player Stats

Level

Level gauge

Battle difficulty

Money



EXP needed to reach next level

HP (shared by Neku and his partner)

Auto-play settings for partner on the top screen

Drop rate

Level gauge knob

### Adjusting Your Level

You can change your level anytime you want from the Phone Menu. Simply slide the level gauge knob to a value between lv. 1 and your maximum level. Lower your level to increase your drop rate, which determines how often enemies drop pins in combat.

### Setting Battle Difficulty

If you've collected the right items, you can change the difficulty of combat at any time from the Phone Menu. There are four difficulties: **ULTIMATE**, **HARD**, **NORMAL** and **EASY**.

### Auto-Play

You can customize how your partner on the top screen behaves when you're not controlling them. There are four settings:

#### MANUAL

Your partner will not act unless you control them.

#### AUTO: FAST

Your partner will take over as soon as you stop controlling them.

#### AUTO: MID

Your partner will take over if you stop controlling them for 3 seconds.

#### AUTO: SLOW

Your partner will take over if you stop controlling them for 6 seconds.



## SUB-MENUS: THE NOISE REPORT

Here you can view information about the enemies you've faced and defeated.



### Enemy Stats

HP: Life energy; ATK: Attack power; : Resistance to Pos psychs; : Resistance to Neg psychs; PP and EXP: The amount you receive for defeating the enemy.

✦ Pos (positive) psychs are generally close-range attacks; Neg (negative) psychs are generally long-distance attacks.

### List of Pin Drops

Displays the pins the enemy will drop when you defeat it, as well as how often. An enemy needs to drop the pin for each difficulty level before it will be added to the list; until then, it appears as ????. You can use the drop rate toggle switch on the bottom screen to switch between the default drop rates (shown in blue) and adjusted drop rates that factor in your level.

## SUB-MENUS: ITEMS

Use the Items Menu to change your characters' equipment and eat food. Items can be loosely divided into three categories: threads (equipment), food, and swag (key items).



### Information

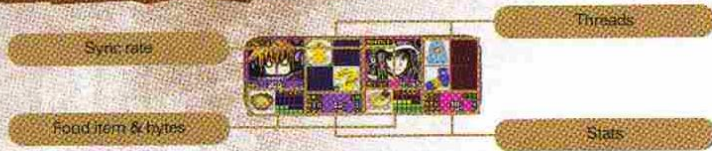
NAME	The name of the item.
BRAND	The item's brand.
BRV	The Bravery needed to wear the item.
ATK	The effect on your Attack.
DEF	The effect on your Defense.
HP	The effect on your HP.
INFO	A description of the item.
ABILITY	The item's ability. (See p. 44.)

### Items Window

Shows the items you've collected and quantity of each. If you've learned the ability for the item, an "A" will appear in the lower-left corner of the item graphic.

## SUB-MENUS: ITEMS (CONT.)

### CHARACTER STATS WINDOW



#### Threads

Slide an item you can wear from the items window up into one of the four slots to the right of the character's portrait. You can wear up to four items at once, but keep in mind that you can only wear one item of each category (headwear / tops / bottoms / top & bottom sets / footwear / accessories).

Anyone can wear whatever threads they like, as long as they're brave (BRV) enough.

#### Stats

- HP** (LEFT) Base HP. (RIGHT) Increase/decrease from the character's threads.
- BRV** The character's Bravery. Each item requires a certain value to wear.
- ATK** Attack power. (LEFT): Base ATK. (RIGHT): Increase/decrease from the character's threads.
- DEF** Defense. (LEFT) Base DEF. (RIGHT) Increase/decrease from the character's threads.
- SYNC** Neku and his partner's sync rate. A higher value gives you an advantage in battle.

#### Food Items & Bytes

Slide a food item from the items window up into the food slot below a character's portrait to eat. Eating raises Neku and his partner's sync rate. Eating each item requires a certain number of bytes to digest. Fight a round of battle to digest one byte; completely digest the food item to gain an additional stat boost for that character. You can only digest one food item at a time.

## SUB-MENUS: PINS

Here you can build **decks** with the psych pins you'd like to wear into combat.



