Seaman Vocabulary FAQ

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SEAMAN

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If you want a full walkthrough, then check out Xevo's Seaman walkthrough at: http://www.gamefaqs.com/console/dreamcast/game/24507.html

That link also provides an excellent Response Guide.

The Seaman message board is located at: http://cgi.gamefaqs.com/boards/gentopic.asp?board=24507

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REVISION HISTORY

Version 0.1 - Started the list.

Version 0.2 - Began the lexical analysis. Currently reading on ai and speech recognition technology.

LEXICAL ANALYSIS

This was the main reason that I created this list, not as a be-all for the Seaman world. I did it more to understand the underpinnings of how Seaman registers information and parses it rather than how to make Seaman like you or dislike you (you should be able to do that yourself after playing a little while).

I think to exaluate the way that Seaman picks apart sentences, an elementary fuzzy language and grammar primer are in order. I will be tabling out a possible tabular distinction for grammatical matching for quick and proper responses.

Dave's Introduction to Simplified Grammar

English speakers often add unnecessary "noise" words to their speech. Things like "the" or "an" clutter up lexical analysis and are often the words that will hinder your Seaman from understanding you. Of course, constructing sentences without noise words sometimes makes your Seaman reply strangely. Usually it doesn't.

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The basics of English are:

Subject --- Verb --- Object
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But regardless of how we interpret word order, using a tabular formatting system for all nouns (pronouns as a subset), verbs, and ad(jectives/adverbs), we can see how easy it is to link any subject with an object, and why even adult seamen can have difficulty picking apart your words if the verb can work on the subject and the object at the same time.

We'll separate the tables into four sections: nouns, verbs, modifiers, and garbage. Nouns and verbs are simple to understand. The modifiers are simply parts of speech that act on the nouns and verbs (ie. adverbs and adjectives). Garbage words are the ones that can be removed from a sentence and still retain the meaning. These are dropped from the sentence when parsing.

Take a common Seaman sentence that you'd use: "Move the big rock." You can break it up into its successive parts like:

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+----+
| NOUN | VERB | MODIFIER | GARBAGE |---+
+-----+ |
| Rock | Move | Big | The | Drop Garbage and parse the rest
+-----+ to give an appropriate response.
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Seaman himself doesn't seem to be able to make sentences of his own beyond a fill-in-the-blank system supplied from information that you supply. Much like nicknames or terms of endearment from them, these seem to be preprogrammed actions.

It seems that by talking to Seaman, a vocabulary flag is set, so that he will know the different things that you've told him in the past. There are some special slots in accordance with the noun, verb, modifier, and garbage slots. These include Seaman's name and your name, as well as a few sections that are not included in Seaman's vocabulary that you truly teach it (ie. anything that is not demarked with an exclamation point). There are very few of these special slots since most of the vocabulary is programmed in; Seaman just needs to hear it a couple of times to match your utterances with the word.

I'm currently reading a couple of books on fuzzy logic and interpreted speech patterns for work and this, so I'll post more as I understand it.

VOCABULARY

Here is a basic vocabulary list that I've collected so far. Right now I've restarted the game because I ran out of food and had to restart. I'm not sure what the responses are since they are still thin their small gillman stage and only know a few choice words.

Some of the words may be conjugates of words in the Seaman vocabulary, but many of them aren't recognized without all of their parts (eg. Nine is recognized, as is Nails, but Inch is not unless used with Nine Inch Nails).

Also, it's not really wise to ask me what was going through my mind when

generating this... Especially with Ricky Shroeder... Anything marked with a * is genuinely questionable since mine can't talk well yet. I just demarked the words that they understood. I'll fill in HOW they understand them as I figure it out. The vocabulary list will be demarked as: Word or Phrase (type of word) 2 Live Crew (noun) A-Z (noun) Acid (noun) Act (verb) Alec Guiness (noun) Angel (noun) Arabic (noun) Ass (noun) Austin Powers (noun) Australia (noun) Baby Baldur's Gate Backstreet Boys Bible Biotch Blossom Boss hogg Braveheart Bubbles Buffy Buttercup Cambodia Cameron Diaz Captain Nemo Cephalopod Chinese Christina Aguilera CJayC Cock Cult Daisy David Bowie Dead Kennedys | Good.

Demon
Dick
Die
Dog
Dr. Dre
Dracula
Dreamcast
Drink

Dukes of Hazzard

Eat the dead one

Dungeons and Dragons

Dumbfuck

Dwarf

Elf Emu English Evangelon Faggot Father Felatio Final Fantasy Fish French Fuck Fuji Gaia GameFAQs Ghost Go Goku Goonies Guiness Gundam Wing Нарру Hebrew Hefewisen Hill Hitler Holla Hoi polloi Ноор Horny House House of Hoi Polloi How? Hungry (modifier) Id Software Islam Ja Mapel Chapeau Japanese Jerky Jesus Christ John Carmack Johnny Bravo Kanji Katakana Keeanu Reeves Koala Koran Kraut Laugh Lee Lee Sobieski Lego Leonard Nimoy Marijuana Marylin Manson Meanie Meet the Feebles Microsoft Mike Myers Mode Mogwai More Movie N*Sync Nautilus Nazi Nietze Nigger

Nine Inch Nails Nintendo No Nookie Nothing N.W.A. Obi Wan Kenobi Op Gase 'en Parappa Pedophile Pig Pikachu Play (verb) Pokemon Pole * Pol Pot Porno Pot Powerman 5000 Powerpuff Girls Que? Quesadea Ranma Reboot Resident Evil Ricky Shroeder Rock Root Beer Rumpelstiltskin Sad Sayonara Sailor Moon seaman Search Shit Sigmund Freud Silver Spoons Singapore Slim Shady Sluggy Sluggy Freelance Smile SNK Soialite Sociology Speak Spick Spock Squaresoft Star Wars Straight out of Compton Swedish Talmud Tampoco Tell Me Terminator Tiamat Tiger Time Titanic

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Tom Hanks
Tough Love
Transvestite
Ultima
Vodka
Wally
Warhammer
Washington
Weisenstein
West
What?
When?
Whiskey
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