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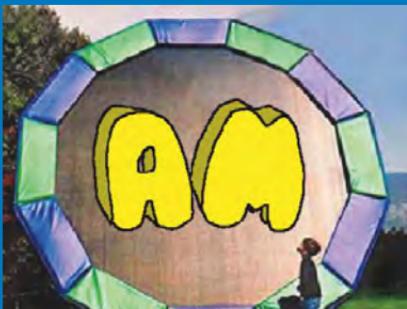
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Animate a Name Cards



Animate the letters of your name,
initials, or favorite word.

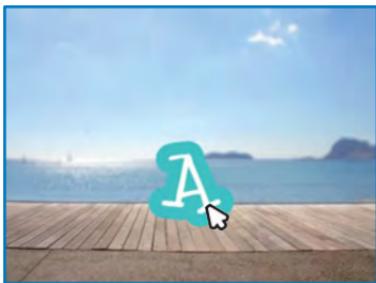
Animate a Name Cards

Try these cards in any order:

- Color Clicker
- Spin
- Play a Sound
- Dancing Letter
- Change Size
- Press a Key
- Glide Around

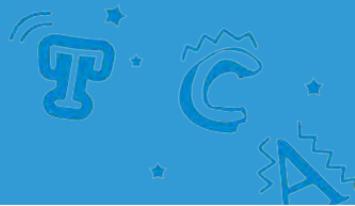
Color Clicker

Make a letter change color when you click it.



Color Clicker

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GET READY



Choose a letter from the Sprite Library.



Choose a backdrop.



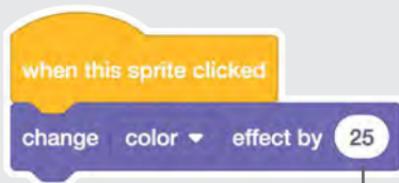
Food

Fashion

Letters

To see just the letter sprites, click the Letters category at the top of the Sprite Library.

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Try different numbers.

TRY



Click your letter.

Spin



Make a letter turn when you click it.

A green letter 'B' is centered in a white rectangular box with a thin blue border. A small black cursor arrow points towards the bottom right corner of the box.

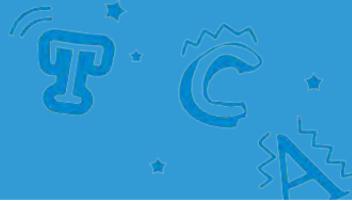
The same green letter 'B' is shown again, but this time it is rotated approximately 45 degrees counter-clockwise relative to the first one.

The green letter 'B' is shown again, rotated further, this time appearing almost vertically oriented but slightly angled.

The green letter 'B' is shown again, now rotated 180 degrees counter-clockwise from its original position.

Spin

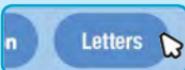
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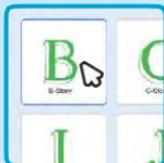
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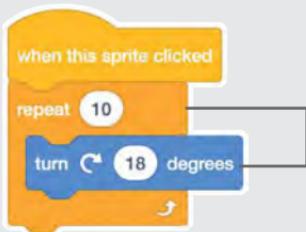


Click the Letters category.



Choose a letter sprite.

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Try different numbers.

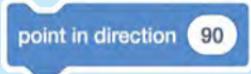
TRY IT

Click your letter.



TIP

Click this block to reset the sprite's direction.



Play a Sound



Click a letter to play a sound.



Play a Sound

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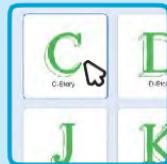
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Go to the Sprite Library.



Click the Letters category.



Choose a letter sprite.



Choose a backdrop.



Click the Sounds tab.

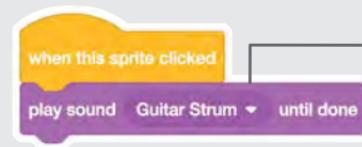


Choose a sound.

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Click the Code tab.



Choose a sound from the menu.

TRY IT

Click your letter.



Dancing Letter



Make a letter move to the beat.



Dancing Letter

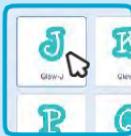
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Choose a backdrop.



Choose a letter from the Sprite Library.



Click the Extensions button (at the bottom left).



Then click Music to add the music blocks.

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Type a minus sign to move backward.

Choose a drum from the menu.

TRY IT

Click your letter.



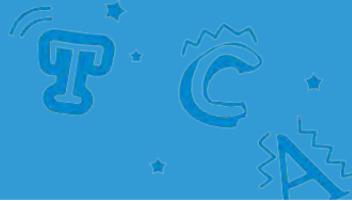
Change Size

Make a letter get bigger and then smaller.



Change Size

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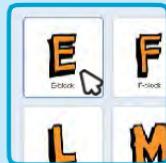
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Go to the Sprite Library.

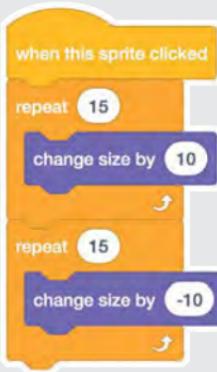


Click the Letters category.



Choose a letter sprite.

ADD THIS CODE



Type a minus sign to get smaller.

TRY IT

Click your letter.

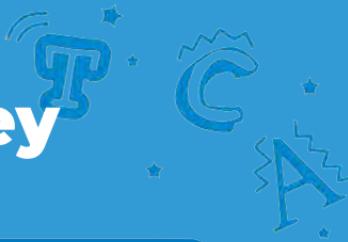


TIP

Click this block to reset the size.



Press a Key

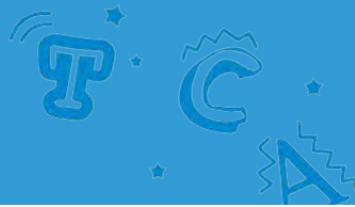


Press a key to make your letter change.



