



# Zombie Escape!

You are trapped in a huge hotel that has been overrun by zombies!

To help you escape, you have a small remote-controlled robot.

There's no point trying to use it to memorize where all the zombies are – there are too many rooms, and too many zombies, and they're all moving around the hotel too much anyway.

You need to make your robot learn.

You need to train your robot so that it learns what sort of places the zombies seem to like. Train your robot so that it learns which hotel rooms are more likely to be safe, and which rooms you should avoid.

Your mission is to escape the zombies.

Train your robot to learn the way the zombies behave. And once you've trained it, use the predictions it makes to guide you to safety.

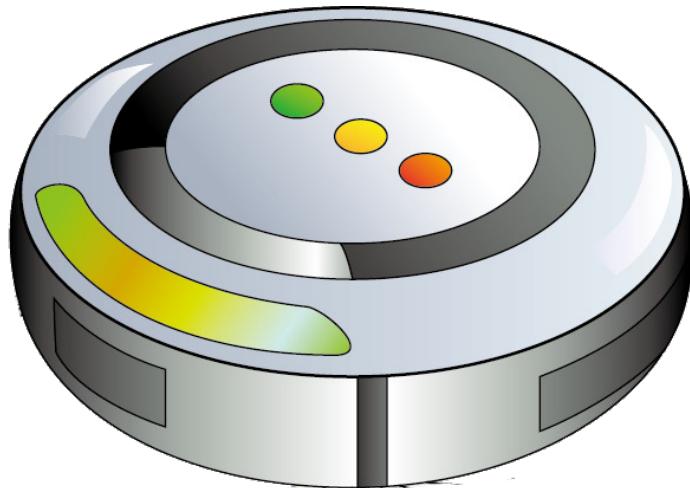
Good luck!



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You will use your robot to search the hotel.

Your robot is a bit like a robot vacuum cleaner, except it has space for **five special sensors** on top.



The sensors can determine information about the rooms from the corridor outside. Unfortunately, it can't detect zombies!



You will use your robot to detect all the information it can about rooms from outside, and then go inside to check if there are zombies in there.

The info about the room, combined with if there are zombies in there, will let you train the robot to predict if a room has zombies in (just from the information it can detect from outside).

Your first job is to **choose what sensors** you will fit to your robot.

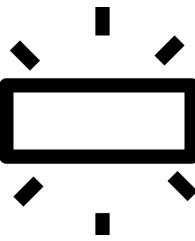
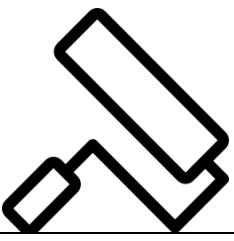
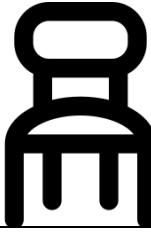
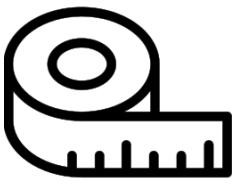
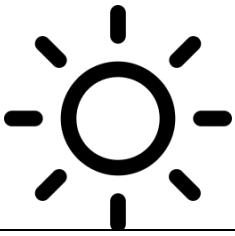
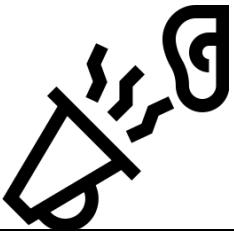
Your robot has space for five sensors. You have twelve sensors to choose from.

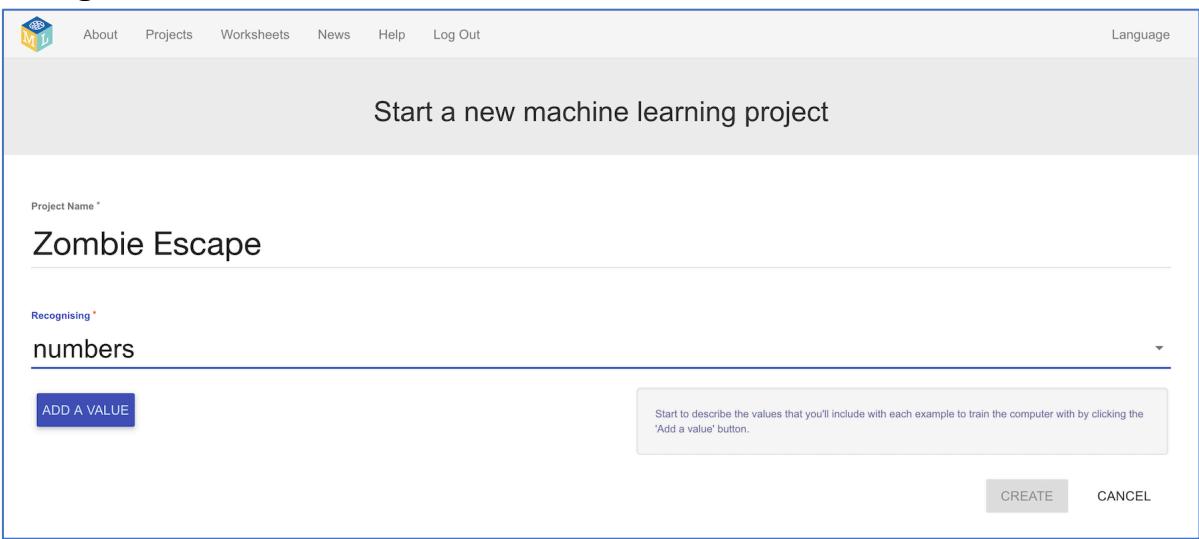
The sensors you have to choose from are listed on the next page.

**What information do you think will be the most useful to your robot to predict whether there is a zombie lurking behind each door?**

Some information might be very useful. Some information might not be.

Try to choose a different set of sensors from your classmates. That way you will be able to compare the difference that it makes in how good your robots are at making predictions!

<b>Lighting type</b>  This sensor will tell you the type of lighting in the room – e.g. fluorescent tube, or halogen bulb.		<b>Humidity</b>  This sensor will tell you how damp the room is, by measuring the humidity percentage in the room.	
<b>Temperature</b>  This sensor will tell you the temperature in the room in °Celsius.		<b>Wall colour</b>  This sensor will tell you what colour the walls in the room are.	
<b>Floor type</b>  This sensor will tell you what the floor is covered with – e.g. carpet.		<b>Number of chairs</b>  This sensor will tell you how many chairs are in the room.	
<b>Room size</b>  This sensor will tell you how big the room is, by measuring the floor space in square metres.		<b>Number of windows</b>  This sensor will tell you the number of windows in the room.	
<b>Brightness</b>  This sensor will tell you how bright the room is in lux.		<b>Noise level</b>  This sensor will tell you how noisy the room is in decibels.	
<b>Number of mirrors</b>  This sensor will tell you the number of mirrors in the room.		<b>Room number</b>  This sensor can read the room number from the room door.	

- 1.** Go to <https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk/> in a web browser
- 2.** Click on “**Get started**”
- 3.** Click on “**Log In**” and type in your username and password  
*If you don't have a username, ask your teacher or group leader to create one for you.*  
*If you can't remember your username or password, ask your teacher or group leader to reset it for you.*
- 4.** Click on “**Projects**” on the top menu bar
- 5.** Click the “**+ Add a new project**” button.
- 6.** Name your project “Zombie Escape” and set it to learn how to recognise “**numbers**”.  


