



# Make me happy

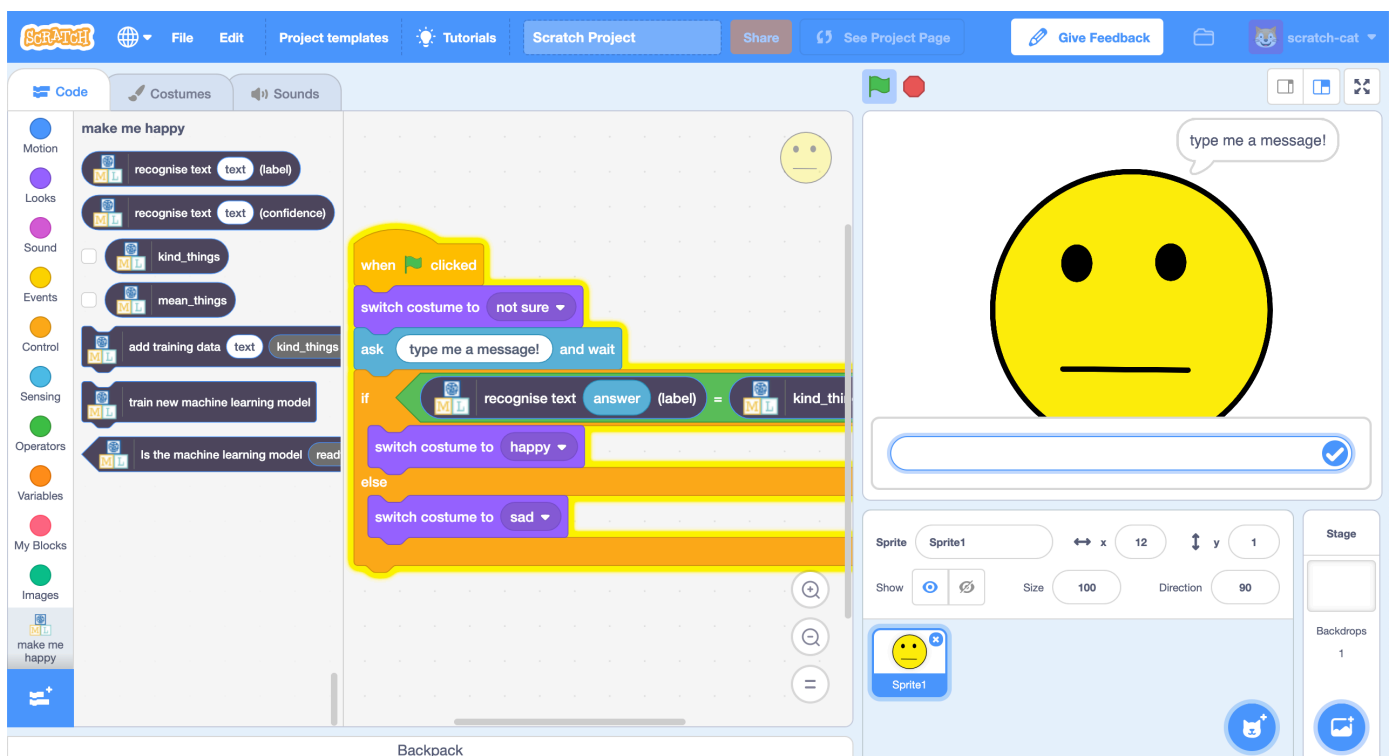
In this project you will make a character that reacts to what you say.

If you compliment it, it will look happy.

If you insult it, it will look sad.