Press a Key

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Choose a backdrop.



Choose a letter from the Sprite Library.



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Try different numbers.

TRY IT



Press the space key.

TIP



You can choose a different key from the menu.
Then press that key!

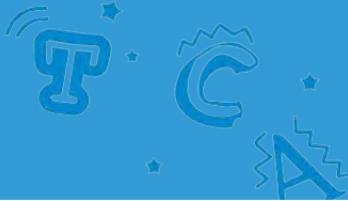
Glide Around

Make a letter glide smoothly from place to place.



Glide Around

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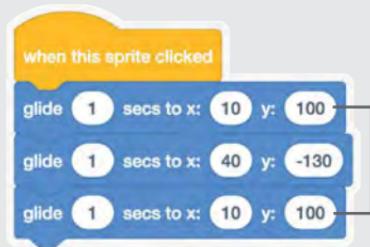
Choose a backdrop.



Choose a letter from the Sprite Library.



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Try different numbers.

TRY IT

Click your letter to start.



TIP



When you move a sprite, you can see the numbers for x and y update.

x is the position from left to right.

y is the position up and down.

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Imagine a World



Imagine a world where anything is possible!



Imagine a World

Try these cards in any order:

- Say Something
- Fly Around
- Go Right and Left
- Go Up and Down
- Change Costumes
- Glide from Here to There
- Grow and Shrink
- Change Backdrops
- Add a Sound

Say Something



Type what you want your sprite to say.



Imagine if...



Say Something

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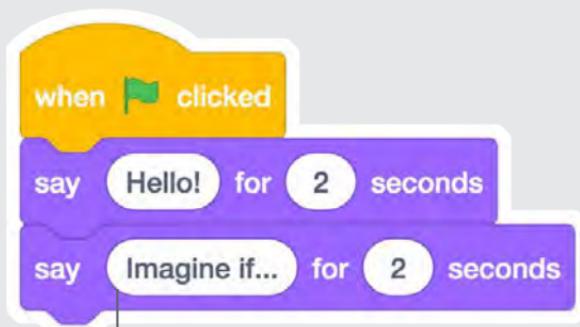


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Select the sprite you want to talk.

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TRY IT

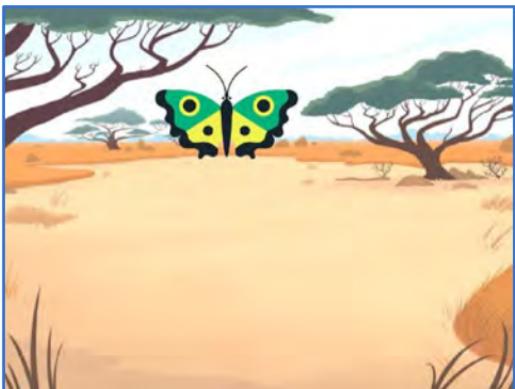
Click the green flag to start.



Fly Around



Press the space key to glide glide.



Fly Around

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Choose a sprite.

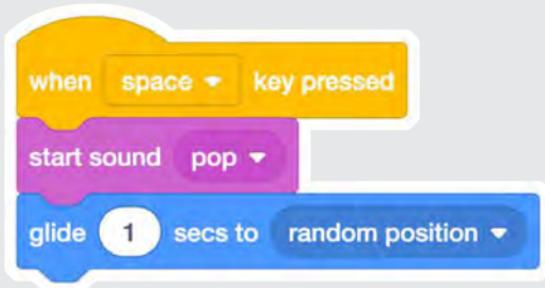


Choose a backdrop.



Savanna

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TRY IT



Press the space key to glide.

Go Right and Left



Press arrow keys to move right and left.



Go Right and Left

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GET READY



Choose a sprite.



Ben



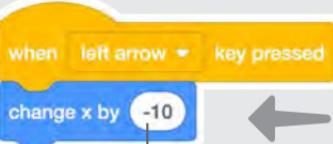
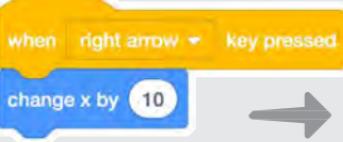
Choose a backdrop.



Playing Field

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Change **x** to move your character *side to side*.



Type a minus sign to move *left*.

TRY IT



Press the right and left arrow keys on your keyboard.

Go Up and Down



Press arrow keys to move up and down.



Go Up and Down

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GET READY



Choose a sprite.



Hedgehog



Choose a backdrop.



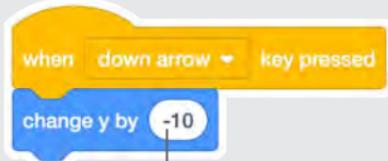
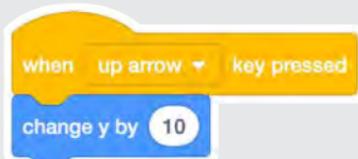
Woods and Bench

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Change **y** to move your character *up and down*.



Hedgehog



Type a minus sign to move *down*.

TRY IT

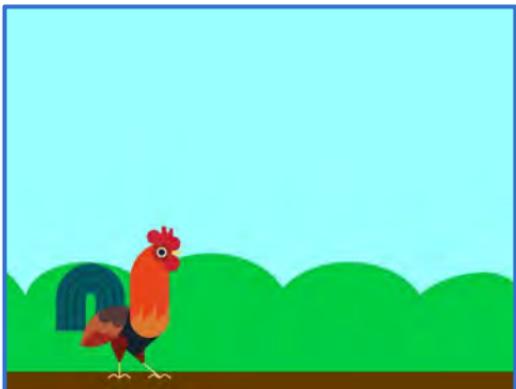


Press the up and down arrow keys on your keyboard.

