

MARIO BROTHERS

NINTENDO

The first game in the Mario series puts Mario and Luigi in a factory where they are trying to do an honest day's work like the honest plumbers they are. Unfortunately, they're being constantly harassed by an assortment of pesky creatures who keep crawling out of the plumbing and onto the platforms where the boys are working. To rid themselves of the turtles, crabs, flies and snowmen Mario and Luigi (this is a one or two player game) have to run around punching the gantries under the critters to knock them on their backs, and then jump up to the same level and boot them off-screen. As time progresses, the beasties become more numerous, faster and tougher to topple!

It's a very simple game, and though the graphics are nice, there's not much variety at all, so if you're playing in single player mode the meatier thrills only really come on the later levels when everything gets really frantic. However, in two player mode this is loads of fun, because you can choose to play as a team or compete ruthlessly (using your co-player's head as a trampoline every once in a while).

OVERALL 83%