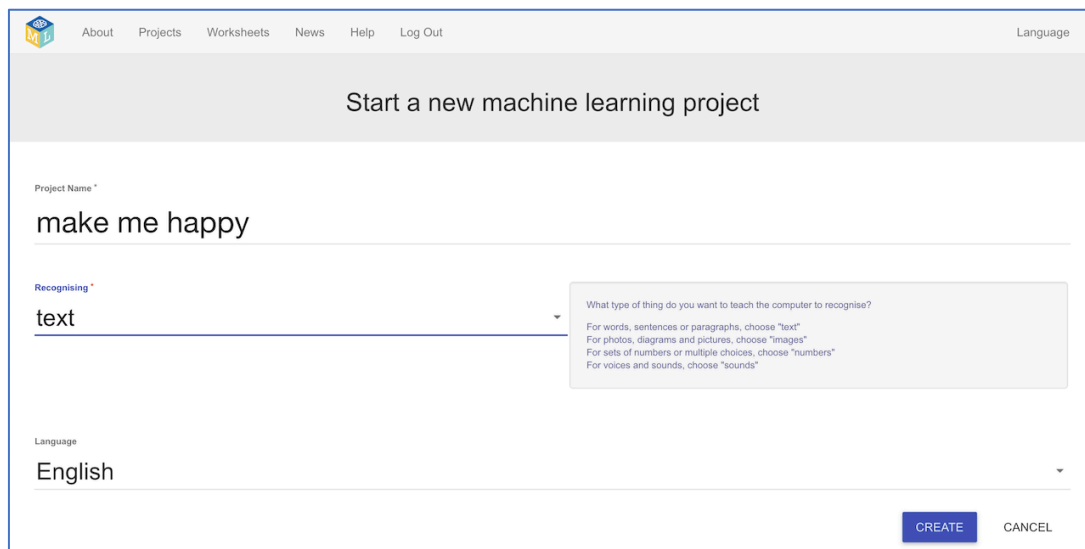
At first, you'll program a list of rules for what is kind and what is mean, and learn why that approach isn't very good.

Next, you will teach the computer to recognise kind messages and mean messages by giving it examples of each.



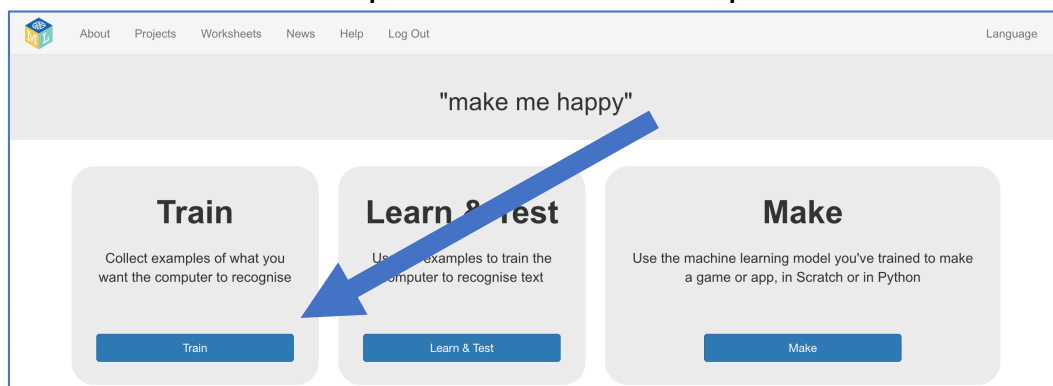
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1. Go to <https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk/> in a web browser
2. Click on “**Get started**”
3. Click on “**Try it now**”
4. Click the “**+ Add a new project**” button.
5. Name your project “make me happy” and set it to learn how to recognise “**text**”.  
Click the “**Create**” button