Change Costumes



Animate a sprite when you click it.



Change Costumes

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Choose a sprite.



Rooster



Choose a backdrop.



Blue Sky

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Choose one costume.

Choose another.



TRY IT

Click your sprite.

Glide From Here to There

Make a sprite glide from one point to another.



Glide From Here to There

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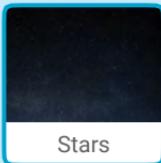
Choose a sprite.



Earth

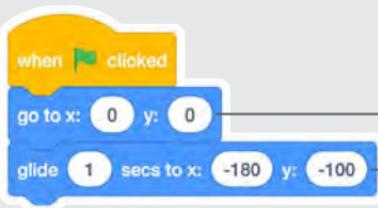


Choose a backdrop.



Stars

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Set the starting point.

Set the end point.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



TIP

When you move a sprite, you can see the numbers for **x** and **y** update.

x is the position from left to right.

y is the position up and down.

Grow and Shrink



Make a sprite change size when you click it.



Grow and Shrink

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Choose a backdrop.



Choose a sprite.



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Drums Tabla



Type a larger number
to make it bigger.

Type 100 to return to
original size.

TRY IT



Click your sprite.

Change Backdrops



Change scenes by switching backdrops.



Change Backdrops

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GET READY



Choose two backdrops.



Savanna



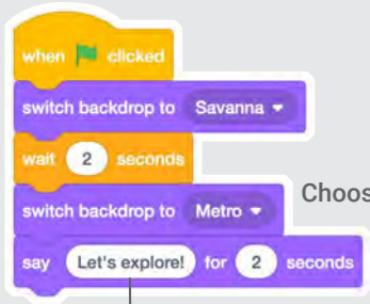
Metro



Choose a sprite.



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Choose the backdrop you want to start with.

Choose the second backdrop.

Type what you want to say.

TRY IT

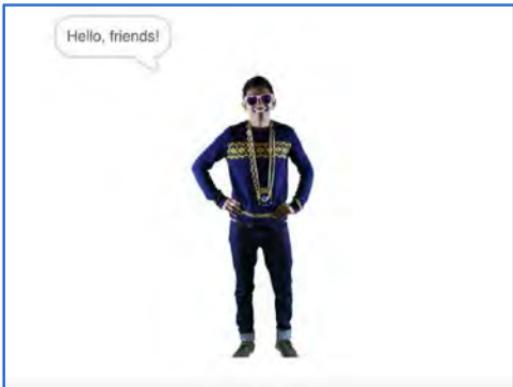
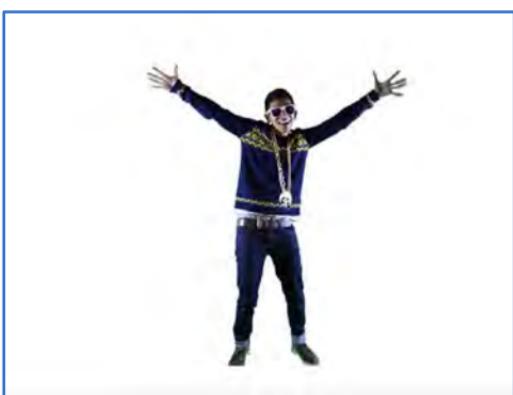
Click the green flag to start.



Add a Sound



Add your voice or other sounds
to your project.



Add a Sound

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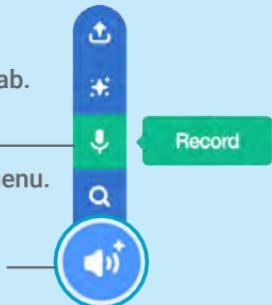


Choose a sprite.

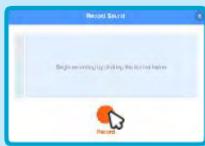


Click the Sounds tab.

Then click Record—
from the pop-up menu.



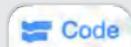
Or, click here to
choose a sound
from the
library.



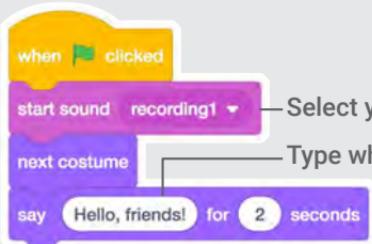
To record your voice or other
sound, click the red button.

If your device is unable to
record, you can choose a sound.

ADD THIS CODE



Click the Code tab.



Select your sound.

Type what you want to say.

TRY IT.

Click the green flag to start.



Chase Game Cards



Make a game where you chase a character to score points.



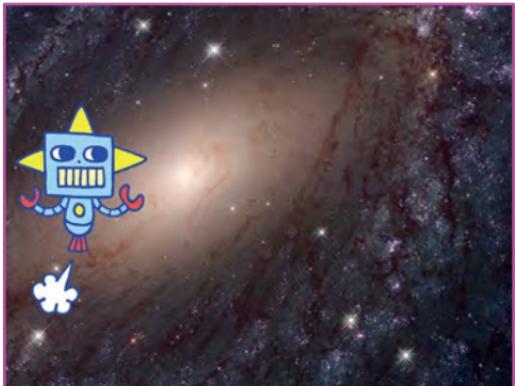
Chase Game Cards

Use these cards in this order:

1. Move Left and Right
2. Move Up and Down
3. Chase a Star
4. Play a Sound
5. Add a Score
6. Level Up!
7. Victory Message

Move Left and Right

Press arrow keys to move left and right.



Move Left and Right

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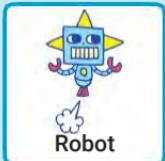
Choose a backdrop.



Galaxy

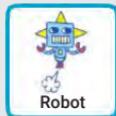


Choose a character.



