# Lab session 3: Multi-Screens Design using Flutter

# Task-3 Adding AdMob ads to a Flutter app (Part I)

This documentation provides a concise guide on integrating AdMob ads into the "Awesome Drawing Quiz" app. It accompanies a code lab that offers step-by-step instructions for the implementation process.

The "Awesome Drawing Quiz" app is an interactive game that challenges players to identify drawings and guess their corresponding names. By incorporating AdMob ads, we can monetize the app and generate revenue through mobile advertising.

This documentation covers the integration of three types of ads: banner ads, interstitial ads, and rewarded ads. Banner ads are small, persistent ads that can be placed at the top or bottom of the screen. Interstitial ads are full-screen ads that appear at natural transition points within the app. Rewarded ads provide incentives to users in exchange for their engagement with ads.

We will learn how to seamlessly integrate AdMob into Flutter apps, create ad units, load and display ads, handle ad events, and optimize ad performance.

### Set up your Flutter development environment

To set up the Flutter development environment for this codelab, we will need to download two essential components: the Flutter SDK and an editor.

Ensure to have one of the following devices available for running the codelab:

- A physical Android or iOS device connected to your computer and set to Developer mode.
- The iOS simulator (requires installing Xcode tools).
- The Android Emulator (requires setup in Android Studio).
- A browser (Chrome is required for debugging).

Once we have the necessary device or platform set up, we can proceed to download the code for the codelab.

### Set up the AdMob app and ad units

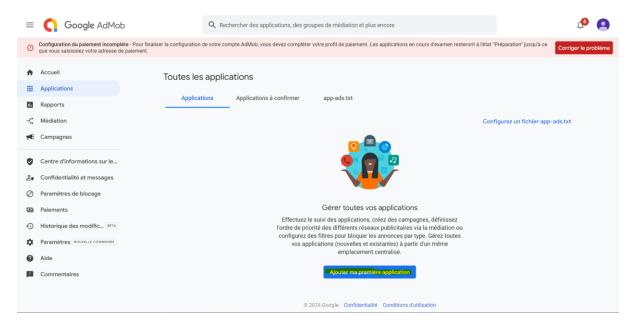
Because Flutter is a multi-platform SDK, we can add an app and ad units for both Android and iOS in AdMob.

#### Set up for Android

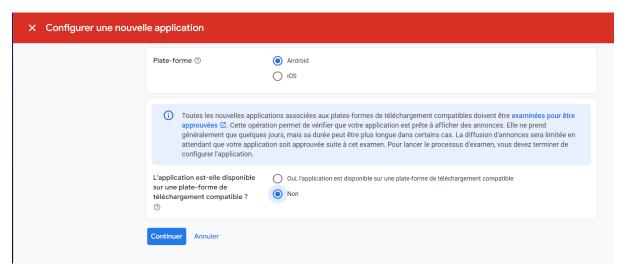
To set up for Android, you need to add an Android app and create ad units.

### Add an Android app

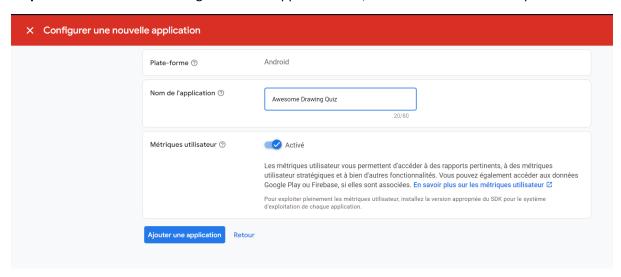
**Step 1:** In the AdMob console, click ADD APP from the Apps menu.



Step 2: When you're asked Have you published your app on Google Play or the App Store?, click NO.



Step 3: Enter Awesome Drawing Quiz in the app name field, and select Android as the platform.