- NAME** The pin's name.
- BRAND** The pin's brand.
- LV** The pin's current / maximum level.
- PSYCH** What the pin does in battle.
- NEXT** PP needed for the pin to level up.
- PP** The pin's combined growth gauge.
- SPEC** How well the pin performs (its Attack or Recovery power, for example).
- CLASS** The pin's class. (Class determines which pins can be used together in the same deck.)
- LIMIT** Pin usage limitations.
- VALUE** The amount the pin sells for.
- BOOT** The time until you can use the pin in battle.
- REBOOT** The time the pin takes to recharge in battle.
- INFO 1 / INFO 2** Detailed information about the pin, its psych, and how it grows. (Touch the INFO tabs at the upper part of the bottom screen to flip between pages.)
- TIN PIN** Information about how the pin performs in the Tin Pin Slammer mini-game.

#### Organize Pins

Touch the wrench for options on rearranging your pins.



## SUB-MENUS: PINS (CONT.)

### ABOUT YOUR PINS

The slot number the pin is set to

Pin level



Graphic

PP Gauge (pin experience)

When a pin reaches its maximum level (lv. ★), you will master it.

### Decks

You can wear up to six pins into combat. You can prepare up to four decks (pin configurations) for different situations. To place a pin in your deck, simply slide it out of a pin folder and into a slot in the deck.

### Sub-slot Icon

Touch a pin in your deck to select it, then press the **L Button** or **R Button** to assign it to a sub-slot. The word **SUB** will appear in the upper-right corner of the pin graphic. (See p. 25.)



Sub-slot icon

If this reads **FIX**, it means the pin is "fixed" to both slots (you can't assign it to a sub-slot). Recovery pins and pins that grant abilities are generally fixed.

### Pin Folders

**Stockpile Folder**

Contains pins you own which still have room to grow.

**Mastered Folder**

Contains pins you own that have reached their maximum level (lv. ★).

### Trash Can / Cashing in Pins

Slide a pin onto the trash can icon to sell it. You can touch the trash can icon to place a ☒ in the check box. This allows you to bypass confirmation messages and speed the process up.

## SUB-MENUS: TIN PIN SLAMMER

See p. 40 for more information on DS Wireless Communications.

In **WEVY**, you can use DS Wireless Communications to take on your friends in the Tin Pin Slammer mini-game. This TV show and toy sensation is making a huge splash among the kids in Neku's Shibuya. You can even play with the same pins you use for the main game!

### What you'll need:

Nintendo DS or Nintendo DS Lite Systems \_\_\_\_\_ 1 per player  
**The World Ends with You** Game Cards \_\_\_\_\_ 1 per player



Touch the Tin Pin panel on the Phone Menu to launch the mini-game. First, one player needs to select "Host a Match." The other players should select "Join a Match" and then pick the name of the player hosting the match. Once all the players have joined, the host can press **START** to continue to the stage selection screen.

Pins remaining

Other players' pins

Whammies (special moves)



Time remaining

Map

Players use the pins in Neku's current deck as pieces. Slash across the screen to send your pin flying into opponents' pins and knock them off the map. Be the last one standing (or collect the most PP) to win!

You can also use the **+Control Pad** to unleash four different whammies (special moves). Each pin has a different number of whammies and other Tin Pin stats. Pins you use in multiplayer Tin Pin will receive PP based on how well you play.

### Practice

Touch this panel in the lower-right corner of the Tin Pin Slammer Title Screen to practice one-on-one against the computer.



## SUB-MENUS: MINGLING

By using DS Wireless Communications to mingle with other players, you can earn PP for each person you encounter. You will also exchange Friend Cards if the other person is playing *The World Ends with You*, but you can mingle with someone no matter what game they're playing, as long as their DS is communicating wirelessly.

### The Mingle Menu

Touch the Mingle panel on the Phone Menu to open this menu.

#### Your game report

This details how deeply you've gotten into the game.

#### User icon

You can select one from the items window on the bottom screen.



#### Character information

Your current threads and deck.

#### Your info

The User Name and Message stored on your DS.

Use the Settings Panel when you start up your DS to change this User Information.

#### Start panel

Touch this panel to start mingling.