Robot

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Robot



Choose right arrow.



Choose left arrow.

Type a minus sign to move left.

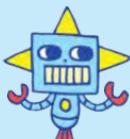
TRY IT

Press the arrow keys.



TIP

Type a negative number to move to the left.



Type a positive number to move to the right.



Move Up and Down

Press arrow keys to move up and down.

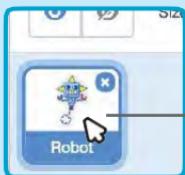


Move Up and Down

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GET READY



Click your character to select it.

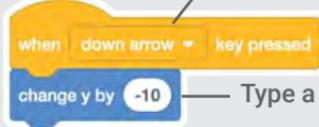
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Choose up arrow.



Choose down arrow.



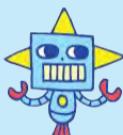
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Press the arrow keys.

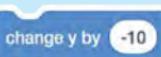


TIP

y is the position on the Stage from top to bottom.



Type a positive number to move up.



Type a negative number to move down.

Chase a Star

Add a sprite to chase.



Chase a Star

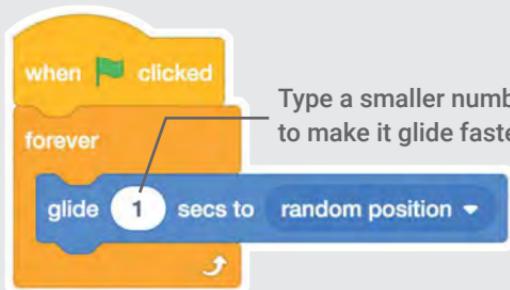
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Choose a sprite to chase, like Star.

ADD THIS CODE



Type a smaller number (like 0.5) to make it glide faster.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Click the stop sign to stop.

Play a Sound

Play a sound when your character touches the star.

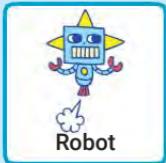


Play a Sound

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Click to select the Robot sprite.



Click the Sounds tab.

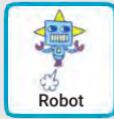


Choose a sound from the Sounds Library, like Collect.

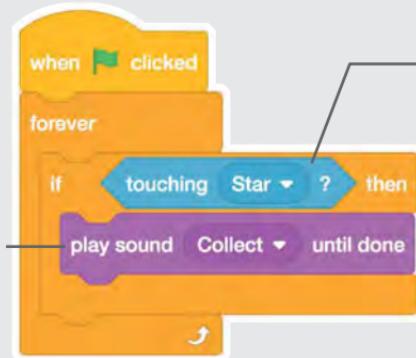
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Click the Code tab and add this code.



Choose your sound from the menu.



Insert the touching block into the if then block.



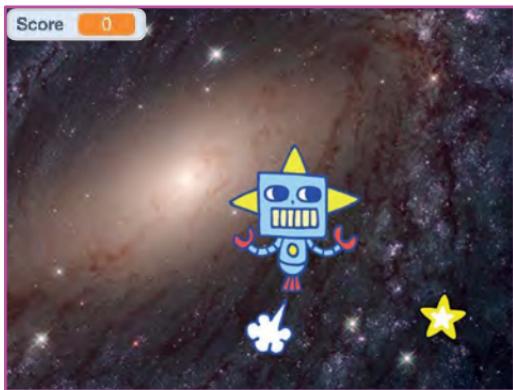
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Add a Score

Score points when you touch the star.



Add a Score

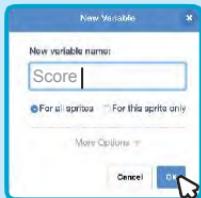
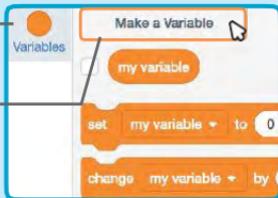
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Choose Variables.

Click the Make a Variable button.

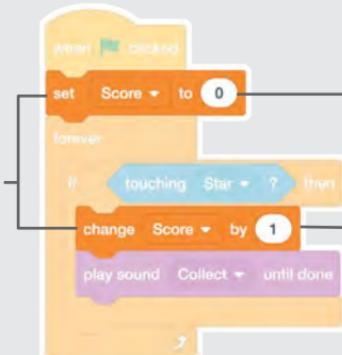


Name this variable Score and then click OK.

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Select Score from the menu.



Add this block to reset the score.

Add this block to increase the score.

TIP



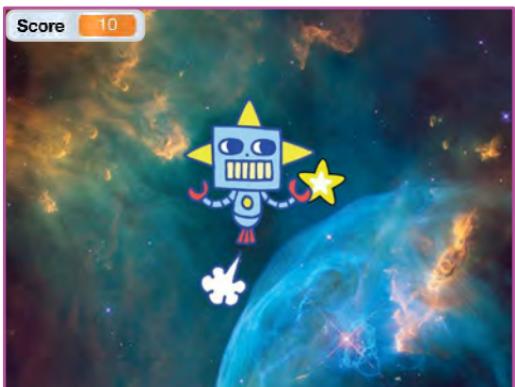
Use the **set variable** block to reset the score to zero.



Use the **change variable** block to increase the score.

Level Up!

Go to the next level.



Level Up!

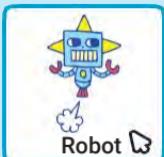
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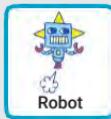


Choose a second backdrop, like Nebula.



Select the Robot

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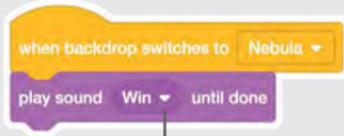


Insert the Score block into the equals block (from the Operators category).



Choose your first backdrop.

Choose the backdrop to switch to.



Choose a sound.