The screenshot shows a web-based form for creating a new machine learning project. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for About, Projects, Worksheets, News, Help, Log Out, and Language. Below the navigation is a header that says "Start a new machine learning project". The main form has two input fields: "Project Name \*" containing "Zombie Escape" and "Recognising \*" containing "numbers". To the right of the "Recognising" field is a tooltip with the text: "Start to describe the values that you'll include with each example to train the computer with by clicking the 'Add a value' button." At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "CREATE" and "CANCEL".
- 7.** Use the “**Add a value**” button to add a value for each of the **five** sensors you have chosen for your robot.  
*See the next page for examples.*

If you have chosen the **lighting type** sensor, add this.  
It should be **multiple-choice** with the options **NONE, HALIDE, HALOGEN, INCANDESC** (for “incandescent bulbs”), and **FLUORESC** (for “fluorescent tubes”)

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
lighting	multiple-choice	
Choices:		
<input type="radio"/> NONE <input type="radio"/> HALIDE <input type="radio"/> HALOGEN		
<input type="radio"/> INCANDESC <input type="radio"/> FLUORESC		

If you have chosen the **temperature** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
temperature	number	

If you have chosen the **floor type** sensor, add this.  
It should be **multiple-choice** with the options **CARPET, LAMINATE, STONE, TILES, WOOD**

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
flooring	multiple-choice	
Choices:		
<input type="radio"/> CARPET <input type="radio"/> LAMINATE <input type="radio"/> STONE		
<input type="radio"/> TILES <input type="radio"/> WOOD		

If you have chosen the **room size** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
room size	number	

If you have chosen the **brightness** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
brightness	number	

If you have chosen the **number of mirrors** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
mirrors	number	

If you have chosen the **humidity** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
humidity	number	

If you have chosen the **wall colour** sensor, add this.  
It should be **multiple-choice** with the options **BLACK, BROWN, GRAY, WHITE, YELLOW**

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
colour	multiple-choice	
Choices:		
<input type="radio"/> BLACK <input type="radio"/> BROWN		
<input type="radio"/> GRAY <input type="radio"/> WHITE		
<input type="radio"/> YELLOW		

If you have chosen the **number of chairs** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
chairs	number	

If you have chosen the **number of windows** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
windows	number	

If you have chosen the **noise level** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
noise	number	

If you have chosen the **room number** sensor, add this:

Value 1 *	Type of value *	<input checked="" type="button"/> X
room number	number	

- 8.** When you have chosen your **five** sensors, your screen should look something like this.  
Click “Create”.

Zombie Escape

Recognising \*

numbers

Value 1 \* Type of value \* lighting multiple-choice

Choices:  NONE  HALIDE  HALOGEN  INCANDESC  FLUORESC

Value 2 \* Type of value \* temperature number

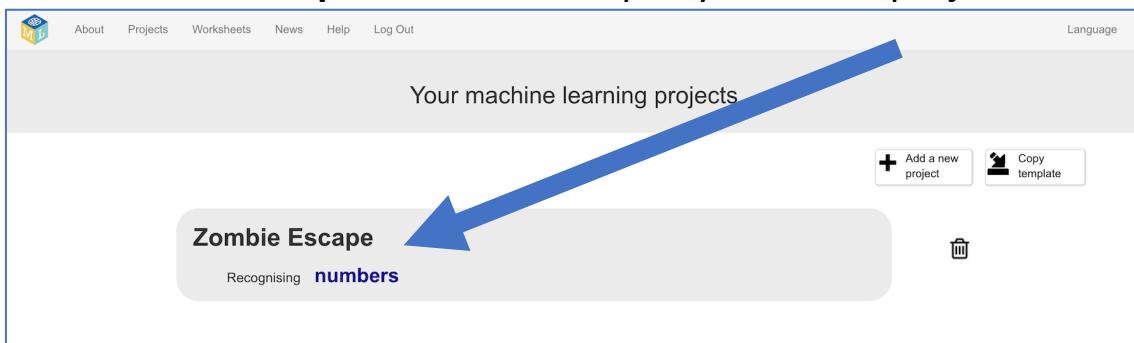
Value 3 \* Type of value \* colour multiple-choice

Choices:  BLACK  BROWN  GRAY  WHITE  YELLOW

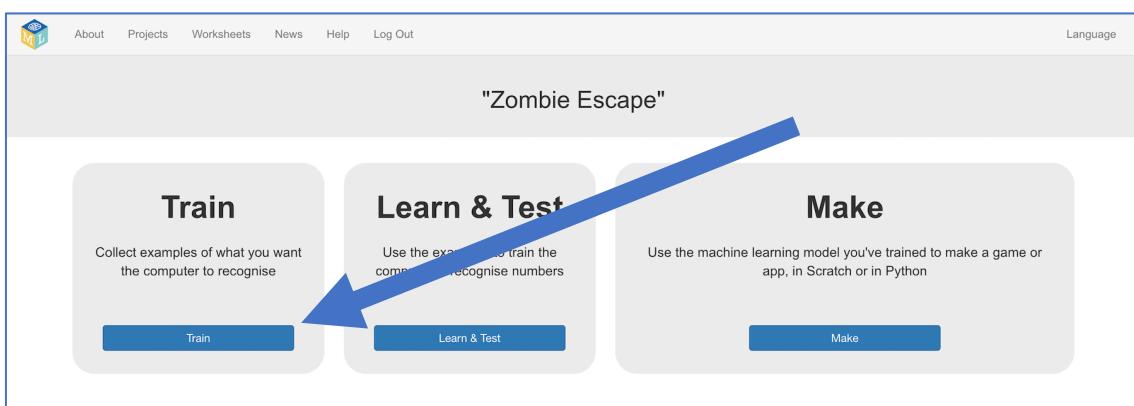
Value 4 \* Type of value \* brightness number

Value 5 \* Type of value \* noise number

- 9.** Zombie Escape should show up in your list of projects. Click on it.