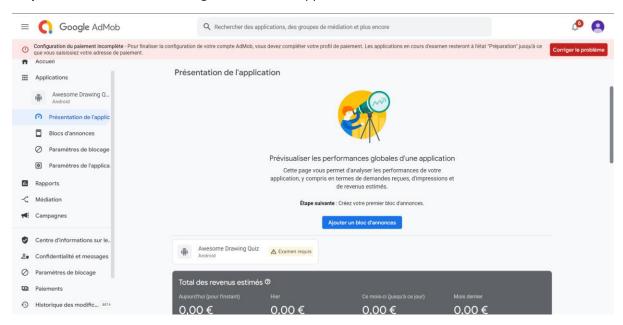
Enabling user metrics is not necessary to complete this codelab. However, we recommend to do so because it allows you to understand user behavior in more detail.

Step 4: Click ADD to complete the process.

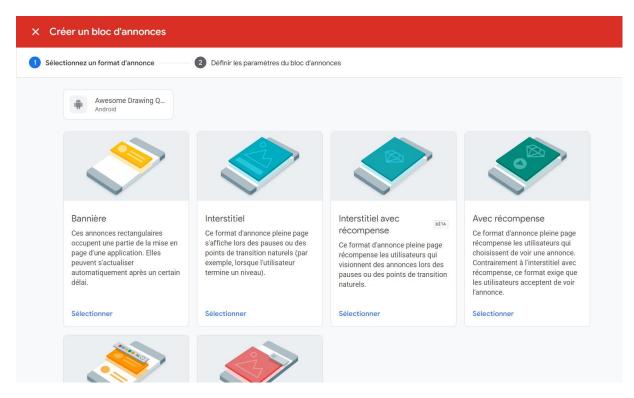


#### Create ad units

**Step 1:** Select Awesome Drawing Quiz from the Apps menu in the AdMob console.

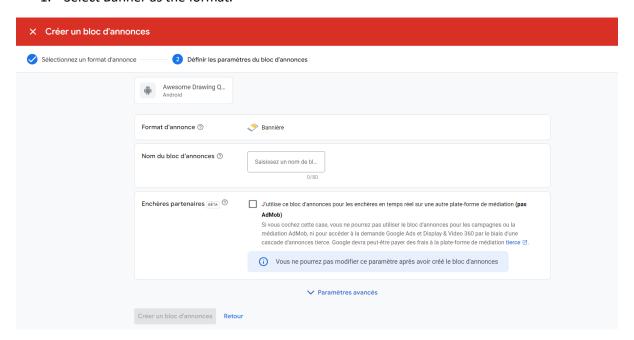


Step 2: Click the Ad units menu.

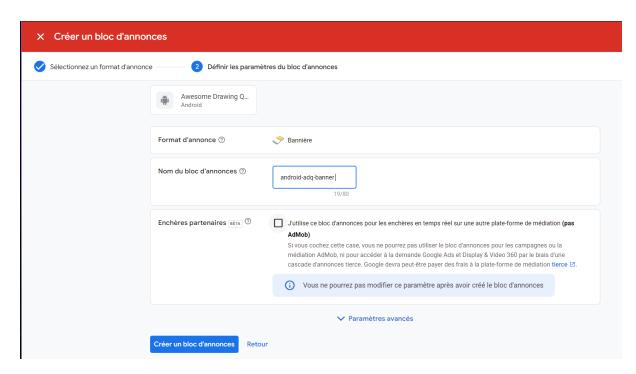


#### Banner

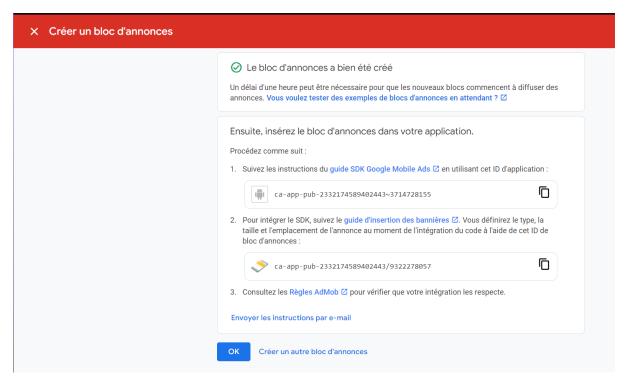
1. Select Banner as the format.