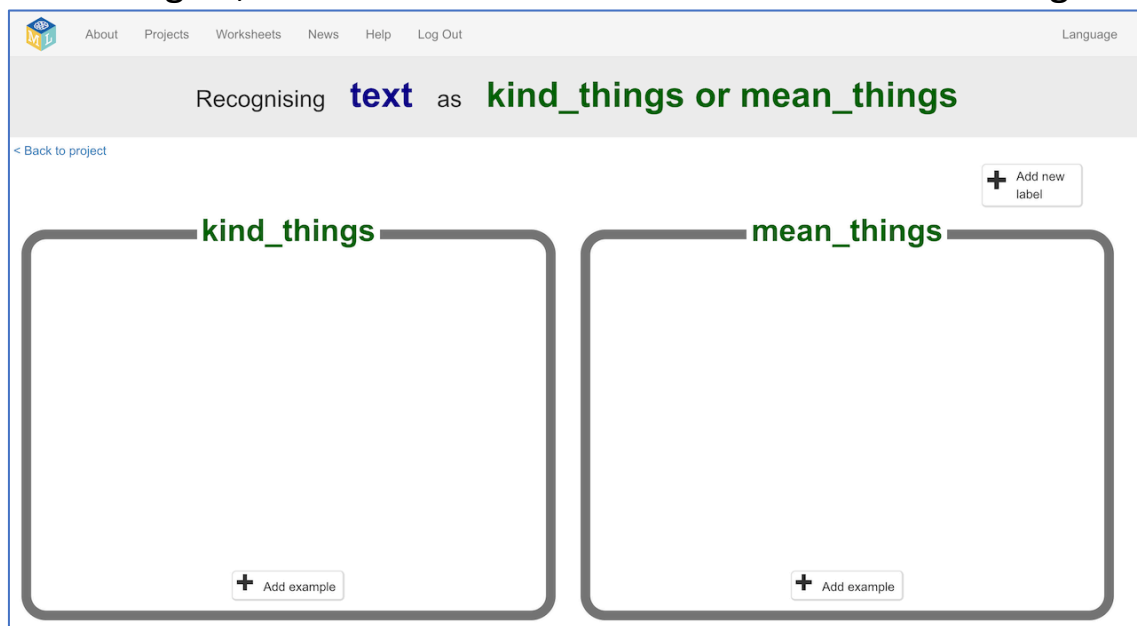
The screenshot shows the 'Start a new machine learning project' form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: About, Projects, Worksheets, News, Help, Log Out, and a Language dropdown. The main heading is 'Start a new machine learning project'. Below this, there are three input fields: 'Project Name' with the value 'make me happy', 'Recognising' with a dropdown menu showing 'text', and 'Language' with a dropdown menu showing 'English'. To the right of the 'Recognising' dropdown is a text box with the question 'What type of thing do you want to teach the computer to recognise?' and three options: 'For words, sentences or paragraphs, choose "text"', 'For photos, diagrams and pictures, choose "images"', and 'For sets of numbers or multiple choices, choose "numbers"'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'CREATE' and 'CANCEL'.

6. You should now see “**make me happy**” in the list of your projects.  
Click on it.
7. You need examples to train the computer. Click the **Train** button.

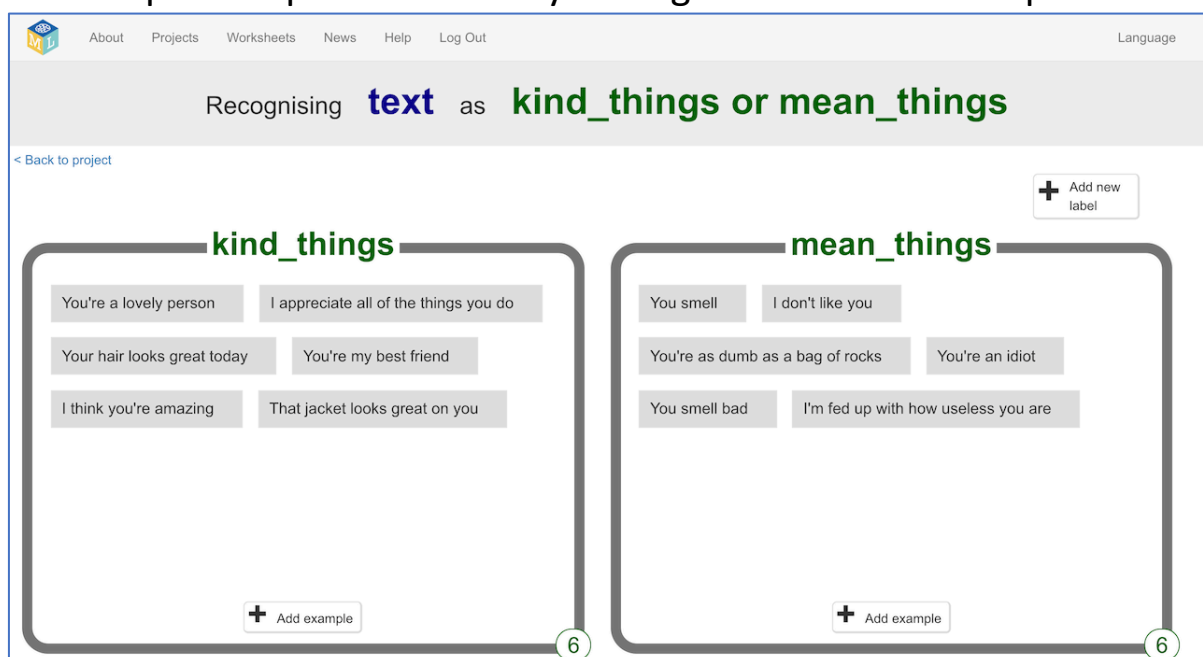


The screenshot shows the project page for 'make me happy'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: About, Projects, Worksheets, News, Help, Log Out, and a Language dropdown. The main heading is '"make me happy"'. Below this, there are three large buttons: 'Train', 'Learn & Test', and 'Make'. Each button has a description and a sub-button. The 'Train' button has the description 'Collect examples of what you want the computer to recognise' and a sub-button 'Train'. The 'Learn & Test' button has the description 'Use examples to train the computer to recognise text' and a sub-button 'Learn & Test'. The 'Make' button has the description 'Use the machine learning model you've trained to make a game or app, in Scratch or in Python' and a sub-button 'Make'. A blue arrow points from the 'Train' button to the 'Learn & Test' button.