### Screen Layout While Mingling

Use the mingle log on the top screen and information window on the bottom screen to keep tabs on your mingle status. You can adjust various mingle settings in the lower half of the bottom screen. End mingling to tally up the PP you've earned and save.



#### Mingle log

#### Information window

#### Mingle settings

## SUB-MENUS: FRIENDS / CHAPTERS / SAVE

### FRIENDS

**WEWY** players you encounter while mingling will be listed on the Friends Menu. Touch the Friends panel on the Phone Menu to open it. In addition to viewing friends' details, you can also buy items from their shop (which contains the pins and threads they were wearing).

#### List of friends

Touch a friend to display their info on the top screen.



#### Shop panel

Touch this panel to enter your friend's shop.



### CHAPTERS

After beating the game, this panel will be added to the Phone Menu... Just something to look forward to!

### SAVE

Touch the Save panel on the Phone Menu to proceed to the Save Menu.

#### Shutdown PP

The pins in your active deck can earn PP even while you're not playing the game! This is called Shutdown PP.





# DS WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

## What you'll need:



- Nintendo DS or Nintendo DS Lite Systems \_\_\_\_\_ 1 per player  
*The World Ends with You* Game Cards \_\_\_\_\_ 1 per player

## Instructions

- 1 For each Nintendo DS system, check that the power is turned OFF, and then insert the Game Card.
- 2 Turn each DS system's power ON. The DS Menu Screen will be displayed.
- 3 Touch the **The World Ends with You** panel.
- 4 During the game, Tin Pin (for Tin Pin Slammer) and Mingle (for mingling) panels will appear on the Phone Menu.
- 5 See the following pages for further instructions on using these features.  
Tin Pin Slammer \_\_\_\_\_ p. 39  
Mingling \_\_\_\_\_ p. 40

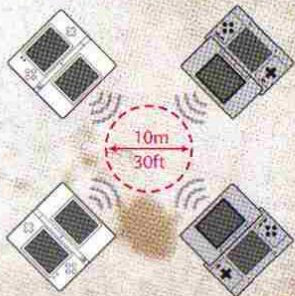
# WIRELESS COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

Please note the following points regarding wireless communications:

- ☐ The  displayed on the Nintendo DS Menu screen or the game menu is the Nintendo DS Wireless Icon. Choosing a menu option with a Nintendo DS Wireless Icon activates the wireless communications mode. Never activate this mode in areas where wireless communications are prohibited (such as on airplanes, in hospitals, on trains or on buses).
- ☐ The  displayed on screen while wireless communications are in operation indicates the signal strength of the wireless signal. The icon has four modes depending on the signal strength, as shown below. The stronger the signal is, the more stable the wireless communications will be.

				
No. of Bars	0	1	2	3
Strength	Weaker ← → Stronger			

When the wireless communications mode is active, the power light will flash at a different speed.

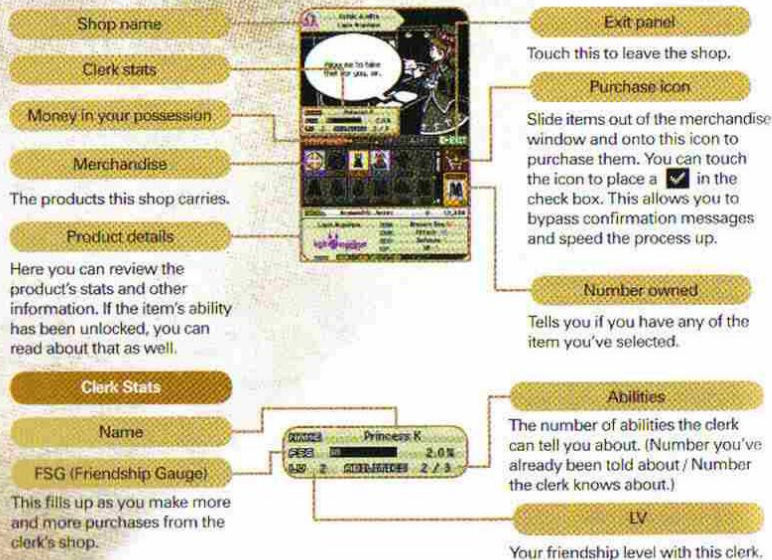


- ☐ For the best wireless communications performance, please note the following:
  - All Nintendo DS systems should be within 30 feet of each other, or at a distance where the signal strength icon shows two or more bars.
  - The Nintendo DS systems should face each other as directly as possible.
  - Avoid having people or other obstructions between the Nintendo DS systems.
  - Avoid interference from other devices. If communication seems to be affected by other devices (wireless LAN, microwave ovens, cordless devices, computers), move to another location or turn off the interfering device.

