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# New Game Reviews

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## How they score

- 0-44** Real rubbish
- 45-64** Still not worth playing
- 65-79** Nothing too special
- 80-89** Pretty good, but not exactly great
- 90-100** Amazing game you must play!

### Awesome

Our Awesome award is only given to games we love and think you really must play. It's only ever given to games that score over 90%.

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**WE SAID** "With its jaw dropping levels and awesome platforming action, this will be the best game of 1999."

# Donkey Kong 64

## Game Info





Price: **£59.99**  
Release: **3 December**



The beast is back on the 64! Donkey Kong's swingin' into action in Planet Nintendo's biggest game ever.



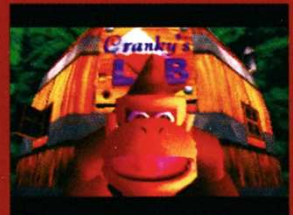


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### Adventure of a lifetime

**G**et ready for a Christmas treat, 'cos DK and his pals are heading your way in this stunning game. Join the ape as he battles evil King K. Rool across some of the most gorgeous worlds ever.

With tricky puzzles to solve and loadsa riotous platforming action to master, this mega game is like nothing you've ever laid eyes on. Let's get down to DK Island and krush some of the nasty ol' Kremlings...



▲ Donkey Kong 64's a classic title. It's easily the game of the year.  
◀ On board his ship, Wicked King K. Rool strokes his pet, Klaptrap.

## King K. Rool's plan

The leader of the Kremlings is up to his old tricks again. He's created a gigantic gun called the Blast-o-Matic and stored it on his ship. With it, he intends to destroy DK Island. Oh no!

Just as they fire up the weapon, the boat crashes on the jagged rocks. As the baddies set about mending the gun, DK's pals have been nabbed. You must save 'em so you can face K. Rool in the ultimate battle.



**1** Out on the ocean waves, the nasty King's sinister ship is on the look out for the Kongsters peaceful home.



**2** As they approach the shores of DK Island, the Kremlings try switching on the Blast-o-Matic gun, but it fails.



**3** Suddenly the ship is put on red alert, but the Kremlings fail to stop it from slamming into the jagged rocks.



**4** While they start mending the gun, DK's chums are rounded up and put in prison. Now you've gotta save 'em...

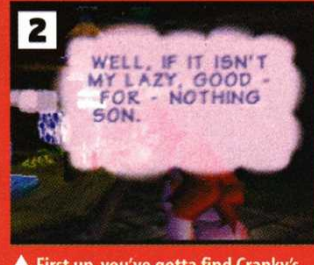
## Monkey training

Before heading down to the jungle, you must find your way to Cranky's Lab. He'll offer you power up potions through the game, but first up you've gotta try your hand at his training world.

By leaping inside the different barrels, you get to try out all of DK's moves. Make sure you remember what they are 'cos you'll need 'em later. Make sure you master swinging thru the jungle and throwing.



**1** The game starts in DK's Tree House where the mighty ape's keeping fit.



**2** First up, you've gotta find Cranky's Lab. Once inside he'll give you a potion.



**3** Now you can enter Cranky's Training World. Just jump in one of the barrels.



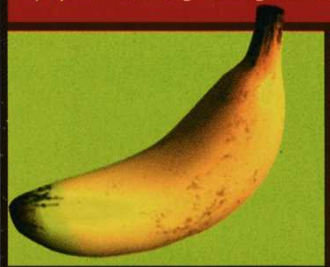
**4** You'll learn a huge range of skills from barrel throwing to vine swinging.

**LOOKS** The graphics are simply staggering and you'll be amazed at the size and incredible detail of each world. Along with the fab characters, the movies look even better than a Disney cartoon.

## Goodies to find

As you make your way through the gob smacking 3D worlds, make sure you collect everything you come across. They'll come in handy!

Some items, like the 'nanas and Banana Bunch Coins, are colour coded to match the Kong you're controlling. Here are some of the pukka pick ups you'll have to get along the way...



### Bananas

**What are they?**  
Different coloured fruit.

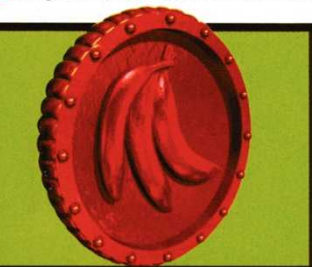
**What do they give ya?**  
You'll need 'em to get through the Troff 'n' Scoff door at the end of every level. Get 75 out of 100 and you'll earn yourself a Banana Medal.