8. Click on “+ Add new label” and call it “kind things”.  
Do that again, and create a second bucket called “mean things”.

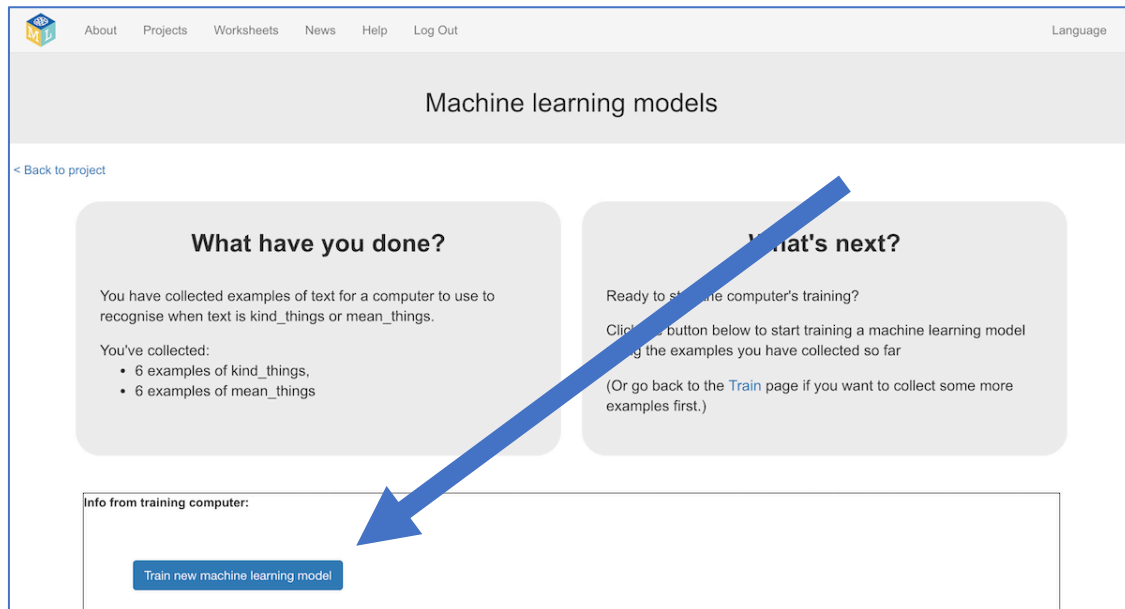


9. Click the “Add example” button in the “kind things” bucket, and type in the nicest, kindest compliment that you can think of.
10. Click on the “Add example” button in the “mean things” bucket, and type in the meanest, cruellest insult that you can think of.
11. Repeat steps 9 & 10 until you’ve got at least **six** examples of each.



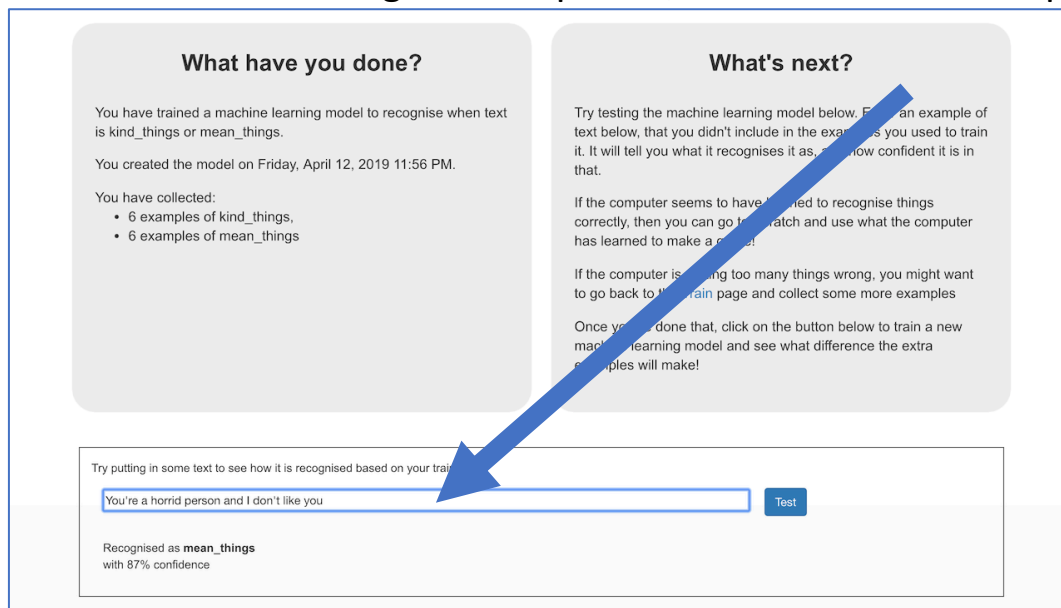
- 12.** Click on the “< Back to project” link.  
Then click on the “Learn & Test” button.

