

**Goal:** Collect as many gems as there are switches.

In this puzzle, you'll use a **constant** called `switchCounter` to collect as many gems as there are switches. Like a **variable**, a constant is a named container that stores a value. However, the value of a constant *cannot* change while the program is running.

You **declare** a constant using the word `let` instead of `var`, and you use it when you know that a value won't change.

Declaring a constant

```
let numberOfTries = 3
```

To solve this puzzle, you'll write conditional code that compares the value of a gem-counting variable with `switchCounter`, a constant that stores the number of switches that randomly appear in the puzzle. To compare these two values, use a **comparison operator** such as `<`, `>`, `==`, or `!=`.

- 1 Declare a variable to track the number of gems collected.
  - 2 Compare the value of your gem-counting variable with `switchCounter` to determine when to stop collecting gems.
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```
let switchCounter = numberOfSwitches
```

```
var numberOfGemsCollected = 0
```

```
while numberOfGemsCollected < switchCounter {  
    if isOnGem {  
        collectGem()  
        numberOfGemsCollected = numberOfGemsCollected + 1  
    }else if isBlocked {  
        turnRight()  
    }else if isBlockedLeft && isBlocked {  
        turnRight()  
    }else {  
        moveForward()  
    }  
}
```