## SHOPPING

You can go shopping by visiting the department stores and boutiques scattered around Shibuya. Shops carry everything from pins to threads to food items to swag. Some shops specialize in one type of product; others carry an assortment.

Do enough shopping at a particular store, and you may grow on the salesperson or clerk working there. Clerks you're friendly with will unlock new abilities for your items or offer special items for sale. You can't use item abilities unless a clerk unlocks them first!



## TREND SYSTEM / Q & A

### THE TREND SYSTEM

A number of brands exist throughout Shibuya, meaning many of the pins and items you acquire throughout the game will be branded. The trends in each area, which determine how popular each brand is, can heavily affect combat. You can check out the local trends on the top screen of the Phone Menu.

#### How Trends Affect Combat

If Neku wears popular brands into battle, those pins' Attack will receive a boost. However, if he wears the most unpopular brand, those pins' Attack will be greatly reduced. Stay abreast of the trends and you'll have a huge advantage in combat.

#### How You Can Affect the Trends

Why be a slave of fashion? If you wear pins and threads of an unpopular brand into battle and win, you can alter the brand chart and make that brand more popular.

## Q & A

### IN THE FIELD

**Q** A wall is blocking my way. How do I move on?

**A** You may need to fulfill certain requirements to get the wall removed. (See p. 10.) (Walls with no Reaper by them can't be removed.)

**Q** Do I need to fight every enemy?

**A** Not unless the mission asks you to. Even then, most missions will require you to defeat a certain number of Noise symbols, not all the Noise in the area. Other than that, battles are an optional way to raise your level or collect new pins.

### COMBAT: BASICS

**Q** Which screen should I be paying more attention to?

**A** For the smoothest experience, try following the light puck (the green orb of light) and focusing on the character who's holding it. (See p. 31.) That said, there's nothing wrong with focusing your attention on one screen or the other. Just keep in mind some boss fights may require you to use the top screen.



# O & A (CONT.)

## COMBAT: PINS

### Q Why don't I see any pins when I start a battle?

- A You can't use pins in combat unless you wear them. Open the Phone Menu, then choose Pins. To wear a pin, slide it into a slot in your deck.

### Q Why don't the pins in my deck work?

- A (1) Is the pin you want to use finished booting/rebooting? (See p. 22.)  
(2) Are you wearing two pins with the same touch command? If so, pins in lower-numbered slots of your deck will activate first. (See p. 25.)  
(3) Is the pin set to a sub-slot? If so, you'll need to hold down the **L** or **R Button** to use it. (See p. 25.)  
(4) Sometimes a pin will be temporarily stolen from you by Noise. Defeat the Noise that stole it to get it back.

### Q I touched my recovery pin, but I'm still not healing! Why not?

- A An enemy can interrupt the healing process by attacking you during the recovery animation.

## COMBAT: SETTINGS

### Q This is too complicated. I can't handle the top screen!

- A Then don't! Try setting your partner to auto-play. Open the Phone Menu, then touch the panel next to the word **PARTNER** on the bottom screen. Slide up the list and select auto-play settings that work for you. (See p. 33.)

### Q I can't win! Why are the enemies so hard?

- A If you're having trouble, try adjusting the battle difficulty down to Easy. (See p.33)

### Q Why would I want to lower my level?

- A Facing enemies at a lower level makes them much more likely to drop pins. Additionally, the lowest level you defeat an enemy at will be recorded on the Noise Report. Plus, danger is fun!

## SHOPPING

### Q What's all this about abilities?

- A As shop clerks warm up to you, they'll reveal more and more abilities, both for items on their shelves and in your wardrobe. Abilities grant you all kinds of invaluable bonuses during combat, and visiting shops is the only way to unlock them.