2. Enter android-adq-banner in the Ad unit name field.

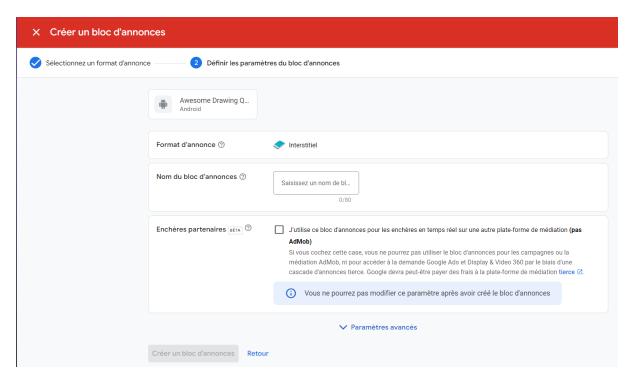


3. Click CREATE AD UNIT to complete the process.

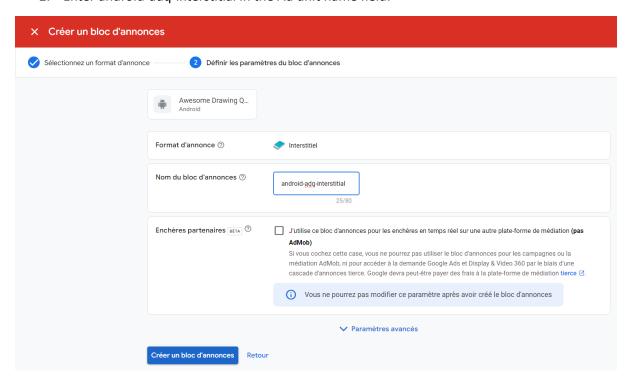


#### Interstitial

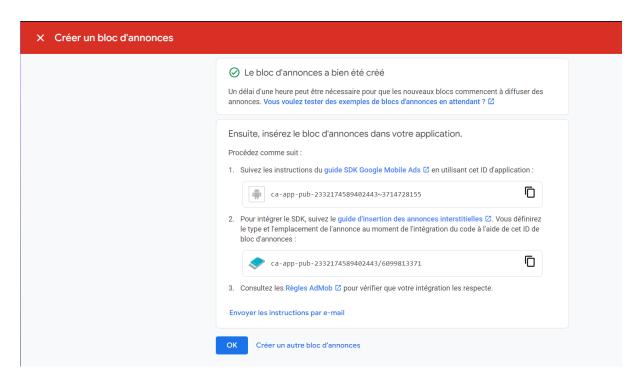
1. Select Interstitial as the format.