- 13.** Click on the “Train new machine learning model” button.  
*As long as you’ve collected enough examples, the computer should start to learn how to recognise messages from the examples you’ve given to it.*



- 14.** Wait for the training to complete. This might take a few minutes.

- 15.** Once the training has completed, a Test box will be displayed.



Try testing your machine learning model to see what the computer has learned.

Type something kind, and press enter. It should be recognised as kind.

Type something mean, and press enter. It should be recognised as mean.

*Test it with examples that you haven't shown the computer before.*

*If you're not happy with how the computer recognises the messages, go back to step 11, and add some more examples.*

*Make sure you repeat step 13 to train with the new examples though!*

**16.** Click the "< Back to project" link

**17.** Click the "Make" button

**18.** Click the "Scratch 3" button.

*This page has instructions on how to use the new blocks in Scratch.*

*Keep the page open if you need to check back on how to use them.*

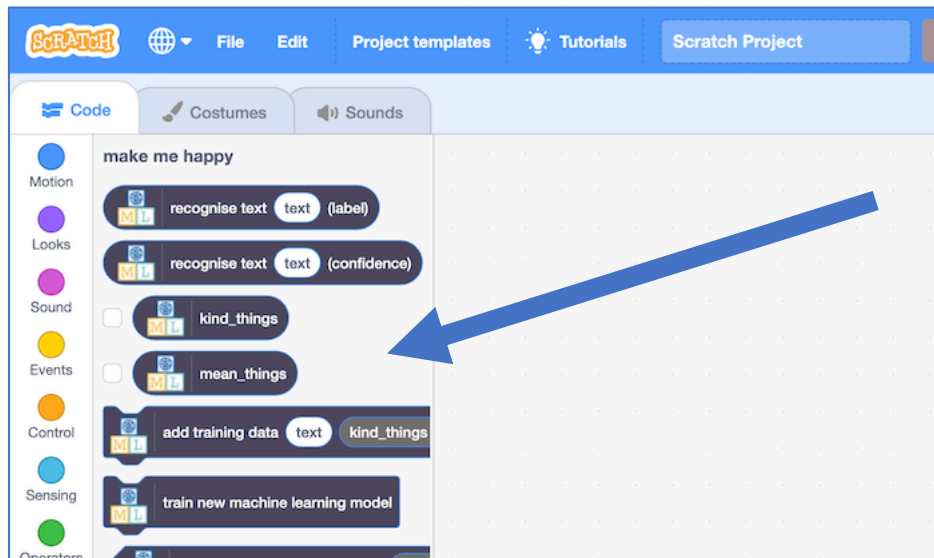
## What have you done so far?

You've started to train a computer to recognise text as being kind or mean. Instead of trying to write rules to be able to do this, you are doing it by collecting examples. These examples are being used to train a machine learning "model".