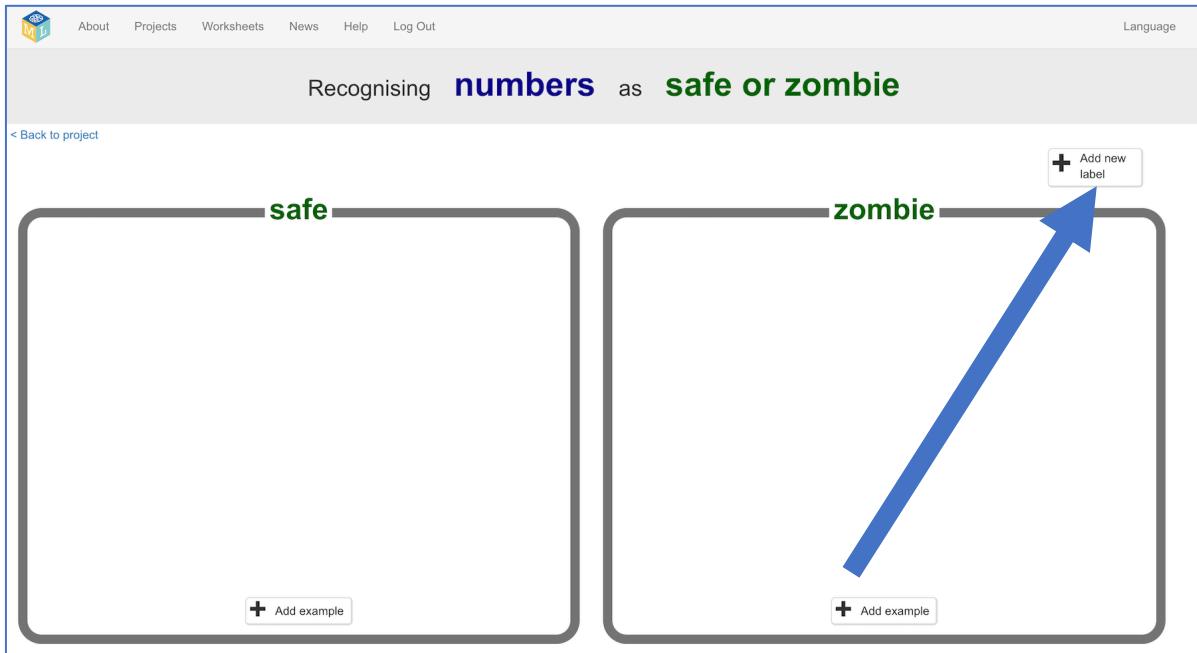


- 10.** Click “Train”



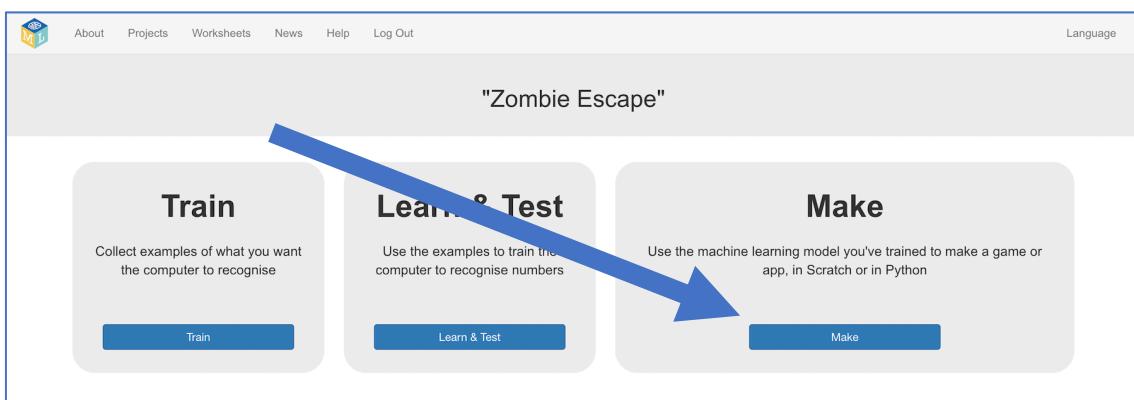
- 11.** Use the “+ Add new label” button to add two buckets: “safe” and “zombie”.

*These will be where you’ll store information about rooms that your robot encounters: sensor information about the safe rooms in the left bucket, sensor information about the rooms with zombies in in the right bucket.*

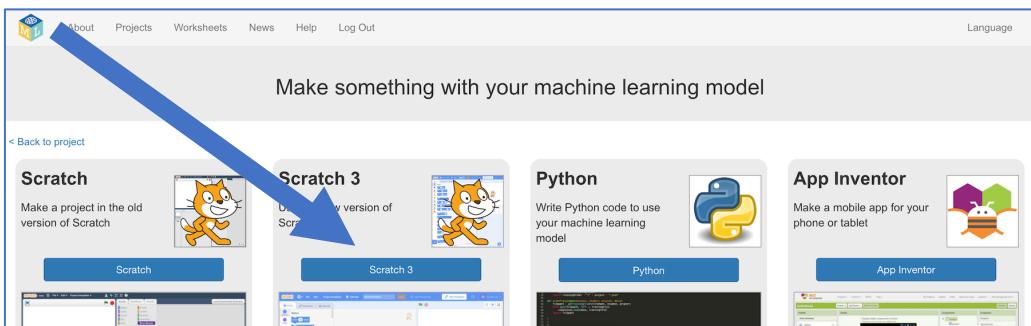


- 12.** Click on the “< Back to project” link in the top-left.

- 13.** Click the “Make” button



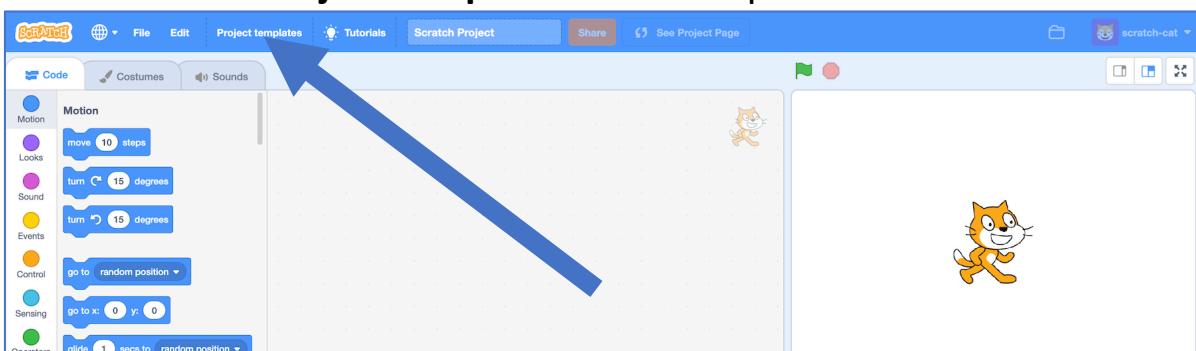
## 14. Click on “Scratch 3”



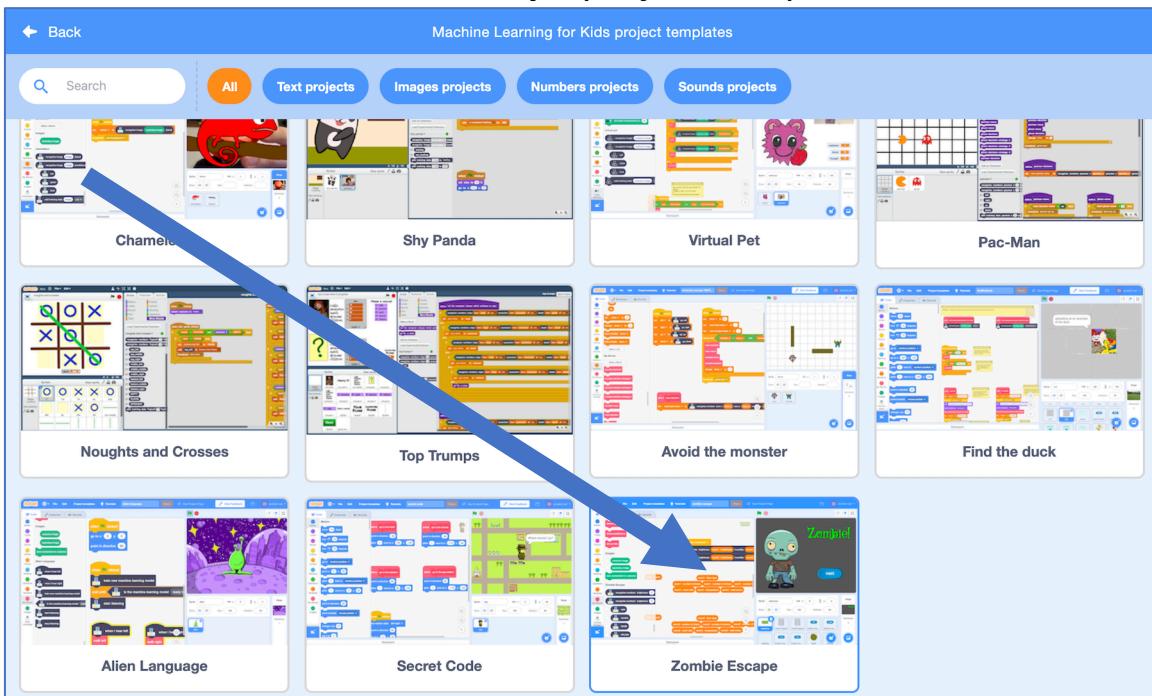
## 15. Click on “straight into Scratch”.

