# **Balloons**



### Introduction

You are going to make a balloon-popping game!



# Step 1: Animating a balloon

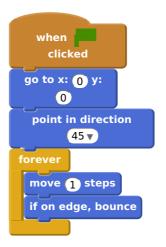
# Activity Checklist

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new.
is empty. You can find the online Scratch editor at jumpto.cc/scratch-
Start a new Scratch project, and delete the cat sprite so that your project

Add in a new balloon sprite, and a suitable stage backdrop.



Add this code to your balloon, so that it bounces around the screen:



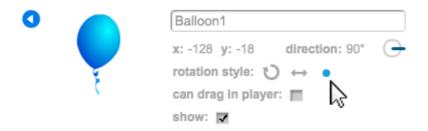
- Test out your balloon. Does it move too slowly? Change the numbers in your code if you want to speed it up a bit.
- Did you also notice that your balloon flips as it moves around the screen?



Balloons don't move like this! To fix this, click on the balloon sprite icon, and then click the blue information icon.



In the 'rotation style' section, click the dot to stop the balloon rotating.



Test your program again to see if the problem is fixed.

# Save your project

### Step 2: Random balloons

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With the code you have now, your balloon will always start in the same
place and move in the same path. Click the flag a few times to start your
program, and you'll see it's the same every time.

Instead of using the same x and y position each time, you can let

Scratch choose a random number instead. Change your balloon's code, so that it looks like this:

```
when clicked

go to x: pick random -150 to y:
pick random -150 to 150
point in direction 45 v

forever
move 1 steps
if on edge, bounce
```

- If you click the green flag a few times, you should notice that your balloon starts in a different place each time.
- You could even use a random number to choose a random balloon colour each time:

```
change colour v effect by pick random 0 to 200
```



What happens if this code is put at the start of your program? Does anything different happen if you put this code *inside* the forever loop? Which do you prefer?

### Save your project

# Challenge: More randomness

Can you make your balloon start by pointing in a random direction (between -90 and 180)?

### Save your project

### Step 3: Popping balloons

Lets allow the player to pop the balloons!

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Click on your balloon sprite, and then click the 'Costumes' tab. You can delete all of the other costumes, just leaving 1 balloon costume. Add a new costume, by clicking 'Paint new costume' and create a new costume called 'burst'.



Make sure that your balloon switches to the right costume when the game starts. Your code should now look like this:

```
when
     clicked
switch costume to balloon1-a v
             point in direction
           pick random -90 to
                   180
                         pick random -150 to
             go to x:
                                 150
                      pick random -150 to
                              150
                           pick random (1) to
change color ▼ effect by
                                 200
  move 1 steps
  if on edge, bounce
```

To allow the player to burst a balloon, add this code:

```
when this sprite clicke d

switch costume to burst v

play sound

pop v
```

Test out your project. Can you pop the balloon? Does it work as you expected? You'll need to improve this code, so that when the balloon is clicked, it shows the 'burst' costume for a short time, and is then hidden. You can make all of this happen by changing your balloon when sprite clicked code to this:

```
when this sprite clicke
d

switch costume to burst v

play sound
pop v

wait (0.3) secs
hide
```

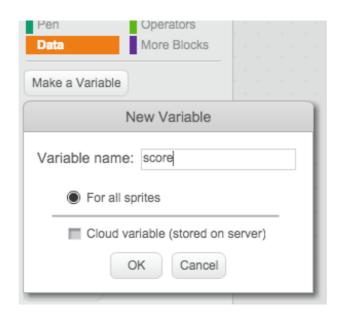
Now that you're deleting the balloon when it's clicked, you'll also need to

	add a show block to the start of the when flag clicked code.
	Try popping a balloon again, to check that it works properly. If you find it difficult to pop the balloon without dragging it around, you can play the game in fullscreen mode by clicking this button:
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	Save your project
Step	4: Adding a score
Let's ma	ake things more interesting by keeping score.

# Activity Checklist

To keep the player's score, you need a place to put it. Avariable is a
place to store data that can change, like a score.

To create a new variable, click on the 'Scripts' tab, select Data and then click 'Make a Variable'.



Type 'score' as the name of the variable, make sure that it is available for all sprites, and click 'OK' to create it. You'll then see lots of code blocks that can be used with your score variable.



You'll also see the score in the top-left of the stage.



When a new game is started (by clicking the flag), you want to set the player's score to 0. Add this code to the top of the balloon's when flag clicked code:



Whenever a balloon is popped, you need to add 1 to the score:

```
when this sprite clicke
d

switch costume to burst v

play sound
pop v

wait (0.3 secs

change score v by 1

hide
```

Run your program again and click the balloon. Does your score change?

### Save your project

### Step 5: Lots of balloons

Popping 1 balloon isn't much of a game, so let's add lots more!

One simple way to get lots of balloons is just to right-click on the balloon sprite and click 'duplicate'. This is OK if you only want a few, but what if you need 20? or 100? Are you really going to click 'duplicate' that many times?

# Activity Checklist

A much better way of getting lots of balloons is to clone the balloon sprite.

Drag your balloon when flag clicked code (except the score block) off of the event (don't delete it), and instead add code to create 20 balloon clones.

You can now attach the code you've just removed to the when I start as a clone event. You should also replace the hide block in the balloon-clicking script with a delete this clone block.

Your balloon code should now look like this:

```
when clicked

set core to 0

when I start as a clone

show

repeat 20

create clone of myself

point in direction pick random 90 to 180

go to x: pick random 150 to 150 y: pick random 150 to 150

when this sprite clicked

switch costume to burst

play sound pop change score by 1

wait 0.3 secs

delete this clone

when I start as a clone

x: -157

y: 86

x: -157

y: 86

xi: -157

y: 86

switch costume to balloon1-a component to 180

go to x: pick random -150 to 150 y: pick random -150 to 150

forever

move 2 steps

if on edge, bounce
```

Test your project! Now when the flag is clicked, your main balloon sprite will hide and then clone itself 20 times. When each of these 20 clones is started, they will each bounce around the screen randomly, just as they did before. See if you can pop the 20 balloons!

### Save your project

### Step 6: Adding a timer

You can make your game more interesting, by only giving your player 10 seconds to pop as many balloons as possible.

# Activity Checklist

You can use another variable to store the remaining time left. Click on the stage, and create a new variable called 'time':



This is how the timer should work:

- The timer should start at 10 seconds;
- The timer should count down every second;
- The game should stop when the timer gets to 0.

Here's the code to do this, which you can add to yourstage:

```
when clicked

set time v to 10

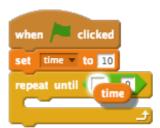
repeat until time = 0

wait 1 secs
change time v by -1
```

To add the repeat until time = 0 code, first you'll need to drag a green block, onto your repeat until block:



You can then drag your time variable onto the = block:



Drag your 'time' variable display to the right side of the stage. You can also right-click on the variable display and choose 'large readout' to change how the time is displayed.



- Test your game. How many points can you score? If your game is too easy, you can:
  - Give the player less time;
  - Have more balloons;
  - Make the balloons move faster;
  - Make the balloons smaller.

Test your game a few times until you're happy that it's the right level of difficulty.

### Save your project

# Challenge: More objects

Can you add in other objects to your game? You can add good objects, like donuts, that give you lots of points, or bad objects, like bats, that take points away.



You'll need to think about the objects you're adding. Think about:

- How many will there be?
- How big is it? How does it move?
- How many points will you score (or lose) for clicking it?
- Will it move faster or slower than the balloons?
- What will it look/sound like when it's been clicked?

If you need help adding another object, you can reuse the steps above!

# Save your project