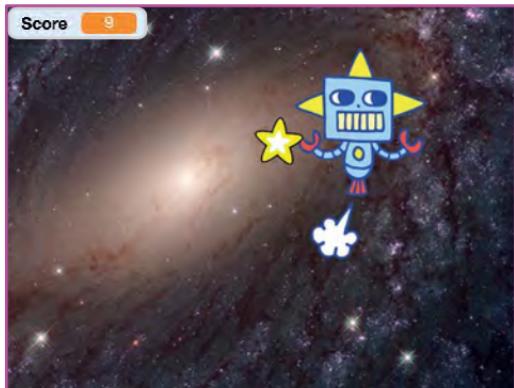
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start the game!



Victory Message

Show a message when you go to
the next level.



Victory Message

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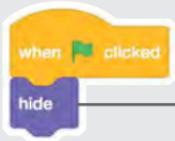
Click the **Paint** icon to make a new sprite.

Use the **Text** tool to write a message, like "Level Up!"

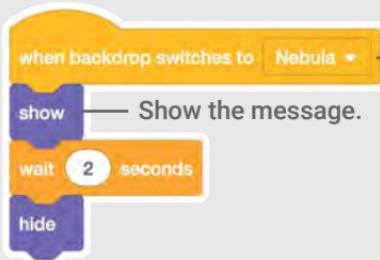


You can change the font color, size, and style.

ADD THIS CODE



Hide the message at the beginning.



Choose the backdrop for the next level.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to play your game.



Make Music Cards



Choose instruments, add sounds,
and press keys to play music.

Make Music Cards

Try these cards in any order:

- Play a Drum
- Make a Rhythm
- Animate a Drum
- Make a Melody
- Play a Chord
- Surprise Song
- Beatbox Sounds
- Record Sounds
- Play a Song

Play a Drum

Press a key to make a drum sound.



Play a Drum

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GET READY



Choose a
backdrop.



Theater 2



Choose a drum.



Drum

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Select the sound you want from the menu.

TRY IT



Press the **space** key on your keyboard.

Make a Rhythm

Play a loop of repeating drum sounds.



Make a Rhythm

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Choose a backdrop.



Choose a drum from the Music category.



Dance

Music

Sports

To see just the music sprites, click the **Music** category at the top of the Sprite Library.

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when space key pressed

repeat (3) Type how many times you want to repeat.

start sound Hi Na Tabla

wait 0.25 seconds

start sound Hi Tun Tabla

wait 0.25 seconds

Try different numbers to change the rhythm.

TRY IT



Press the space key on your keyboard.

Animate a Drum

Switch between costumes to animate.



Animate a Drum

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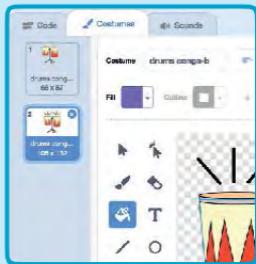
Choose
a drum.



Costumes

Click the **Costumes** tab
to see the costumes.

You can use the paint
tools to change colors.



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Code

Click the **Code** tab.



Choose a sound
from the menu.

TRY IT



Press the **left arrow** key on your keyboard.

Make a Melody

Play a series of notes.



Make a Melody

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Choose an instrument, like Saxophone.



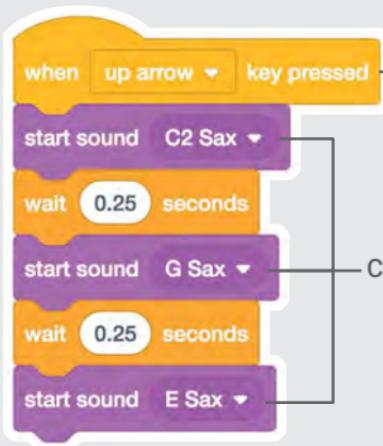
Dance

Music

Sports

To see just the music sprites, click the **Music** category at the top of the Sprite Library.

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Choose up arrow (or another key).

Choose different sounds.

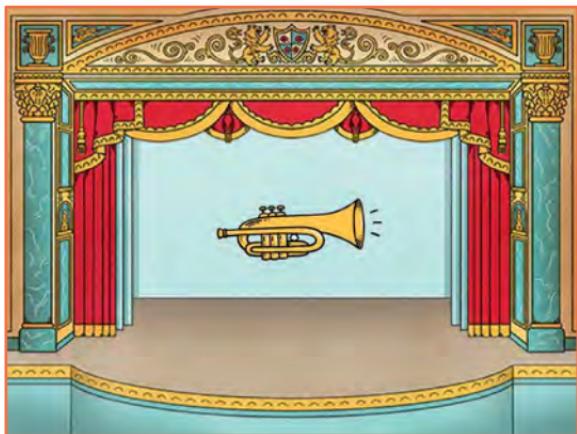
TRY IT



Press the up arrow key.

Play a Chord

Play more than one sound at a time to make a chord.



Play a Chord

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GET READY



Choose an instrument, like Trumpet.



Trumpet

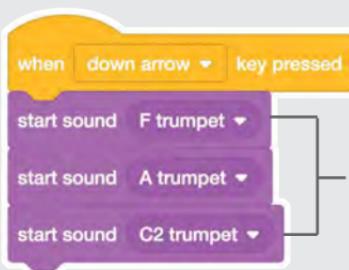
Dance

Music

Sports

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Choose down arrow (or another key).

Choose different sounds.

TRY IT



Press the **down arrow** key.

TIP

Use to play sounds play at the same time.

Use to play sounds one after another.

Surprise Song

Play a random sound from a list of sounds.



Surprise Song

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GET READY



Choose an instrument,
like Guitar.