2. Enter android-adq-interstitial in the Ad unit name field.

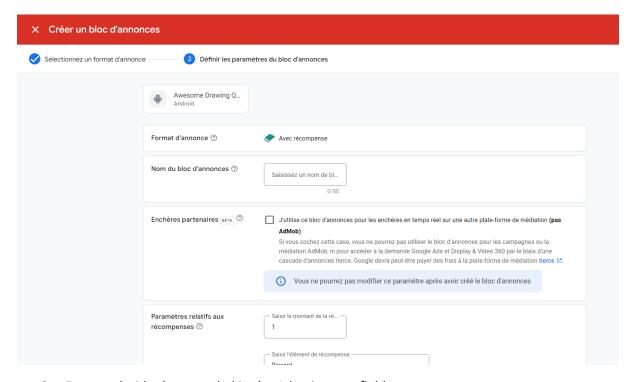


3. Click CREATE AD UNIT to complete the process.

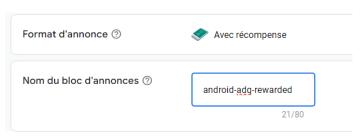


#### Rewarded

1. Select Rewarded as the format.



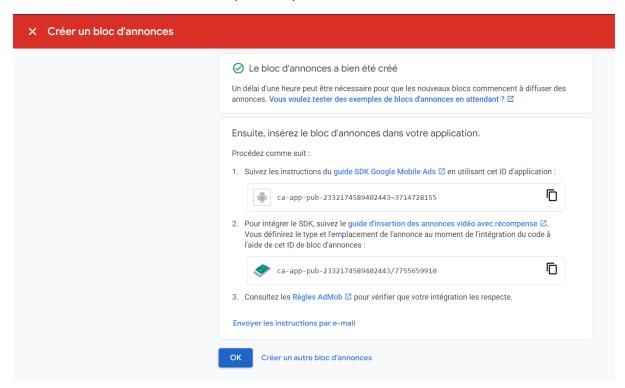
2. Enter android-adq-rewarded in the Ad unit name field.



3. Leave the default for Reward settings.

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4. Click CREATE AD UNIT to complete the process.



# Set up for iOS

To set up for iOS, we need to add an iOS app and create ad units. To do so, we just follow the same process as for android but use ios-adq-... for ad units name.

### Add the Google Mobile Ads Flutter plugin

Flutter uses plugins to provide access to a wide range of platform-specific services. Plugins enable us to access services and APIs on each platform.

The google\_mobile\_ads plugin supports loading and displaying banner, interstitial, rewarded, and native ads using the AdMob API.

# Add the Google Mobile Ads plugin as a dependency

**Step 1:** To access the AdMob APIs from the AdMob inline ads project, add google\_mobile\_ads as a dependency to the pubspec.yaml file located at the root of the project.

```
! pubspec.yaml

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! description: Sample app for ' Adding AdMob Ads to a Flutterr app' Codelab.

! publish_to: 'none'

! version: 1.0.0+1

! oenvironment:

! sdk: ">=2.17.0 <3.0.0"

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23 dependencies:

! flutter:

! sdk: flutter

26 google_fonts: ^3.0.1

# TODO: Add google_mobile_ads as a dependency

google_mobile_ads: ^1.2.0

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```

Step 2: Click Pub get to install the plugin in the Awesome Drawing Quiz project.

```
PS C:\Dev\admob-ads-in-flutter-master\admob-ads-in-flutter-master\starter> flutter pub get
Resolving dependencies...
crypto 3.0.2 (3.0.3 available)
ffi 2.0.1 (2.1.0 available)
file 6.1.2 (7.0.0 available)
flutter_lints 2.0.1 (3.0.1 available)
google_fonts 3.0.1 (6.1.0 available)
http 0.13.4 (1.1.2 available)
http_parser 4.0.1 (4.0.2 available)
lints 2.0.0 (3.0.0 available)
matcher 0.12.16 (0.12.16+1 available)
material_color_utilities 0.5.0 (0.8.0 available)
```

# Update AndroidManifest.xml (Android)

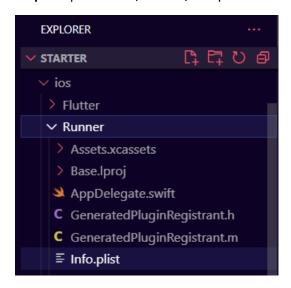
**Step 1:** Open the android/app/src/main/AndroidManifest.xml file in Android Studio.



**Step 2:** Add the AdMob app ID by adding a <meta-data> tag with the name com.google.android.gms.ads.APPLICATION ID.

# Update Info.plist (iOS)

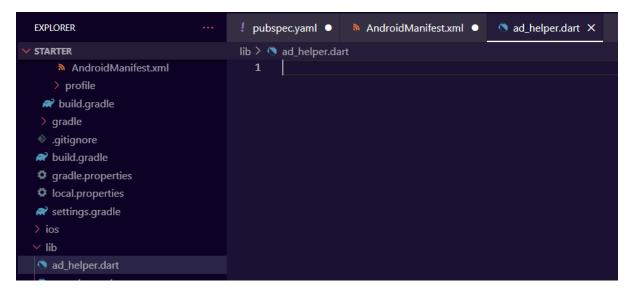
**Step 1:** Open the ios/Runner/Info.plist file in Android Studio.



Step 2: Add a GADApplicationIdentifier key with the string value of your AdMob app ID.

### Add a helper class for ads

**Step 1:** Create a new file named ad\_helper.dart under the lib directory.



Step 2: Implement the AdHelper class, which provides an AdMob app ID and ad unit IDs for Android.

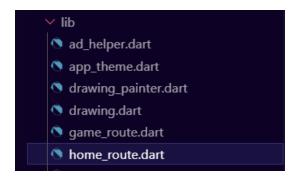
Make sure to replace the AdMob app ID (ca-app-pub-xxxxxxx~yyyyy) and the ad unit ID (ca-app-pub-xxxxxx/yyyyyyy) with the IDs created in the previous step.