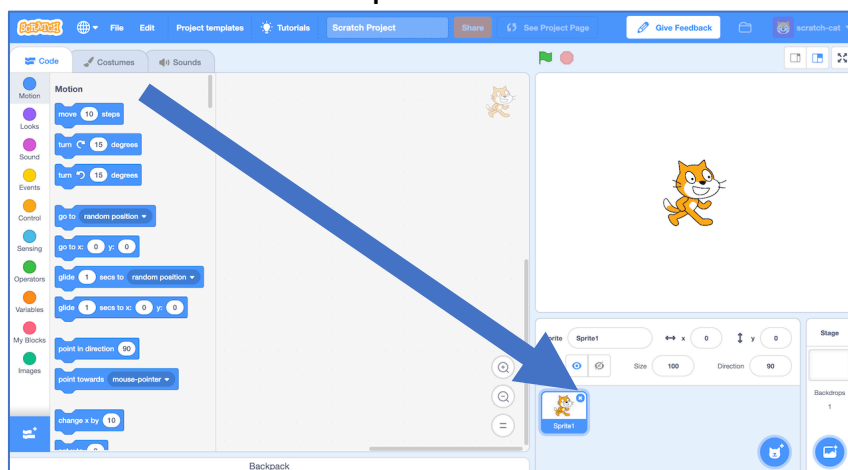
This is called "supervised learning" because of the way you are supervising the computer's training.

The computer will learn from patterns in the examples you've given it, such as the choice of words, and the way sentences are structured. These will be used to be able to recognise new messages.

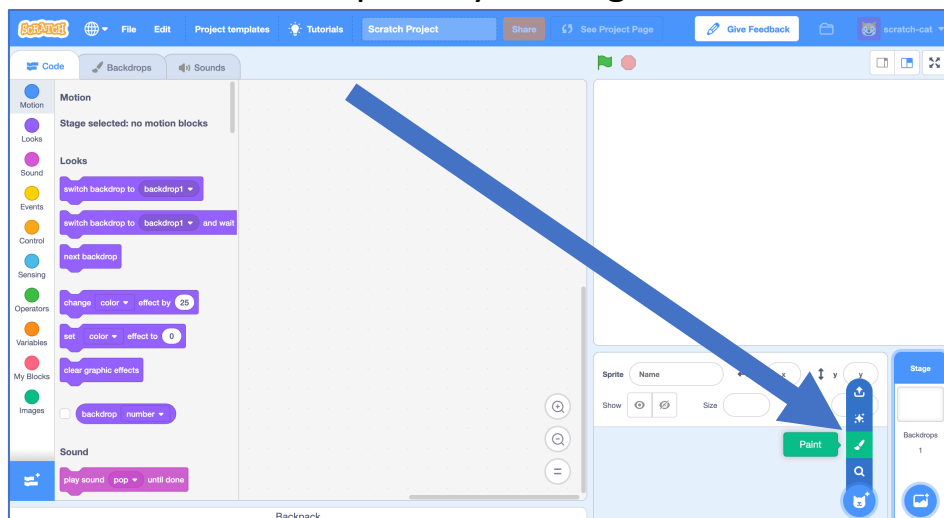
19. Click the **“Open in Scratch”** button  
*You should see new blocks from your project at the bottom of the list.*