*The page will warn that you haven't trained a machine learning model yet, but that's okay – you will use Scratch to collect your training data.*

## 16. Click on “Project templates” in the top menu.

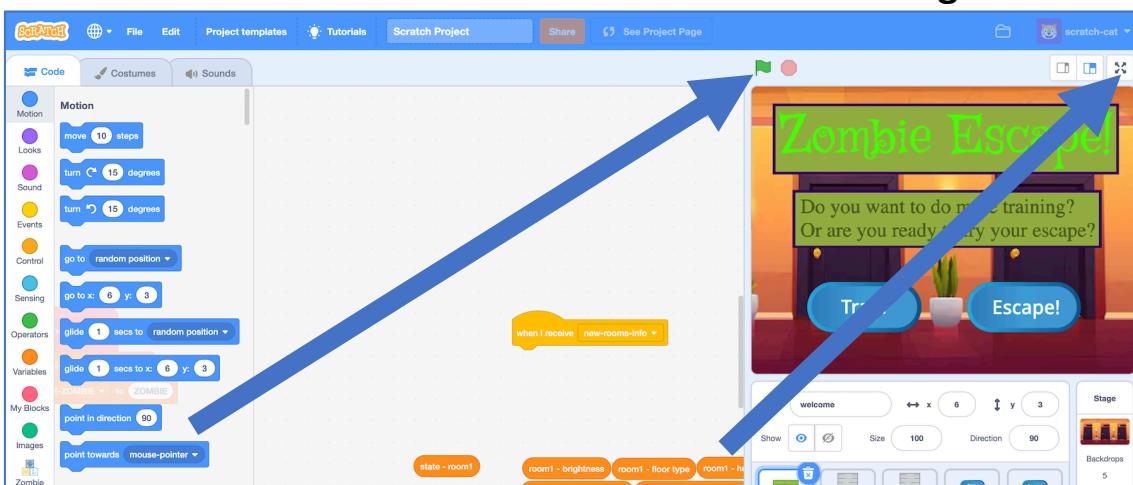


## 17. Click on the **Zombie Escape** project template.

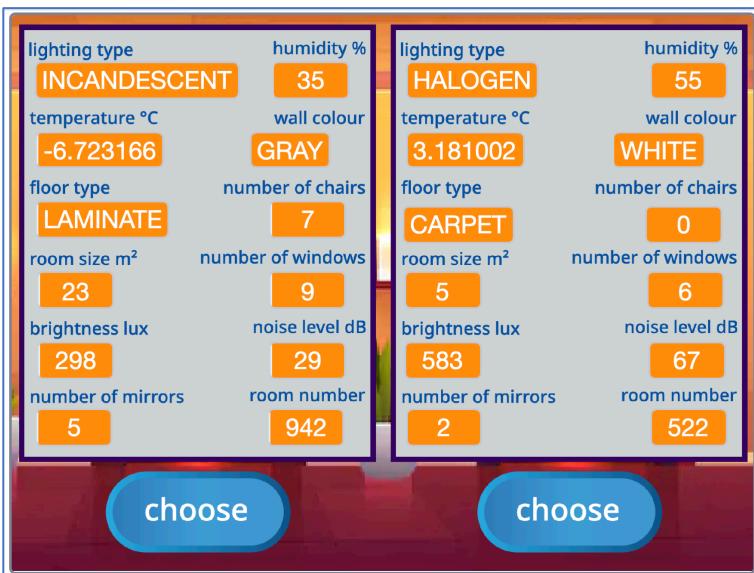


**18.** Start by trying out the project.

Click on the **full-screen** button and then the **Green Flag**.



Click on the **Train** button in the project.



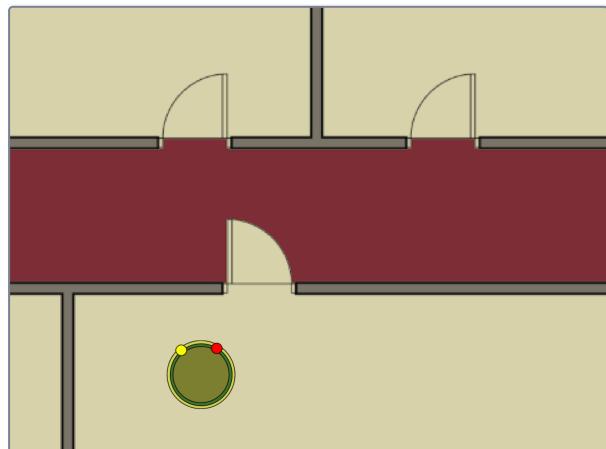
Each time your robot reaches the doors for the next two rooms, it will display its sensor readings.

Choose the room that you think is probably the safest.

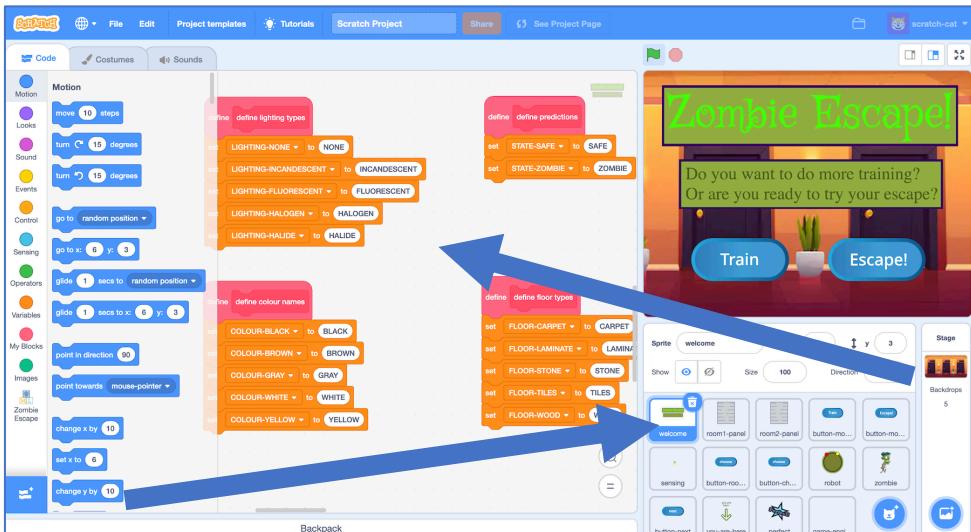
If you choose correctly, your robot will move on to the next corridor.

If you make the wrong choice, you'll see a zombie!

When you think you understand, it's time to train your robot!