```
! pubspec.yaml •
                  AndroidManifest.xml
                                          Info.plist
                                                          ad_helper.dart X
lib > 🐧 ad_helper.dart > ...
      import 'dart:io';
        static String get bannerAdUnitId {
          if (Platform.isAndroid) {
             return 'ca-app-pub-2332174589402443/9322278057';
           } else if (Platform.isIOS) {
             return 'ca-app-pub-2332174589402443/3721896194';
           } else {
             throw UnsupportedError('Unsupported platform');
        static String get interstitialAdUnitId {
          if (Platform.isAndroid) {
             return 'ca-app-pub-2332174589402443/6099813371';
           } else if (Platform.isIOS) {
             return 'ca-app-pub-2332174589402443/4651834485';
           } else {
             throw UnsupportedError('Unsupported platform');
```

# Initialize the Google Mobile Ads SDK

Before loading ads, you need to initialize the Google Mobile Ads SDK.

**Step 1:** Open the lib/home\_route.dart file



Step 2: Modify \_initGoogleMobileAds() to initialize the SDK before the home page is loaded.

**Note**: We need to change the return type of the \_initGoogleMobileAds() method from Future<dynamic> to Future<InitializationStatus> to get the SDK initialization result after it completes.

#### Add a banner ad

**Step 1:** Open the lib/game\_route.dart file, and import ad\_manager.dart

Step 2: Import the ad\_helper.dart and google\_mobile\_ads.dart by adding the following lines:

Step 3: In the \_GameRouteState class, add the following members for a banner ad.

**Step 4:** In the initState() method, create and load a BannerAd for the 320x50 banner (AdSize.banner). Note that an ad event listener is configured to update the UI (setState()) when an ad is loaded.

**Step 5:** Modify the build() method to display a banner ad when available.

```
lib > 🦠 game_route.dart > ધ _GameRouteState > 🛇 build
                          ), // Card
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                     ), // Column
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                   ), // Center
                      TODO: Display a banner when ready
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                   if ( bannerAd != null)
                   Align(
                     alignment: Alignment.topCenter,
162
                     child: Container(
164
                       width: bannerAd!.size.width.toDouble(),
                       height: _bannerAd!.size.height.toDouble(),
                       child: AdWidget(ad: bannerAd!),
                     ), // Container
                   ), // Align
```

**Step 6:** Release the resource associated with the BannerAd object by calling the BannerAd.dispose() method in the dispose() callback method.

**Step 7:** Run the project, and start a new game. After an ad is loaded, you'll see a banner ad at the top of the screen.

#### Add an interstitial ad

In this section, we display an interstitial ad after the game (5 levels in total) finishes.

### Step 1: Open the lib/game\_route.dart file

Step 2: In the \_GameRouteState class, add the following members and methods for an interstitial ad.