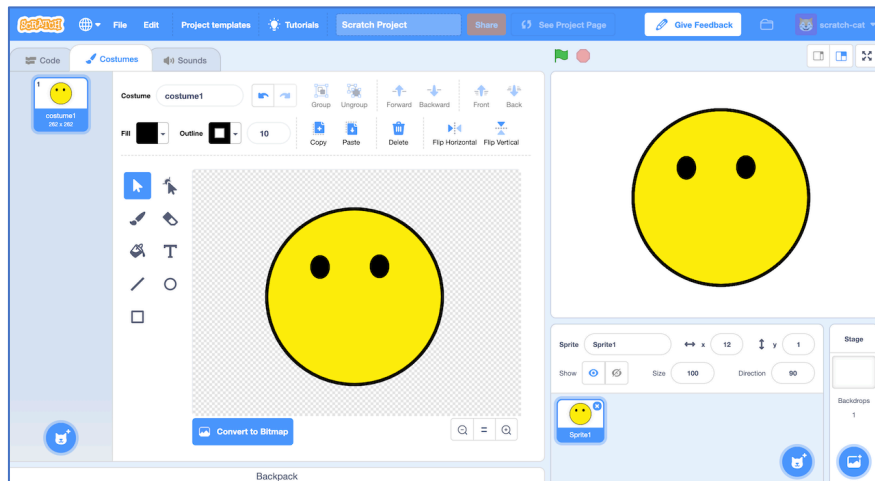
20. Delete the cat sprite



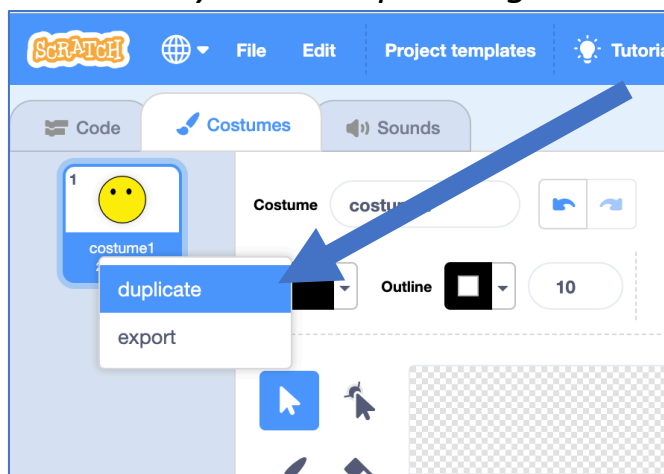
21. Create a new sprite by clicking the **Paint** icon



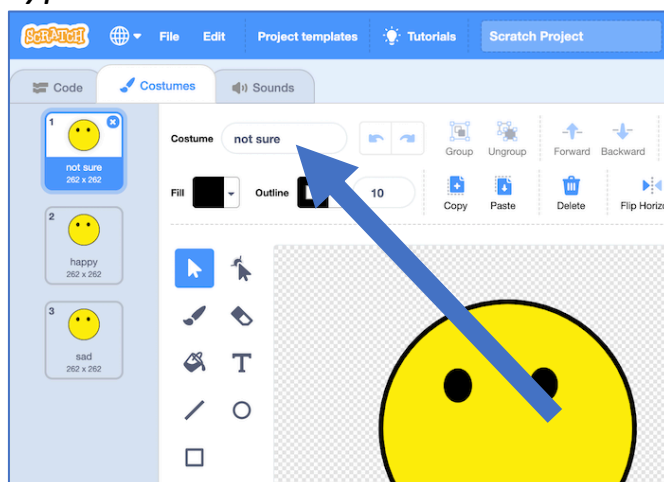
**22.** Draw a face without a mouth in the **Costumes** tab.



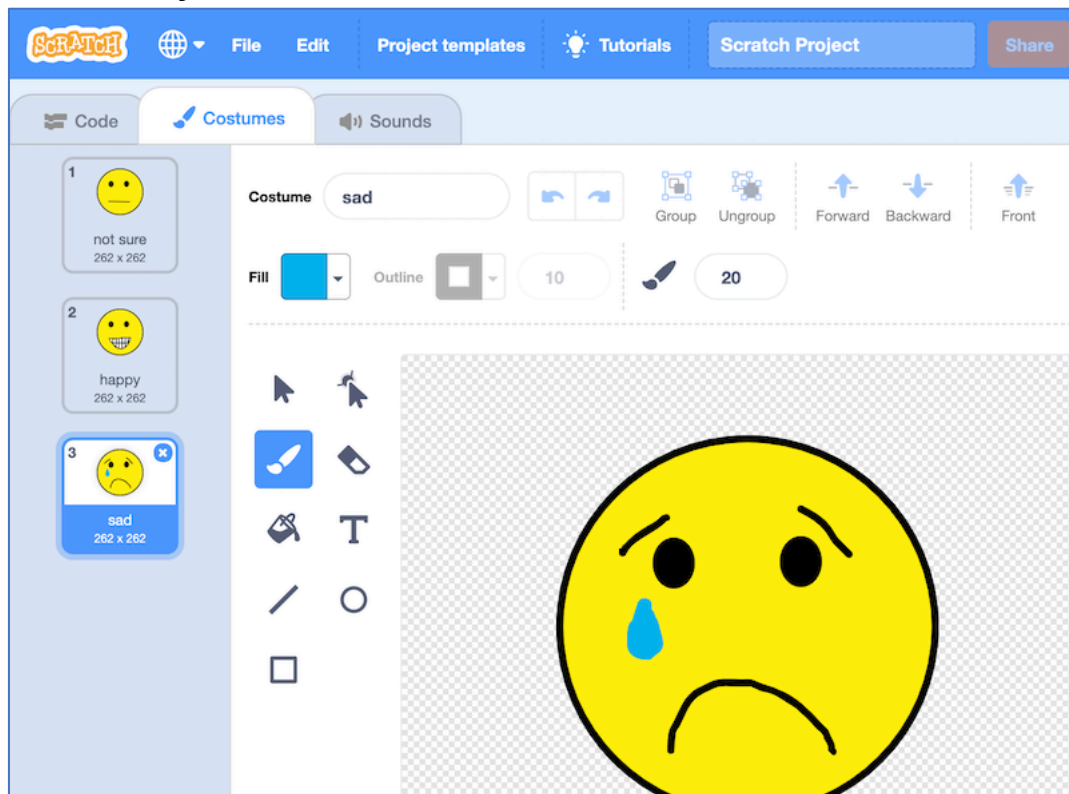
**23.** Right-click on the costume and click **“duplicate”**.  
Do that again so you have **three** copies of the costume.  
*Make sure you are duplicating the costume, **not** the sprite.*