**19.** Click the “welcome” sprite and find these pink **define** blocks.

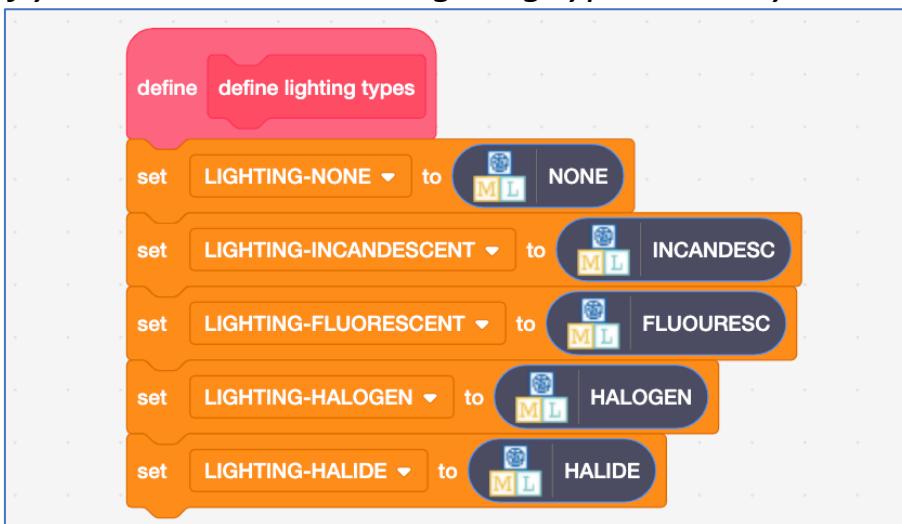


**20.** Find the **define predictions** script, and drag in the blocks with the names of your two training buckets into the script.



**21.** If you chose the lighting type sensor, find the **define lighting types** script, and drag in the blocks with the names you gave for the multiple-choice options for lighting types.

*If you didn't choose the lighting type sensor, you should skip this step.*



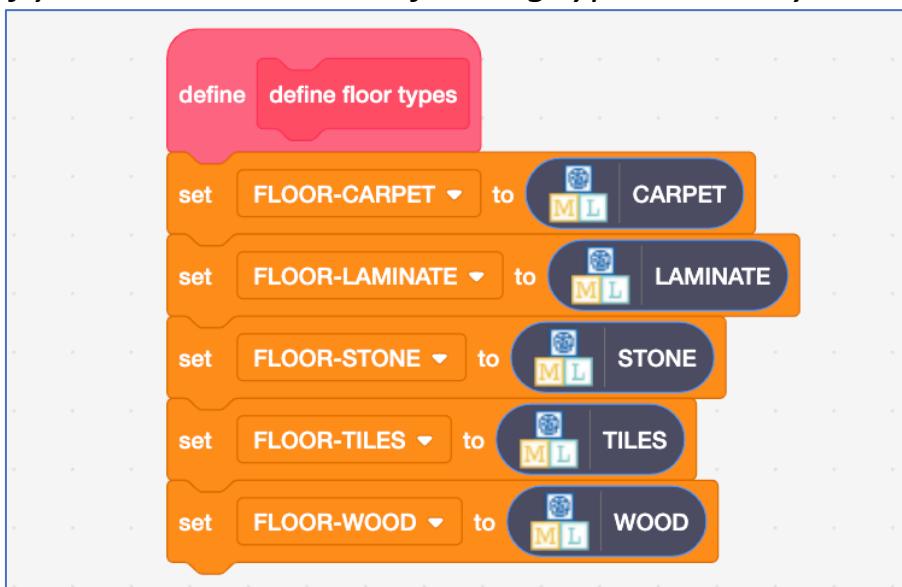
**22.** If you chose the wall colour sensor, find the **define colour names** script, and drag in the blocks with the names you gave for the multiple-choice options for colours.

*If you didn't choose the wall colour sensor, you should skip this step.*

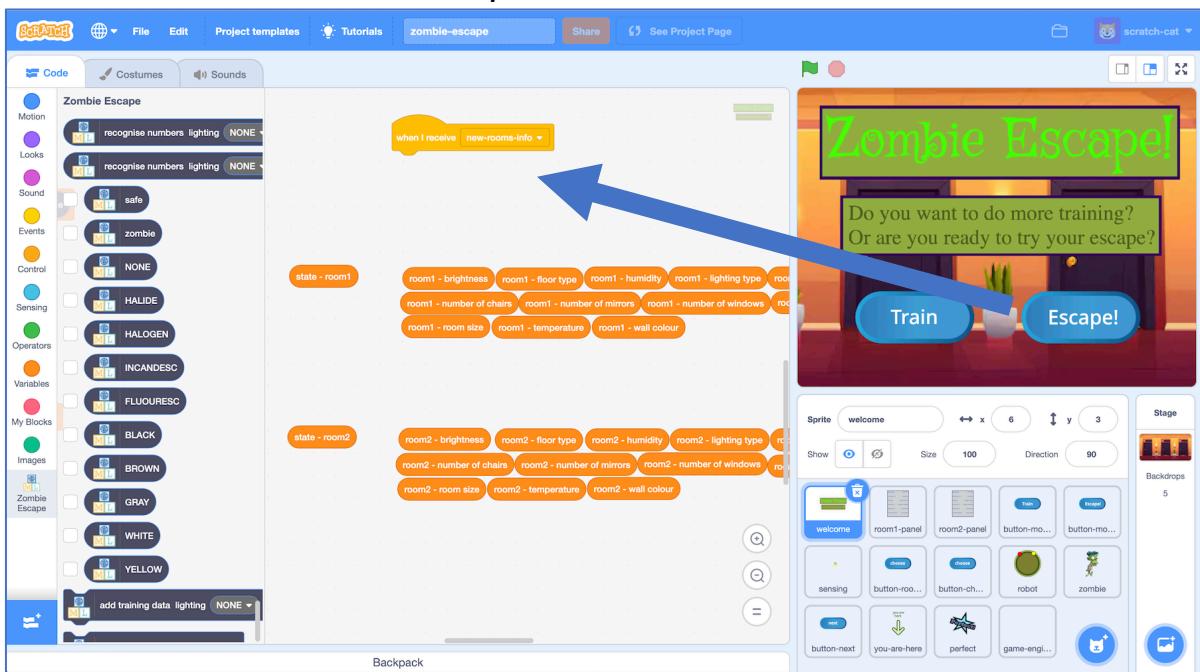


**23.** If you chose the flooring types sensor, find the **define floor types** script, and drag in the blocks with the names you gave for the multiple-choice options for flooring.