```
    game_route.dart > ♣ _GameRouteState

// TODO: Add interstitialAd
    InterstitialAd? _interstitialAd;
```

```
🐧 game_route.dart > ધ _GameRouteState > 🛇 _loadInterstitialAd
      void loadInterstitialAd() {
      InterstitialAd.load(
        adUnitId: AdHelper.interstitialAdUnitId,
        request: AdRequest(),
        adLoadCallback: InterstitialAdLoadCallback(
          onAdLoaded: (ad) {
            ad.fullScreenContentCallback = FullScreenContentCallback(
              onAdDismissedFullScreenContent: (ad) {
                moveToHome();
              },
            ); // FullScreenContentCallback
            setState(() {
              interstitialAd = ad;
            });
          onAdFailedToLoad: (err) {
            print('Failed to load an interstitial ad: ${err.message}');
        ), // InterstitialAdLoadCallback
```

Note that an ad event listener is configured to check whether the ad is ready (onAdLoaded() and onAdFailedToLoad()) and to display the app's home screen when the ad is closed (onAdDismissedFullScreenContent()).

**Step 3:** In this codelab, an interstitial ad is displayed after a user completes 5 levels. To minimize unnecessary ad requests, request an ad when a user reaches level 3.

In the onNewLevel() method, add the following lines.

```
@override
void onNewLevel(int level, Drawing drawing, String clue) {
    setState(() {});

    // TODO: Load an Interstitial Ad
    if (level >= 3 && _interstitialAd == null) {
        _loadInterstitialAd();
}
```

**Step 4:** When a game finishes, the game score dialog is displayed. When a user closes the dialog, it routes a user to the home screen of the Awesome Drawing Quiz.

Because interstitial ads should be displayed between screen transitions, we show the interstitial ad when a user clicks the CLOSE button.

Modify the onGameOver() method as follows.

```
game_route.dart > 😝 _GameRouteState > ♡ onGameOver
  void onGameOver(int correctAnswers) {
    showDialog(
      context: context,
      builder: (context) {
        return AlertDialog(
          title: const Text('Game over!'),
          content: Text('Score: $correctAnswers/5'),
          actions: [
            TextButton(
              child: Text('close'.toUpperCase()),
              onPressed: () {
                if (_interstitialAd != null) {
                _interstitialAd?.show();
                else {
                 moveToHome();
```

**Step 5:** Release the resource associated with the InterstitialAd object by calling the InterstitialAd.dispose() method in the dispose() callback method.

```
@override
void dispose() {

// TODO: Dispose an InterstitialAd object
_interstitialAd?.dispose();
```

**Step 6:** Run the project and complete the game. If an interstitial ad is loaded, you'll see an interstitial ad once you click CLOSE button from the score dialog.

#### Add a rewarded ad

In this section, we add a rewarded ad which gives a user an additional hint as a reward.

**Step 1:** Open the lib/game\_route.dart file

**Step 2:** In the \_GameRouteState class, add members for a rewarded ad, and implement loadRewardedAd() method.

```
    game_route.dart > ♀ _GameRouteState
    class _GameRouteState extends State<GameRoute> implements QuizEventListener {
        // TODO: Add bannerAd
        BannerAd? _bannerAd;

        // TODO: Add interstitialAd
        InterstitialAd? _interstitialAd;

        // TODO: Add rewardedAd
        RewardedAd? rewardedAd;
```

```
🦠 game_route.dart > ધ _GameRouteState > 🛇 _loadRewardedAd
      void loadRewardedAd() {
      RewardedAd.load(
        adUnitId: AdHelper.rewardedAdUnitId,
        request: AdRequest(),
        rewardedAdLoadCallback: RewardedAdLoadCallback(
          onAdLoaded: (ad) {
            ad.fullScreenContentCallback = FullScreenContentCallback(
              onAdDismissedFullScreenContent: (ad) {
                setState(() {
                  ad.dispose();
                  _rewardedAd = null;
                });
                _loadRewardedAd();
            ); // FullScreenContentCallback
            setState(() {
              _rewardedAd = ad;
            });
          onAdFailedToLoad: (err) {
            print('Failed to load a rewarded ad: ${err.message}');
        ). // RewardedAdLoadCallback
```

Note that it loads another rewarded ad when the ad is closed (onAdDismissedFullScreenContent) to cache the ad as early as possible.

**Step 3:** Call \_loadRewardedAd() from initState() method to request a rewarded ad when the game starts.

```
game_route.dart > ♣ GameRouteState > ♠ initState

), // BannerAdListener
).load(); // BannerAd

// TODO: Load a rewarded ad
_loadRewardedAd();

}
```

**Step 4:** Allow users to watch a rewarded ad by clicking the floating action button. The button shows only if a user hasn't used a hint at the current level and a rewarded ad is loaded.

Modify the \_buildFloatingActionButton() method, as follows, to display the floating action button. Note that returning null hides the button from the screen.