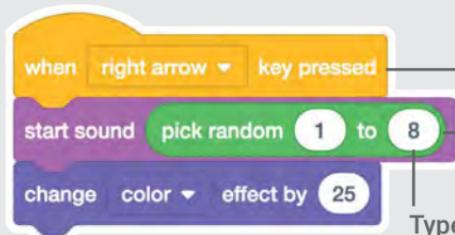
Click the **sounds** tab to see how many sounds are in your instrument.



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Click the **Code** tab.



Choose **right arrow**.

Insert a **pick random** block.

Type the number of sounds in your instrument.

TRY IT



Press the **right arrow** key.

Beatbox Sounds

Play a series of vocal sounds.



Beatbox Sounds

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GET READY



Choose the Microphone sprite.



Microphone



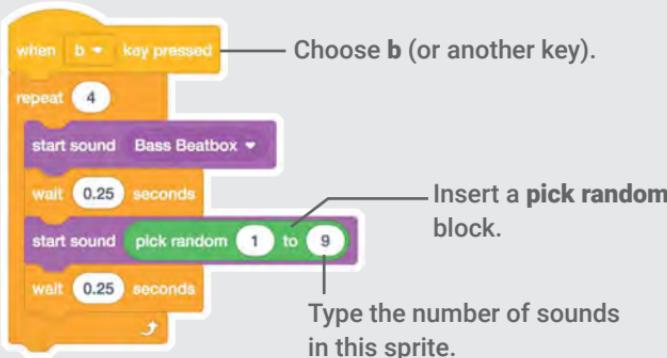
Click the **Sounds** tab to see how many sounds are in your instrument.



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Click the **Code** tab.



TRY IT



Press the **B** key to start.

Record Sounds

Make your own sounds to play.



Record Sounds

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Beach Malibu



Choose any sprite.

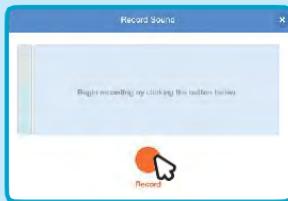
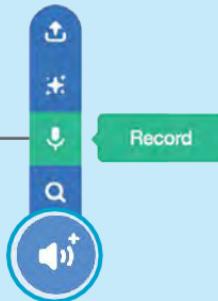


Beachball



Click the **Sounds** tab.

Then choose **Record** from the pop-up menu.



Click the **Record** button to record a short sound.

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Click the **Code** tab.



Choose **c** (or another key).

TRY IT



Press the **C** key to start.

Play a Song

Add a music loop as background music.



Play a Song

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Choose a sprite,
like Speaker.



Click the **Sounds** tab.



Choose a sound from
the **Loops** category,
like Drum Jam.

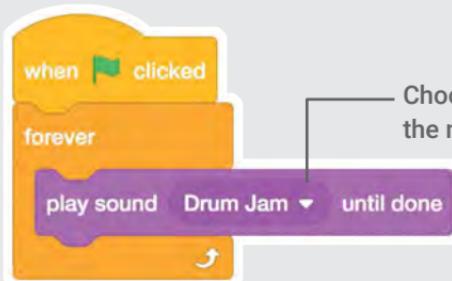


To see just the music loops, click the **Loops** category at the top of the Sounds Library.

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Click the **Code** tab.



Choose your sound from
the menu.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Animate a Character Cards



Bring characters to life with animation.



Animate a Character Cards

Try these cards in any order:

- Move with Arrow Keys
- Make a Character Jump
- Switch Poses
- Glide from Point to Point
- Walking Animation
- Flying Animation
- Talking Animation
- Draw an Animation

Move with Arrow Keys

Use the arrow keys to move your character around.



Move with Arrow Keys

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Soccer 2



Choose a character.

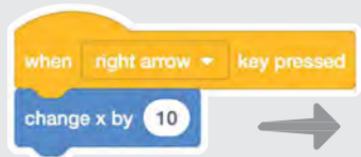


Pico Walking

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Change x

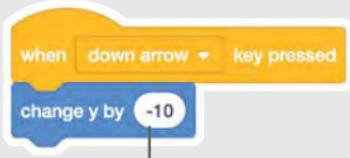
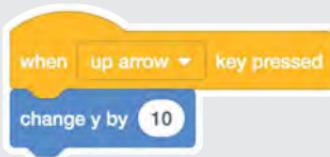
Move your character side to side.



Type a minus sign to move left.

Change y

Move your character up and down.



Type a minus sign to move down.

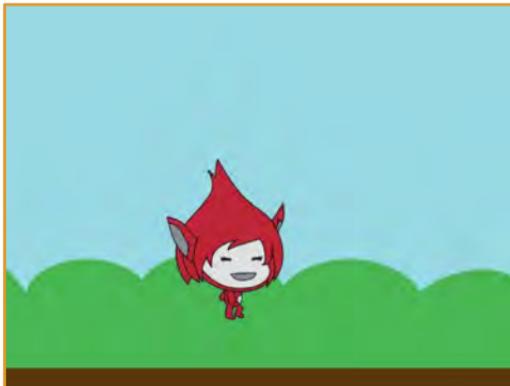
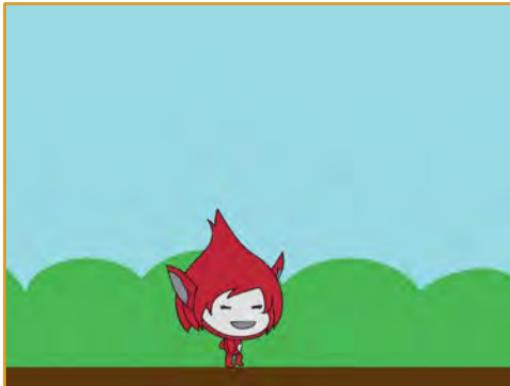
TRY IT



Press the arrow keys on your keyboard to move your character around.