### Golden Bananas

**What are they?**  
Golden pieces of fruit.

**What do they give ya?**  
There are five for each ape to get in every world. You'll have to complete certain tasks, like the Blast Barrel game, to get yer mitts on 'em.



### Banana Coins

**What are they?**  
Coloured coins.

**What do they give ya?**  
Use this dosh to buy groovy musical instruments from Candy Kong, brill weapons from of Funky and some magical potions from Cranky.



### Headphones

**What are they?**  
Cool blue ear pieces.

**What do they give ya?**  
Every time you play a musical instrument, you'll use up magical power. Find a pair of Headphones to restore this power to the max.



▲ This gruesome twosome have nabbed the Kongs and locked 'em up. Go get 'em!

## The Kongsters

You get to control five nutty monkeys as you wander across eight worlds of magical monkey mayhem.

At the start, you'll only be able to control Donkey. It's your job to find the rest of his pals, imprisoned on the island.

Not only does each one have their own coloured items to pick up, they can also use their own weapon to unlock more of the game's secrets. Let's go and meet those cute 'n' cuddly Kongs...



**Diddy Kong**

Those critters ain't gonna know what's hit 'em! This dude can jump further than the others, and his speed'll give 'em loadsa grief.



**Donkey Kong**

This tough Nintendo all star is the leader of the gang. A tad slow, but his powerful arms can knock the stuffing outta any Kremling.



**Tiny Kong**

The only girl in the Kong gang. Her pigtails let her float to hard to reach platforms and 'cos she's little she can get to secret areas.

**SOUNDS** Everything from the fantastic opening rap to the catchy tunes and sound effects make this adventure really come to life. Yer feet just won't stop tapping.

### First tip

Make sure you step on every Bananaport Pad. Then you won't have to go through the whole of each level when you go in as another Kong.

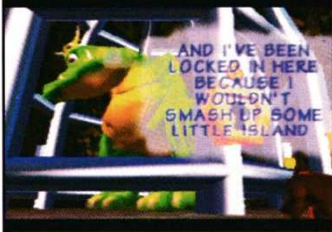
## Gentle giant

Your adventure begins inside a dark cave off DK Island.

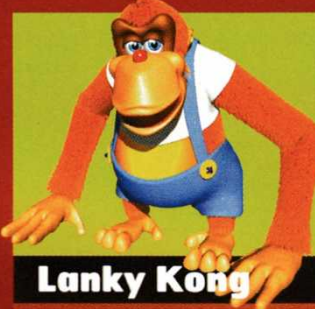
A friendly Kremling called K. Lumsy's been locked up. Find the Gold Keys that've been scattered across the worlds to rescue the tearful giant.



▲ K. Lumsy doesn't look very happy 'cos he's been locked up in a huge cage.



▲ The cuddly beast didn't wanna blow up DK Island. Now you've gotta save him.  
▶ Just finish each world, collect the key and you'll be able to let your buddy go.



**Lanky Kong**

This mad ape is the new Kong on the block. His enormously long arms let him give enemies a beating from a safe distance.



**Chunky Kong**

Even though this ape's been at the bananas too often, he can use his super strength to lift heavy objects and bust open iron bars.

## Unlock the way

To open each level you've gotta get past B. Locker, who guards the DK Portal to each world.

Match the number of Golden Bananas that B. Locker wants and you'll be able to get through the door and carry on your quest.



▲ Wanna move on? You'll have to make your way past B. Locker first.  
◀ To get in, you'll have to hunt the right number of Golden Bananas.  
▼ Find 'em and he'll disappear. Now you can get battling K. Roof's forces.



## Melon crates

**What are they?**

Large containers.

**What do they give ya?**

When your health meter's running low, look out for these precious boxes. Bust 'em open and you'll replenish your energy.



## 'Nana balloons

**What are they?**

Coloured balloons.

**What do they give ya?**

You'll see 'em floating round each level. Use your sniper sight to pop 'em, 'cos they'll increase your stash to feed to greedy ol' Scoff.

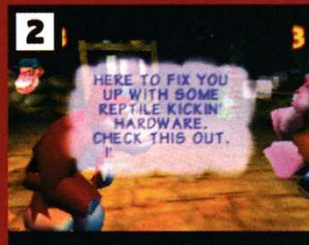
## Baddie bustin' weapons

As you continue to search the world for your buddies, make sure you go to see your ol' time friend, Funky Kong.

In exchange for some Banana Bunch coins, he'll give you a red hot weapon which can be used to launch fruit at all the Kremlings who wanna mess with ya. Just press **Z** and **C** to bring up your gun so you can let rip with a barrage of fruit. Great fun!