```
🦠 game_route.dart > ધ _GameRouteState > 🗘 _buildFloatingActionButton
    Widget? buildFloatingActionButton() {
        return (!QuizManager.instance.isHintUsed && rewardedAd != null)
        ? FloatingActionButton.extended(
            onPressed: () {
              showDialog(
                context: context,
                builder: (context) {
                   return AlertDialog(
                     title: Text('Need a hint?'),
                     content: Text('Watch an Ad to get a hint!'),
                     actions: [
                         child: Text('cancel'.toUpperCase()),
                         onPressed: () {
                           Navigator.pop(context);
                         },
                       ), // TextButton
                         child: Text('ok'.toUpperCase()),
                         onPressed: () {
                           Navigator.pop(context);
                           _rewardedAd?.show(
                             onUserEarnedReward: (_, reward) {
                               QuizManager.instance.useHint();
```

Note that onUserEarnedReward is the most important ad event in a rewarded ad. It's triggered when a user becomes eligible to receive a reward (for example., finished watching a video).

In this codelab, the QuizManager.instance.useHint() method is called from the callback, which reveals one more character in the hint string. The app reloads a rewarded ad in the onAdClosed callback to make sure the ad is ready as early as possible.

**Step 5:** Release the resource associated with the RewardedAd object by calling the RewardedAd.dispose() method in the dispose() callback method.

```
@override
void dispose() {

// TODO: Dispose a BannerAd object
_bannerAd?.dispose();

// TODO: Dispose an InterstitialAd object
_interstitialAd?.dispose();

// TODO: Dispose a RewardedAd object
_rewardedAd?.dispose();
```

**Step 6:** Run the project and play the game. Once a rewarded ad is loaded, you'll see a hint button at the bottom of the screen. Click Hint button to get an additional hint.

# Testing Ads:

The application runs successfully but ads are not loaded.

We can see these messages in the terminal:

```
I/Ads (16783): This request is sent from a test device.

D/GASS (16783): Clearcut logging disabled

W/ziparchive(16783): Unable to open '/data/user/0/com.codelab.awesomedrawingquiz/cache/1689111357674.dm': No such file or directory

D/zzatj (16783): File /data/user/0/com.codelab.awesomedrawingquiz/cache/1689111357674.dex not found. No need for deletion

D/GASS (16783): Clearcut logging disabled

I/Ads (16783): This request is sent from a test device.

W/wiindowOnBackDispatcher(16783): OnBackInvokedcallback is not enabled for the application.

W/windowOnBackDispatcher(16783): Set 'android:enableOnBackInvokedCallback="true"' in the application manifest.

W/somedrawingquiz(16783): Long monitor contention with owner gads-6 (17025) at void com.google.android.gms.internal.ads.zzatx.zza()(c

ces-ads@022.6.0:31) waiters=0 in void com.google.android.gms.internal.ads.zzatx.zza() for 372ms

W/Ads (16783): Not retrying to fetch app settings

I/Ads (16783): Ad failed to load : 3

I/flutter (16783): Failed to load a banner ad: Publisher data not found. <a href="https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9">https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9</a>)

I/Ads (16783): Failed to load a rewarded ad: Publisher data not found. <a href="https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9">https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9</a>)

I/Ads (16783): This request is sent from a test device.

I/Ads (16783): Ad failed to load : 3

I/flutter (16783): This request is sent from a test device.