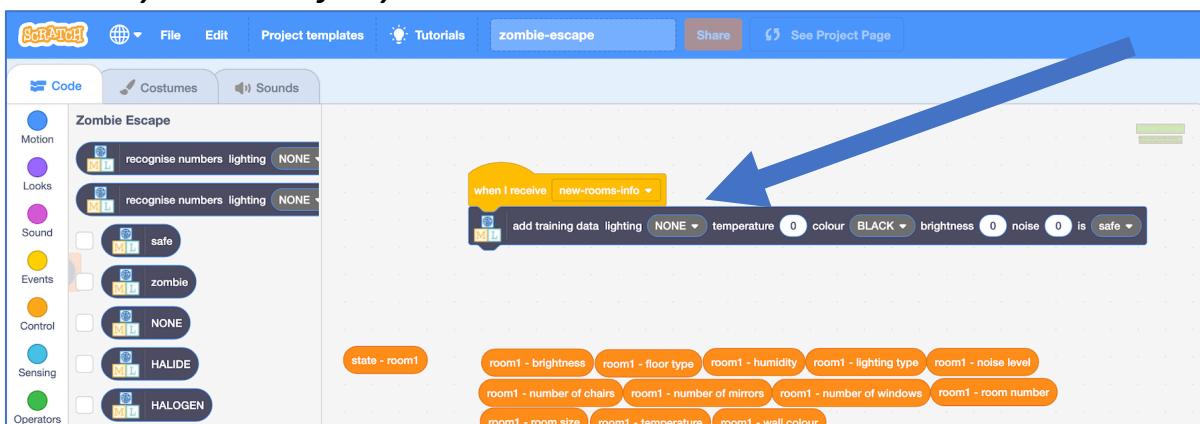
*If you didn't choose the flooring types sensor, you should skip this step.*



**24.** Find the **when I receive new-rooms-info** block that is ready for you.  
*This is still on the welcome sprite.*



**25.** Drag an **add training data** block and add it to the event.  
*The values listed on your add-training-data block will depend on the sensors you chose for your robot.*



**26.** Drag **state – room1** into the last space on the block  
*You'll find it just underneath, all ready for you!*



**27.** Fill the rest of the spaces in the block with **room1** values.

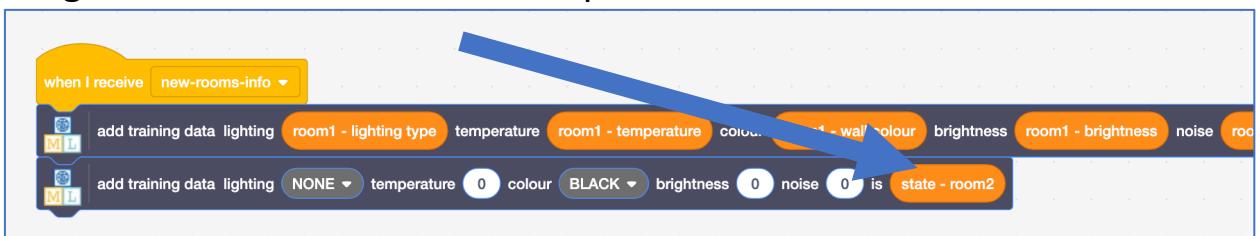
*The values you need to drag in will depend on the sensors you've chosen.  
Just match the names.*

*You'll find the blocks you need in the group underneath, all ready for you.  
Make sure you use **room1** (not room2) values for this block.*



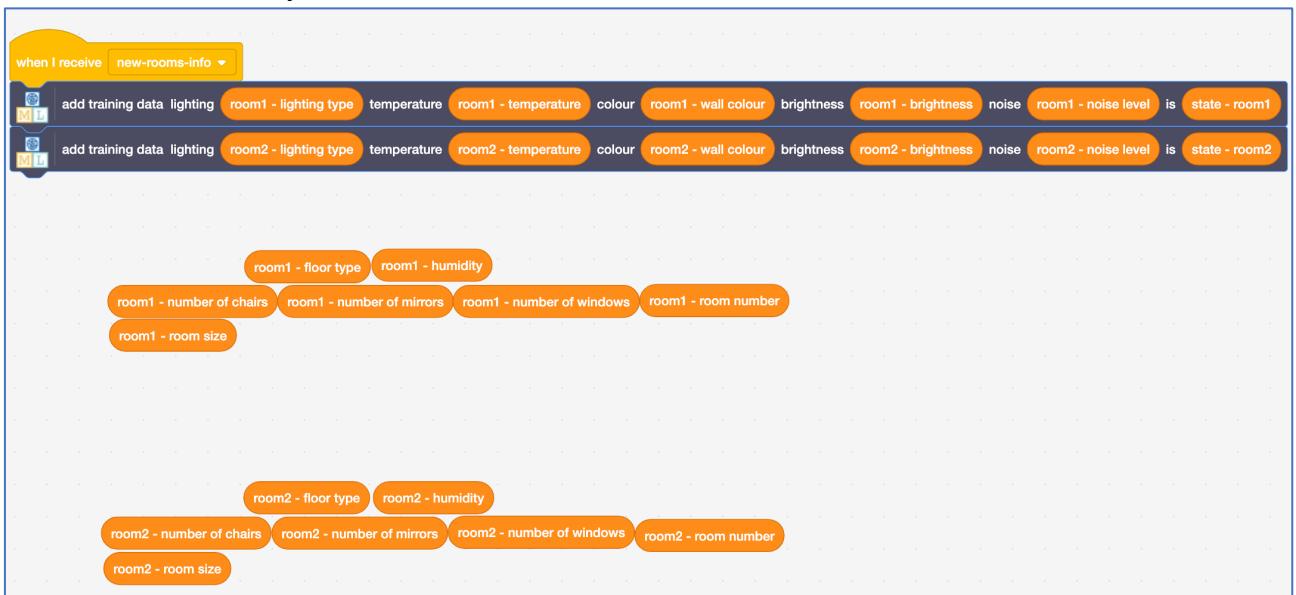
**28.** Drag another **add training data** block and add it underneath.

Drag **state – room2** into the last space in this new block, similar to before.



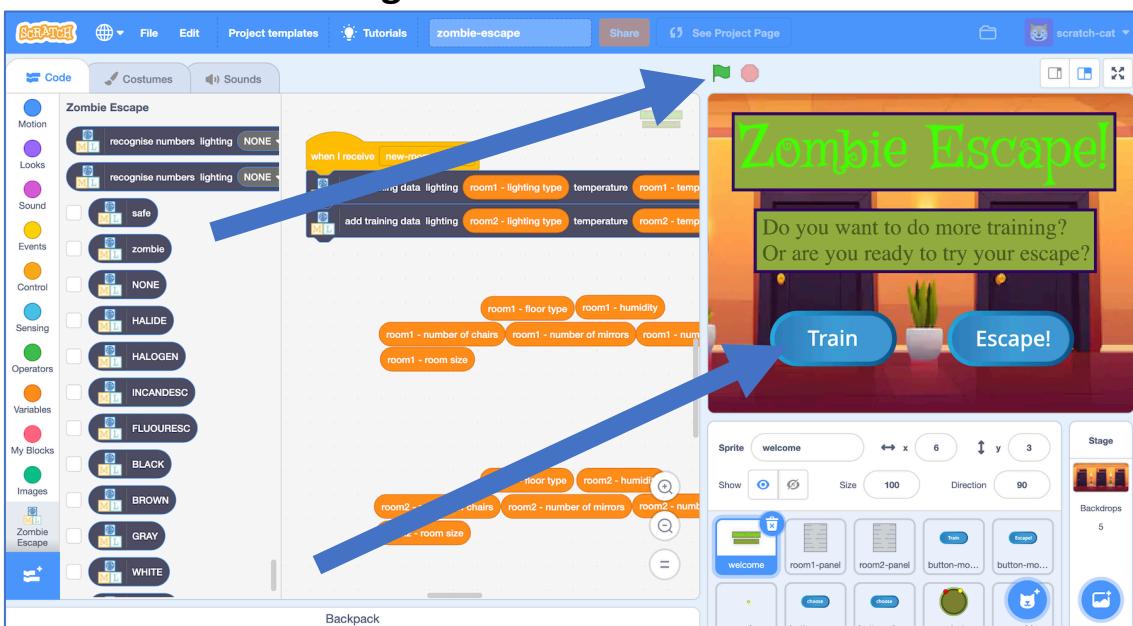
**29.** Fill the rest of the spaces with **room2** values, similar to before.