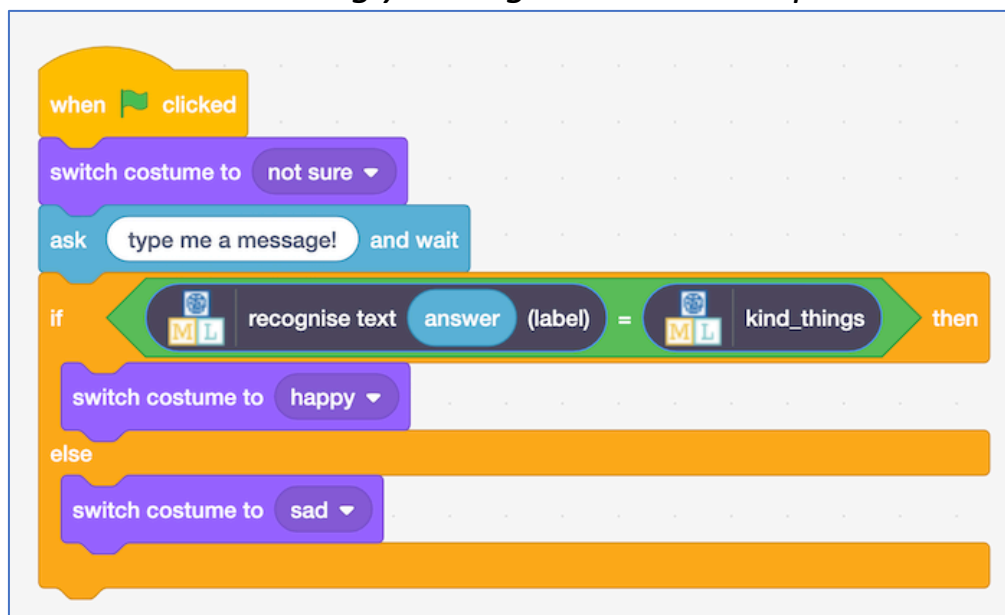
**24.** Name the three costumes “not sure”, “happy” and “sad”  
*Type the names into the white box shown by the arrow below.*



- 25.** Draw a mouth on each of the costumes.  
*The “not sure” face should be a straight line.*  
*The “happy” face should have a smile.*  
*The “sad” face should look sad.*



- 26.** Click the “**Scripts**” tab, and enter the following script.  
*The “recognise text ... (label)” block is a new block added by your project.*  
*If you give it text, it will recognise it as “kind things” or “mean things” based on the training you’ve given to the computer.*





## 27. Click the **green flag** to test.



## 28. Type in a message and watch it react!

*Type a kind message and press enter. The character should smile.*

*Click the green flag again. Type a mean and unkind message and press enter. The character should look sad.*

***This should work for messages that you didn't include in your training.***

### What have you done?

You've started to train a computer to recognise text as being kind or mean. Instead of trying to write rules to be able to do this, you are doing it by collecting examples. These examples are being used to train a machine learning "model".

This is called "supervised learning" because of the way you are supervising the computer's training.

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## Ideas and Extensions

Now that you've finished, why not give one of these ideas a try?

Or come up with one of your own?

### **Write a reply**

Instead of just changing the way they look, make your character reply, based on what it recognises in the message!

### **Try a different character**

Instead of a person's face, why not try something different, like an animal?

For example, you could make a dog that wags their tail if you say something kind to it!

### **Use the confidence score**

The other new Scratch block from your project gives the score for how sure your machine learning model is that it has recognised the message. How can you use this for messages that aren't compliments or insults?

### **Real world sentiment analysis**

Can you think of examples where it's useful to be able to train a computer to recognise the emotion in writing?