Make a Character Jump

Press a key to jump up and down.



Make a Character Jump

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Choose a character.

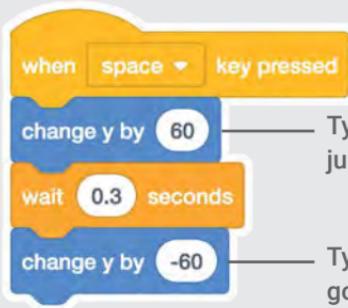


Giga Walking

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Giga



Type how high to jump.

Type a minus sign to go back down.

TRY IT



Press the space key on your keyboard.

Switch Poses

Animate a character when you press a key.



Switch Poses

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GET READY

Choose a character with multiple costumes, like Max.



Scroll over sprites in the Sprite Library to see if they have different costumes.



Click the Costumes tab to view all of your sprite's costumes.

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Click the Code tab.



Choose a costume.

Choose a different costume.

TRY IT



Press the space key on your keyboard.

Glide from Point to Point

Make a sprite glide from point to point.



Glide from Point to Point

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GET READY



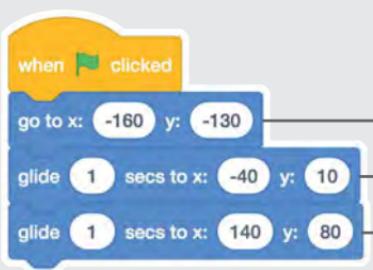
Choose a backdrop.



Choose a character.



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Set the starting point.

Set another point to glide to.

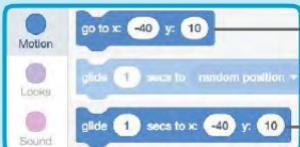
Set the end point.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



TIP



When you drag a sprite, its x and y positions will update in the blocks palette.

Walking Animation

Make a character walk or run.



Walking Animation

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Jungle



Choose a walking or running sprite.



Unicorn Running

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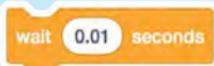


TRY IT



Click the green flag to start.

TIP



If you want to slow down the animation, try adding a wait block inside the repeat block.

Flying Animation

Have a character flap its wings as it moves across the stage.

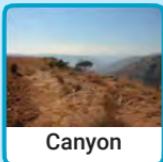


Flying Animation

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Choose a backdrop.



Canyon



Choose Parrot
(or another flying sprite).



Parrot

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Glide across the screen

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when green flag clicked
go to x: -170 y: 120
glide (1) secs to x: 150 y: 50
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Set the starting point.
Set the end point.

Flap the wings

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when green flag clicked
repeat (5)
  switch costume to [parrot-a v]
  wait (0.1) seconds
  switch costume to [parrot-b v]
  wait (0.1) seconds
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Choose one costume.
Choose another.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Talking Animation

Make a character talk.



Talking Animation

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Choose Penguin 2.

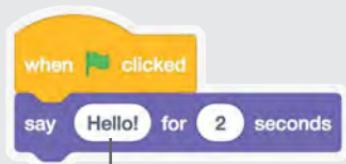


Click the Costumes tab to view the penguin's other costumes.

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Click the Code tab.



Type what you want your character to say.



Choose one costume.

Choose another.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Draw an Animation

Edit a sprite's costumes to create your own animation.



Draw an Animation

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Choose a character.



Frog

GET READY



Click the Costumes tab.



Right-click (on a Mac, control-click) a costume to duplicate it.

Now you should have two identical costumes.



Click a costume to select and edit it.

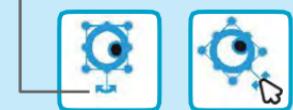
Click the Select tool.



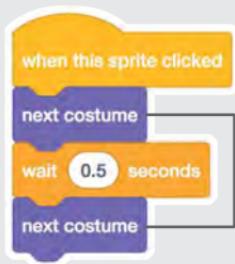
Select a part of the costume to squeeze or stretch it.



Drag the handle to rotate an object you've selected.



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Click the Code tab.

Use the **next costume** block to animate your character.

TRY IT



Click the green flag to start.

Create a Story Cards



Choose characters, add conversation,
and bring your story to life.

Create a Story Cards

Start with the first card, and then try the other cards in any order:

- Start a Story
- Start a Conversation
- Switch Backdrops
- Click a Character
- Add Your Voice
- Glide to a Spot
- Walk onto the Stage
- Respond to a Character
- Add a Scene

Start a Story

Set the scene and have a character
say something.



Start a Story

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Witch House



Choose a character.

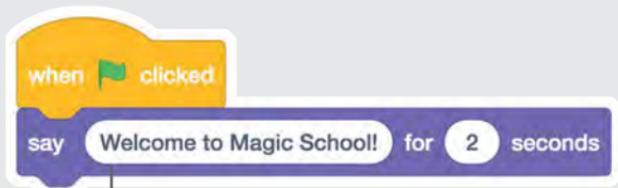


Wizard

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Wizard



Type what you want your character to say.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Start a Conversation

Make two characters talk to each other.



Start a Conversation

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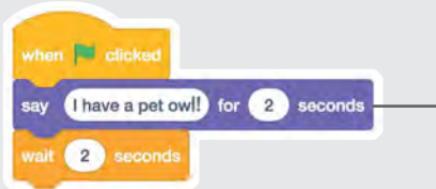


Choose two characters,
like Witch and Elf.



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Click the thumbnail for each character, and then add its code.



Type what you want
each character to say.



TIP



To change the direction a character is facing, click the **Costumes** tab, then click **Flip Horizontal**.



Switch Backdrops

Change from one backdrop to another.



Switch Backdrops

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GET READY



Choose a character.



Choose two backdrops.



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Choose the backdrop you want to start with.