*The blocks you need are just below – you only need to choose the ones for the sensors that you have chosen.*



## 30. It's time to start training your robot!

Click on the **Green Flag** and then click **Train**.



As your robot reaches new rooms, your script will add these experiences to the robot's training data.

You will be using these to train a machine learning model.

The image shows the RoboML interface with the title "Recognising numbers as safe or zombie".

On the left, under the heading "safe", there are four examples of sensor data:

- lighting HALOGEN  
temperature 31.980702275726863  
colour YELLOW  
brightness 810  
noise 44
- lighting HALIDE  
temperature 12.391635387568556  
colour GRAY  
brightness 878  
noise 24
- lighting HALIDE  
temperature 32.22612781506993  
colour BLACK  
brightness 468  
noise 46

On the right, under the heading "zombie", there are four examples of sensor data:

- lighting HALIDE  
temperature -7.5251459501699465  
colour BROWN  
brightness 855  
noise 27
- lighting FLUORESC  
temperature 17.108260634705637  
colour YELLOW  
brightness 511  
noise 32
- lighting HALIDE  
temperature 29.80701453384217  
colour BROWN  
brightness 428  
noise 16

At the bottom of each section, there is a button labeled "+ Add example".

As you control your robot, try to look for patterns in the sensor data.

Can you tell what sort of rooms seem to be safest, and which seem to have zombies in?

## What have you done so far?

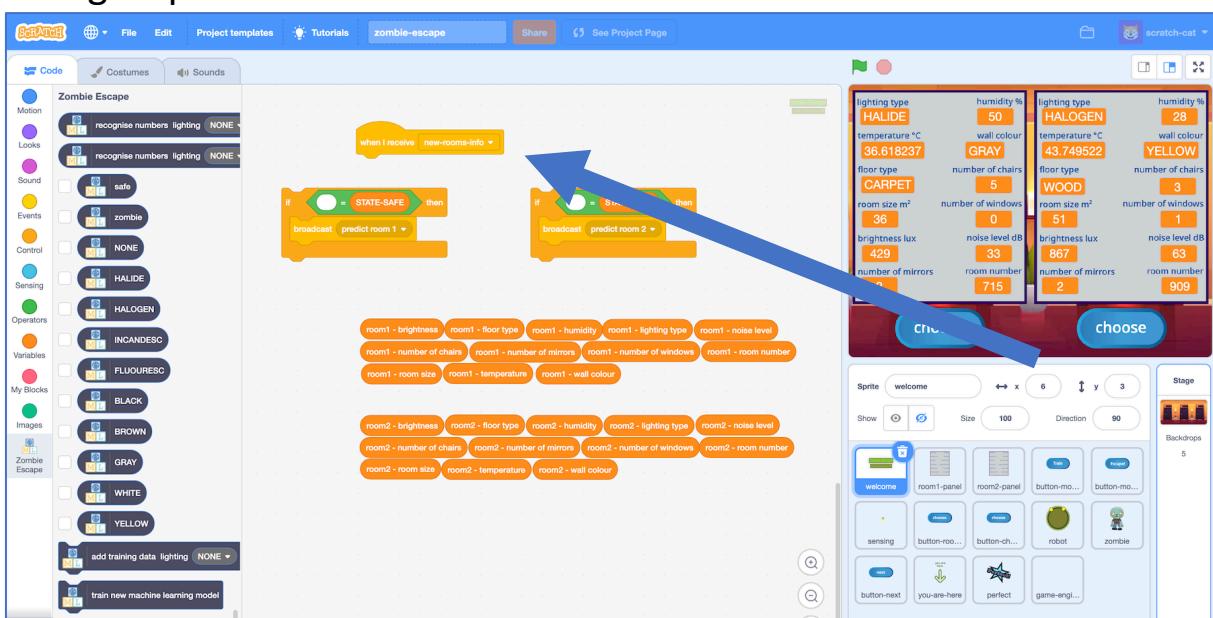
You started by choosing the sensors you wanted to use to train your robot. In machine learning, this is called “**feature selection**” because you’re selecting the features you want your model to look for patterns in.

Some of the sensors available have no impact on whether a zombie is in the room.

Machine learning techniques can cope with this. If you have chosen sensors that aren’t useful, your machine learning model should learn that these aren’t useful, and learn to ignore them. It means this won’t stop your project working – as long as you’ve chosen **some** that are useful!

Feature selection is still helpful, because having more features makes your code more complicated and makes training take longer.

**31.** When you think you’ve got enough training examples to try your escape, go back to your project **Code** for the **welcome** sprite and find the next group of blocks below.



**32.** Join the groups together, then drag “recognise numbers ... (label)” blocks into the spaces.

*Make sure you pick the (label) block, **not** the (confidence) one.*



**33.** Copy the room values into the **recognise numbers** block, as shown.

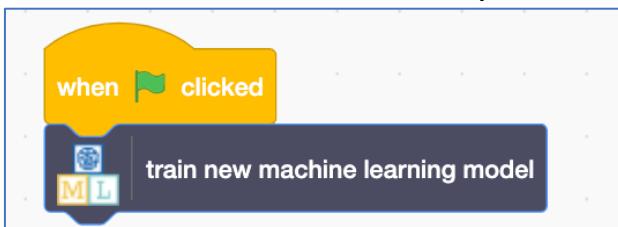
As before:

- the blocks you need are below ready for you
- choose the blocks to use by matching up the sensor names
- you will only need to use the ones for the sensors you've chosen

*Make sure you put **room1** values in the block with **predict room 1**, and you put **room2** values in the block with **predict room 2**.*

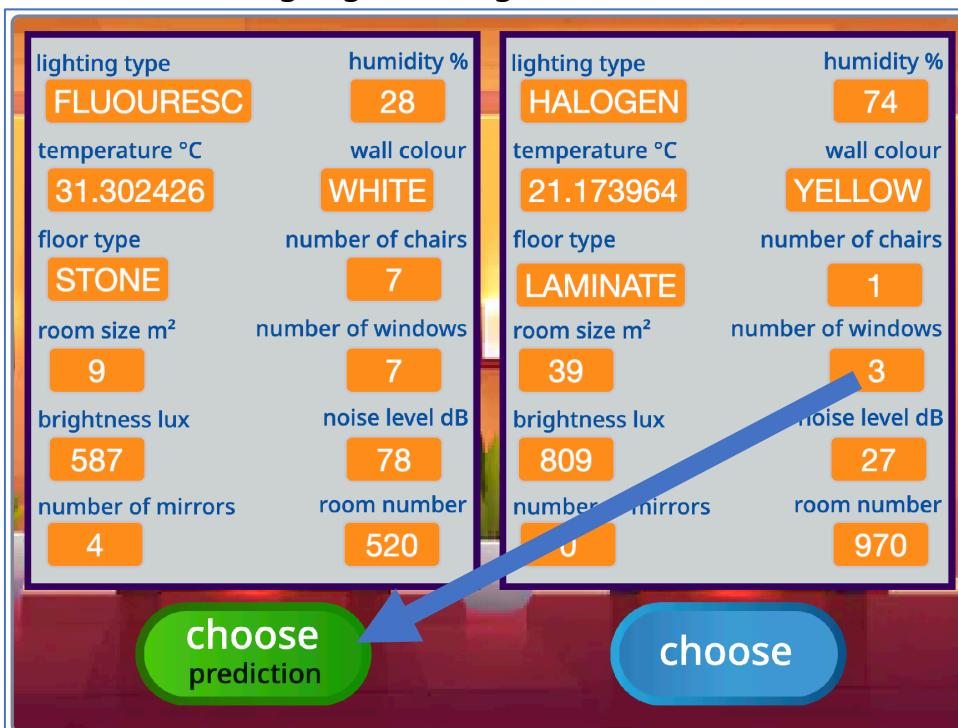


**34.** Add this final new script



**35.** Escape time! Click the full-screen and Green Flag buttons again, then click on the **Escape!** Button in the project.

