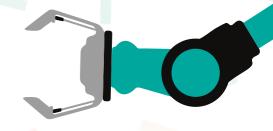


DISCOVERTECH





What is computational thinking?

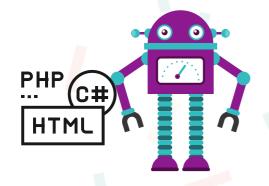
Computational thinking is a creative way of thinking that allows individuals to be systematic problem solvers. Coding helps children to develop computational thinking skills.



What is Algorithm?

An algorithm is a set of steps to follow in order to complete a task or solve a problem.

In coding, algorithms provide step-by-step instructions for computer programmes to complete various tasks such as calculations or processing data.



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Help your child develop this coding concept at home!

Go through a cake recipe with your child. A cake recipe is an example of algorithms that guide you through the process of baking a cake!



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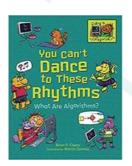
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Escape the Bear!

CODING AT HOME



MATERIALS

- Activity sheet provided below
- Printed arrows (optional)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS:



ALGORITHM



SEQUENCING

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Have fun reading the story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. Introduce the concept of sequencing as you guide your child to remember the sequence of obstacles met! Recall the concept of directions in order to plan the algorithm to escape!

HOW TO PLAY

Help the family escape from the big, brown bear and reach home as fast as they can. Avoid the obstacles along the way! Challenge yourself to create different sets of algorithms by using directional signs - up, down, right and left.