**1** Tucked away in each world are fab Banana Bunch Coins. Grab 'em...



**2** ... then go see Funky Kong, who'll let you buy a weapon with your dosh.



**3** Now Donkey Kong can kick some beaver butt with his smart Coconut Shooter.

**ONE PLAYER** You won't be let down by Donkey Kong 64. The game's huge and it'll take you ages to finish. You'll never want it to end!

## Take a break

Donkey Kong 64's a platform fan's dream, but what makes the game even more fun are the excellent mini games you can play.

There are loads of races to find on DK Island, ranging from the good ol' mine cart 'coasters to car chases. Keep on the look out as you race your opponent, 'cos there are DK Coins you can pick up along the way to boost your collection. Let's pop down to the track and give 'em a go...



### Mine carts

Belt round the twisting, turning rollercoaster track. Keep your wits about ya, 'cos the Kremlings'll try anything to take you out.



### Slides

Jump onto your hairy butt and hurtle down the tight track at break neck speeds. Watch yer cornering, or you could lose valuable seconds.



### Speedboats

Hit the surf in your boat then weave in and out of the coloured buoys. You can even ride up the ramps to grab those all important extra coins.



### Racing cars

Slam your foot down and race the car to the chequered flag. Grab the DK Stars to get a speed boost that lets you rocket down the track.

## Mega moves

Thanks to the Kongs' super attacks they're gonna stop at nothing to wipe the floor with K. Rool's forces.

Not only can you use your body to bash your enemies, look out for oranges to launch at 'em, too. When you're playing as Lanky, his extra large arms are great for long range attacks. Here are some of the Kremling bashin' moves you're gonna have to master...



### ▲ Jump attack

Press **D** in mid air and you'll come down on a pack of nasties like a ton of bricks. Go for it, Tiny.



### ▲ Running attack

Push the 3D Stick to pick up speed and hit **D** on the move to smash any baddies nearby.



### ▲ Grenade throw

To kill larger bad guys, grab the oranges and hold **Z** 'n' **C** to lob the explosives in their face.



### ▲ Swimming

Jump into your trunks and hold **Z** to dive underwater. Hit **A** to swim quickly and **B** to go slow.



### ▲ Backflip

Press **Z** and **A** under platforms and you'll somersault to reach higher levels and extra goodies.



► This cheeky chappy is called Scoff the Hippo. You'll find him at the end of each level. Just feed his giant belly full of bananas and his chum, Troff, will unlock the boss door for you.

## Who ate all the grub?

Before facing the end of level boss, you'll have to meet the incredibly plump Troff the Pig and Scoff the Hippo.

To open their door, you'll need to feed Scoff enough 'nanas by standing on the pad below. If you've collected the right amount, his mate's platform will rise up allowing Troff to turn the key.

Now you're ready to step inside and face the baddie who wants to munch on you for dinner.



▲ These crazy dudes are Troff 'n' Scoff. They guard the door to the big, bad boss who is waiting for you on the other side.



▲ Feed the hungry hippo the bananas you've collected and he'll use his extra weight to bash down on the platform.



▲ Now Troff the porky pig can open the door's padlock. Time to take a walk into the unknown and face the nasty boss.



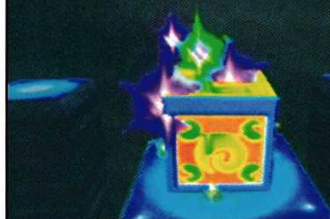
▲ In Angry Aztec, you've gotta help free the llama who's been thrown into a cage.  
▶ Collect the Gold Key at the end of each wild 'n' wacky world to rescue ol' K. Lumsy.



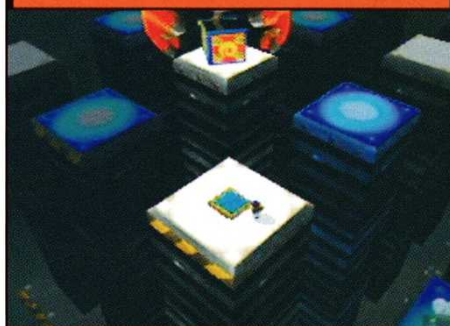
## Beat the bosses

The big bosses are so impressive, your jaw'll drop when you see 'em.

As well as fireball throwing Army Dillo, you'll come face to face with a giant Jack in the Box at the end of Frantic Factory. Wait for him to land on the same colour tile as the switch and you can blast him into next week.



