

Move block online
Robotics



OVERVIEW

Students continue learning about simple and complex behaviors by programming their Mindstorm robots. Start by teaching how to program in the EV3 environment and download programs to the robot for testing. Students demonstrate learning by giving their robots commands to navigate a maze.



OBJECTIVES

1. Students will be able to create a sequence on the computer.
2. Students will be able to use the move block.



AGENDA

Length 45 minutes

1. Explore - Watch a video of a robot and discuss the importance of building in robotics.
2. Explain - Show students how to program the robot in the EV3 software.
3. Engage - Students program their robots to solve the maze.



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MATERIALS

1. Finished robot
2. Hand written program and lego attachment from [move block lesson](#)
3. Computer with EV3 Software
4. [Move Steering Handout](#)
5. Teacher-created Maze
6. [Iteration Log](#)



EXPLORE



Length: 10 minutes

Watch a video of a good lego robot and discuss the importance of building.

Teacher Actions	Student Actions
<p>1 Show the video of the world champion robot from 2013-14 First Lego League challenge as an example of a very well designed and programmed EV3 robot.</p>	<p>1 Students watch the video.</p>
<p>2 Discuss with students the importance of combining good engineering and good programming.</p>	<p>2 Students raise their hands to offer answers.</p>



EXPLAIN



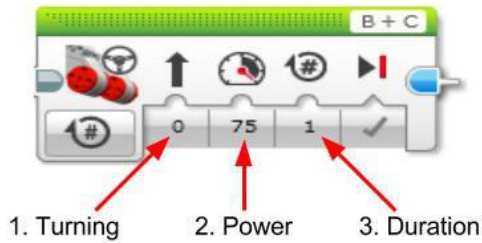
Length: 15 minutes

Show students how to program the robot in the EV3 software.

Prep:

Teacher Actions	Student Actions
<p>1 Distribute the Move Steering handout and show students the maze that the robot has to navigate.</p>	
<p>2 What do you think the blanks on the handout are used for when programming the robot?</p>	
<p>3 Guided Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turning: Positive numbers turn right, Negative numbers turn left, and 0 means straight.• Power: How fast the motor spins. 0 is the slowest; 100 is the fastest.• Duration: How long the motor turns on for in rotations. 1 rotation is one	<p>3 Students fill in the 3 parts of the Move Steering block on their handout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turning: Positive numbers turn right, Negative numbers turn left, and 0 means straight.• Power: How fast the motor spins. 0 is the slowest; 100 is the fastest.

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- 4 To create a sequence, connect multiple blocks together from left to right Give students time to complete the rest of the handout.

- 5 Show students the EV3 software and demonstrate where to find the Move steering block



- 5 On the handout, students describe the behaviors for each move steering block. The finished answer should look like this:



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ENGAGE



Length: 20 minutes

Students program their robots to solve the maze.

Teacher Actions	Student Actions
<div>1</div> <p>Tell students to get a computer, open the Mindstorm EV3 software, and create a new program.</p>	<div>1</div> <p>Students get a computer, open the Mindstorm EV3 software, and create a new program.</p>
<div>2</div> <p>Ask students what they notice about all of the turns on the maze? What parts of the move block do they need to it to change how much the robot turns?</p>	
<div>3</div> <p>Guided discussion</p> <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All of the turns are 90 degrees• Students will need to adjust turn and rotation to successfully complete a turn.	<div>3</div> <p>Students raise their hands to give answers.</p>

<p>4 Tell students that their first goal is to edit a move block on their computer to complete a 90 degree turn.</p>	<p>4 Students can now begin programming their robot to complete a 90 degree turn.</p>
<p>5 Student create a program to solve the maze. The goal is to create the robot that finishes the maze the quickest.</p>	<p>5 Students begin programming their robot to complete the maze from previous lesson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should use their program (the written down instructions) from the 'teacher robot' activity to help organizing the behaviors for the actual maze challenge.• Students keep a log of where each attempt could be improved using their iteration log handout.