I/Ads (16783): Ad failed to load : 3

I/flutter (16783): Failed to load an interstitial ad: Publisher data not found. <a href="https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9">https://support.google.com/admob/answer/9905175#9</a>)

I/Ads (16783): Ad failed to load i 3

I/flutter (16783): Failed to load i 3

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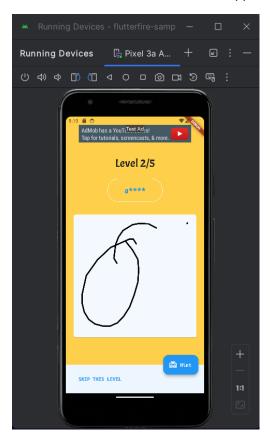
I/flutter (167
```

The error message "Publisher data not found" indicates that the publisher data for the ad unit cannot be found. There might be an issue with our Google AdMob account as we did not fill the payment section:

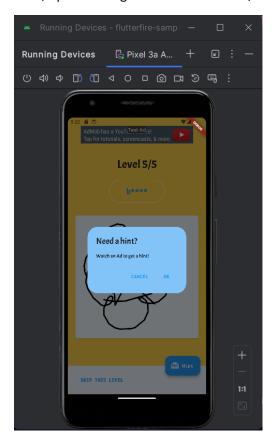


As we do not want to complete the payment configuration, we will use the testing IDs provided by the codelab.

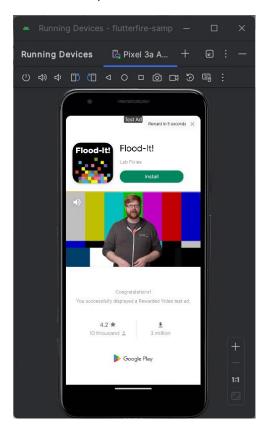
As we can see below, the banner ad appears on the top of the application.



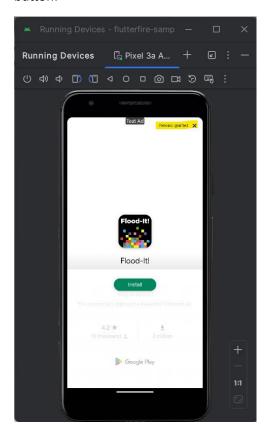
Next, upon clicking on the 'Hint' button, we can see the following pop-up window:



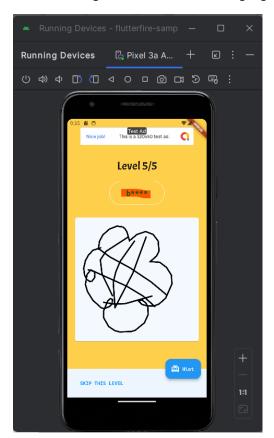
If we click 'OK', the rewarded ad is launched:



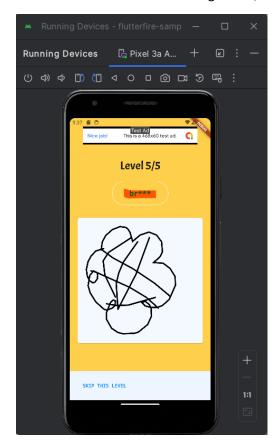
After a defined time laps, a message 'Reward granted' appears on the top right next to the close button:

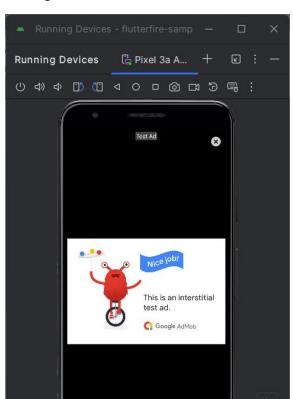


Before clicking on the 'Hint' button, highlighted in red below was the text displayed:



After the rewarded ad has been granted, we can see that a letter as been added :





When game is over, we click on the close button and the interstitial ad is loaded:

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, this tutorial provided a comprehensive overview of adding ads in mobile apps using Google AdMob. We covered the process of creating a Google AdMob account, setting up ad units, and implementing them in our mobile app. We discussed the various types of ads available and their constraints.

Additionally, we explored common errors that may occur during the implementation of ads and provided guidance on how to debug and resolve these issues. From account approval delays to ad unit configuration mismatches, we addressed key onboarding issues and their solutions.

Implementing ads in mobile apps can be a complex task, but with the knowledge gained from this tutorial, we are well-equipped to successfully navigate the process and maximize their app's revenue potential.

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