▲ At the end of Frantic Factory, you'll face an evil mutant Jack in the Box. He's one tough cookie.



▲ As he bounces around the room, wait for him to stop and butt slam the same coloured square.

## A welcome return

Fans of previous DK games are gonna go mental when they see how many of their old favourites make an appearance.

Squawks the Parrot gives the Kongs helpful advice and Enguarde the Swordfish shows up again, deep in Gloomy Galleon.

Some of nasty K. Rool's minions also return, so look out for the nippy lil' Klaptraps and the nasty grenade launching Klumps.

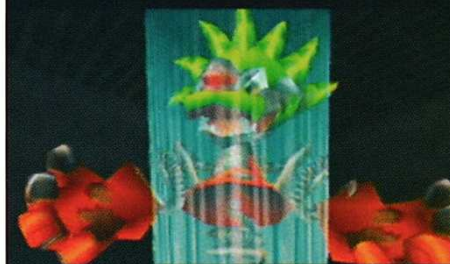
▶ Listen up to your ol' pal Squawks who'll give you loadsa helpful advice.



▲ The Klumps are real fatties who wanna squash you as flat as a pancake. Hit 'em with an Orange Grenade.



▲ Klaptraps are nippy lil' creatures and their nasty nashers'll chase you even after you've clobbered 'em.



▲ Now watch him roast! Just a few more hits and you'll get another key to open K. Lumsy's cage.

## K. Rool's games

The evil King has got some right ol' tricks up his sleeves to stop you. Look out for the Battle Arena Pads in each world and you'll be able to play a game against his troops.

Just stand on it, then hit **Z** and you'll be blasted off to take part in wicked games like Big Bug Bash.

Beat his forces and you'll win a Battle Crown for your efforts.

► Outside Funky Kong's shop you'll find a Battle Arena Pad. Jump on to take part in a fab game.



▲ In Monkey Smash, you've gotta fight a pack of Gnawty Beavers. Use your attacks to hit 'em where it hurts.



▲ Defeat them and you'll be rewarded with a Battle Crown for your superb gaming skills. Good work, Donkey Kong!

## Classic Rare games

The makers of Donkey Kong 64 have brought us some amazing gaming moments on the N64.

Rare's Hall of Fame includes everything from cartoon driving sims, to platformers and shoot 'em ups. Look out for some of the ace games on the shelves 'cos you can now buy some awesome titles like Goldeneye and Banjo Kazooie for as little as £29.99. Cool, or what?

If you haven't played any of these corkers, they should definitely be top of your shopping list. Have a look at this lot...



### Goldeneye 007

**Game type** Shoot 'em up

**Best bit** Getting your pals round for a four player shooting frenzy. Blasting nuts'll be playing this dream game for years.



### Diddy Kong Racing

**Game type** Racing sim

**Best bit** When you finally come face to face with Wizpig in the last race to save the cheeky chimp and his cuddly chums.



### Banjo Kazooie

**Game type** 3D Platformer

**Best bit** Battling the evil witch Gruntilda on top of the castle roof to save lil' Tooty from the hag's clutches. A Big N beauty.

## Cartoon capers

This huge game doesn't just end with the one player adventure. No siree! DK64 also allows you and up to four mates to choose from two fantastic multiplayer options.

Remember you'll have to find the characters in the main game to select 'em. Let's take a look...

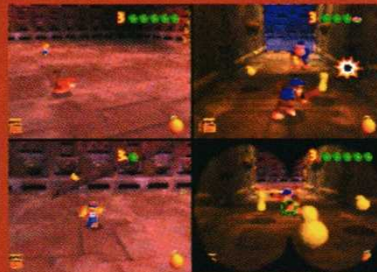
### Monkey Smash

Face your buddies and beat 'em to a pulp using all your magic monkey skills. Don't fall off or you'll lose a life. Kremlings also appear and take part in the ruck too, so keep an eye over your shoulder.



### Battle arena

If you love four player deathmatches, this is the one for you. Collect fruit and shoot your mates with your groovy gun as you charge round the arenas. Blasting fans'll love this beauty. It's such a great laugh.



▲ This wise old chimp is Cranky Kong who'll give you loadsa power up potions. Pop into his Lab along the way.

**MULTIPLAYER** ► The four player battles are a great laugh and battling it out in the cartoon arenas will have you in stitches.

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**GAME SCORE**

Donkey Kong 64 is a jaw dropping N64 classic. From the moment you switch it on, you won't be disappointed. Make sure it's top of your Xmas list. Rare's best game yet.



**96%**