**36.** Your machine learning model will use what it has learned to predict which room should be safe. Try taking this advice and use that to escape. *If the machine learning model thinks a room should be safe, the “choose” button will be highlighted in green.*



### What have you done so far?

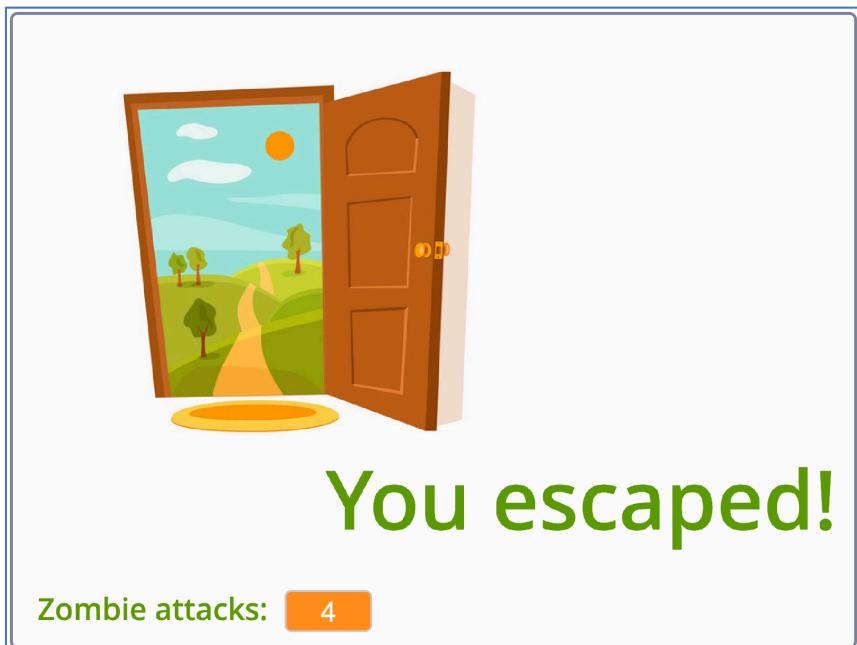
You have made a predictive model that is giving you advice.

The machine learning model isn't in charge, and it's not replacing you. It's giving you a recommendation and leaving you to make the final decision.

This is a good example of how artificial intelligence is used in critical environments.

**37.** When you escape the hotel, the project displays the number of times you were attacked by zombies.

*How good was your robot at keeping you safe?*



**38.** Click the **Green Flag** and try again. Do this several times.

*Your project collects training data each time you play, so it should get better each time.*

*If you try escaping several times, does it get better?*

*Can you make a perfect escape without being attacked?*

## What have you done so far?

Hopefully your machine learning model is doing a good job of keeping you safe, by making good predictions about where zombies are lurking.

Do you think you know how it is making these predictions?

Which of your sensors do you think is the most useful and making the biggest difference? What sort of values make zombies more likely?

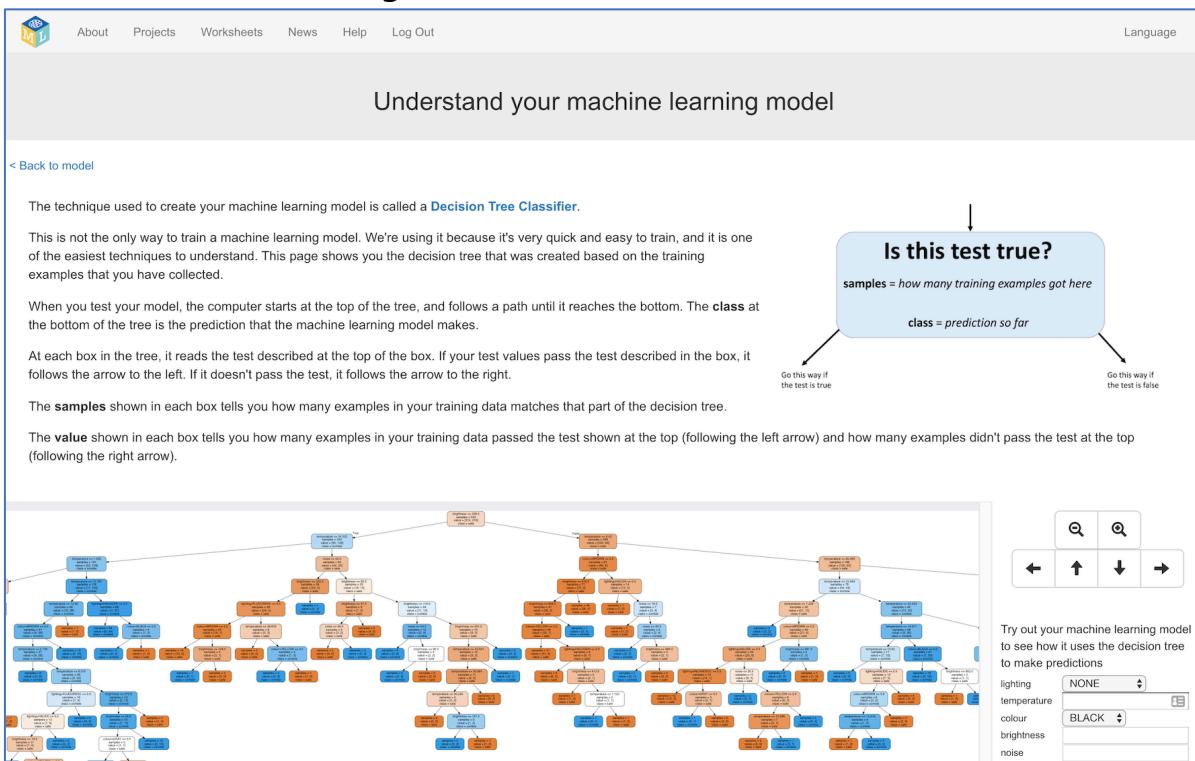
The final step is to check if your machine learning model agrees with you.

**39.** In the training tool window, click the “< Back to project” link. Then click the “Learn & Test” button.

**40.** Click on the “Describe your model” button.

*This page will show you a picture of your machine learning model.*

*Read the page to understand what it means. Try putting in values for a hotel room and clicking **Test** to see how it works.*



## What have you done?

The type of machine learning model you've trained is a “**decision tree classifier**”. The visualisation lets you see how your model makes predictions. It's a good way to see what patterns the computer found in the training data you collected.

For example, the sensor values that the computer learned has the biggest difference on whether or not a zombie will be in the room will typically be nearer the top of the tree diagram.