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## WELCOME TO SHIBUYA (TOKYO, JAPAN)

Shibuya is real—one of Tokyo's three major subcenters, along with Shinjuku and Ikebukuro. From the statue of Hachiko that serves as its symbol to the tangle of streets and stores that call out to a sea of young people, Shibuya pulls together music, recreation, fashion, food, and sports from far and wide—from within Japan and beyond its borders—and spins the hordes of people and scores of ideas into a chaotic broadcast of culture.



### ① SCRAMBLE CROSSING

Shibuya's scramble crossing, the most famous of its kind in the world. The giant TV screens gracing the buildings are a sight to behold.



### ② STATUE OF HACHIKO, LOYAL DOG

A symbol of Shibuya located right by the station. Japanese know it as a popular meet-up spot.



### ③ 104 BUILDING

A hub for cutting-edge pop culture throughout Japan. TV soaps are often shot here, giving the place huge name recognition.



### ④ SHIBU DEPARTMENT STORE

An upscale department store just a skip away from Shibuya Station. Famous brand names dominate its floor space.



### ⑤ CADOI CITY

One of Japan's department store chains. While the focus is on fashion, they also sell furniture and jewelry.



### ⑥ TOWA RECORDS

A record store born in the US of A. Currently, the store's collaboration with the artist "CAT" is creating a buzz.



### ⑦ MIYASHITA PARK UNDERPASS

A tunnel beneath the Yamanote train line that circles central Tokyo. The graffiti inside never stays the same for long.



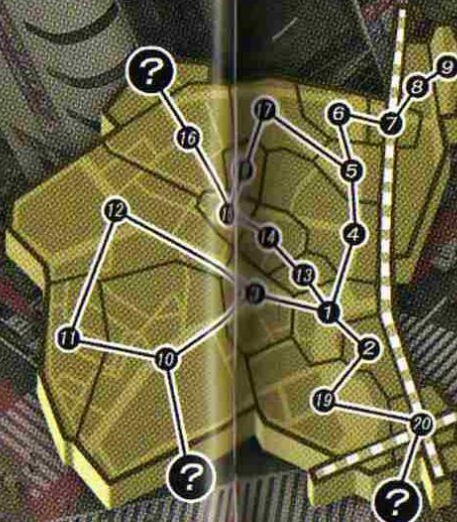
### ⑧ MIYASHITA PARK

A swath of precious green maintained by Shibuya's government. While a place of repose, the park is also beginning to show a slumlier side.



### ⑨ CAT STREET

A street lined with cafés, import furniture stores, and other classy establishments. Neighboring Harajuku Station might get you there quicker.



### ⑩ DOGENZAKA

A sloping street flanked by shops tending toward the eccentric. Once, this hill was a popular setting for novels.



### ⑪ A-EAST

One of Shibuya's shadier neighborhoods. The street winds past "live houses" (concert spaces) and gothic-lolita boutiques.



### ⑫ SHIBUKYU MAIN STORE

A department store that targets the family demographic. The secret of its popularity is a wide range of tenants.



### ⑬ CENTER STREET ENTRANCE

A stomping ground for Shibuya youth. In the 80s, it gave birth to the "Shibu-Kaji" (Shibuya Casuals) fashion movement.



### ⑭ AMX

A major Japanese CD store on Center Street. Nearby you can find shoe stores, lingerie shops, and other clothing boutiques.



### ⑮ TIPSY TOSE HALL

A popular corner whose arcade and karaoke boxes draw crowds. There's even a store specializing in American comics.



### ⑯ SHIBU-Q HEADS

A chain store that sells pretty much anything, including seasonal and party goods as well as collector items. They even have a drugstore.



### ⑰ MOLCO

A series of department store buildings centered around teen and twenty-something fashion. Don't miss the exhibition space for a dose of pop culture.



### ⑱ SPAIN HILL

A narrow, Mediterranean street lined with eateries, bookshops, and more. As you climb the stone-paved steps, you'll want to veer off and explore.



### ⑲ WEST EXIT BUS TERMINAL

A terminal served by most Tokyo bus lines. Normally, this is your ticket all over the city.



### ⑳ STATION UNDERPASS

A tunnel beneath the train tracks. The eerie graffiti and gloomy atmosphere keep people away despite its proximity to the station.



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