Choose the second backdrop.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Click a Character

Make your story interactive.



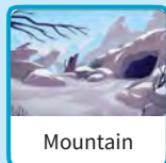
Click a Character

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Mountain



Choose a character.



Unicorn

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You can choose different effects.

Select a sound from the menu.

TRY IT

Click your character.



Add Your Voice

Record your voice to make a character talk.



Add Your Voice

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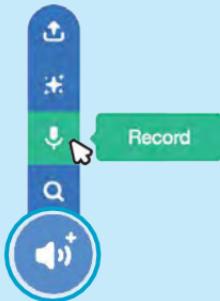
Choose a sprite.



Princess



Click the Sounds tab.



Choose Record from the pop-up menu.

Click Record.

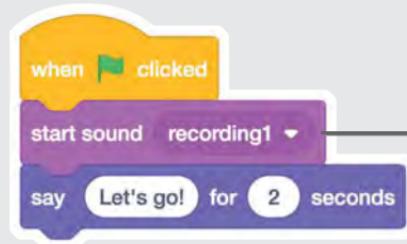


When you're done, click Save.

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Click the Code tab.



Select your recording from the menu.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Glide to a Spot

Make a character move across the Stage.



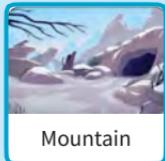
Glide to a Spot

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Mountain



Choose a character.



Owl

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Owl

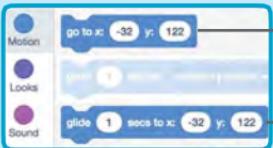
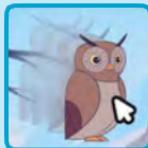


TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



TIP



When you drag a sprite, the numbers for x and y will update in the blocks palette.

Walk onto the Stage

Have a character enter the scene.



Walk onto the Stage

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Mountain

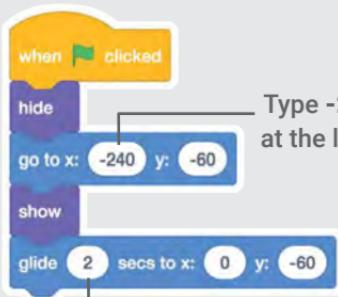


Choose a character.



Dragon

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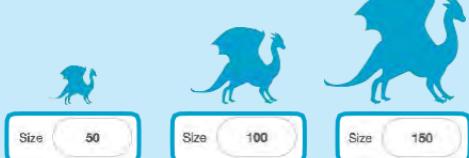
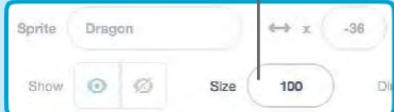


Type **-240** to place your sprite at the left edge of the Stage.

Change this number to glide faster or slower.

TIP

Change the size of a sprite by typing a smaller or larger number.



Respond to a Character

Coordinate a conversation so that one character talks after another.



Respond to a Character

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Mountain



Choose two characters.



Goblin



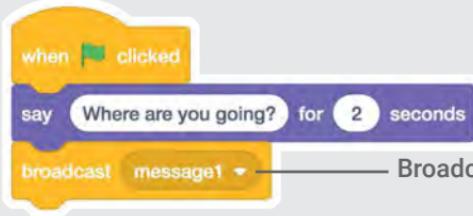
Princess

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Click the thumbnail for each character, and then add its code.



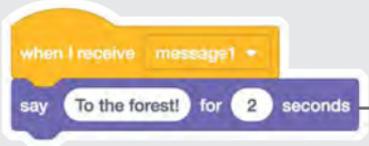
Goblin



Broadcast a message.



Princess



Tell this character what to do when it receives the broadcast.

TIP



You can click the menu to add a new message.

Add a Scene

Create multiple scenes with different backdrops and characters.



Add a Scene

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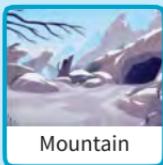
GET READY



Choose two backdrops.



Witch House



Mountain

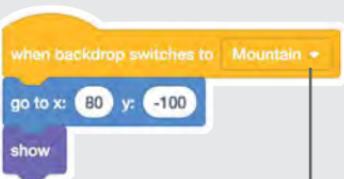
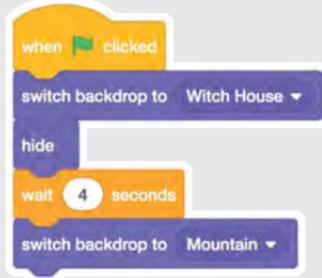


Choose a character.



Fox

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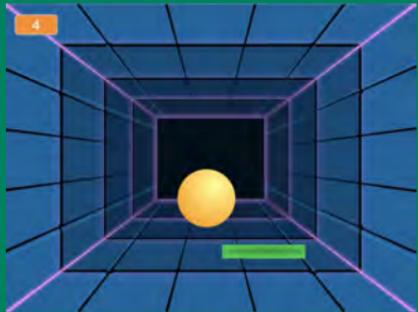
Choose the backdrop name from the menu.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Pong Game Cards



Make a bouncing ball game and score points to win!



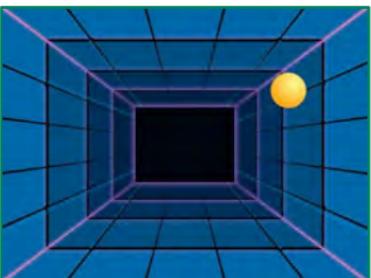
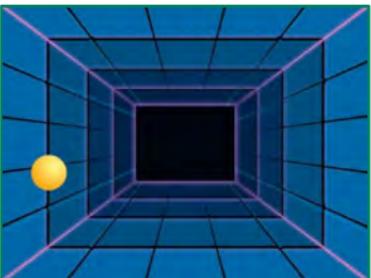
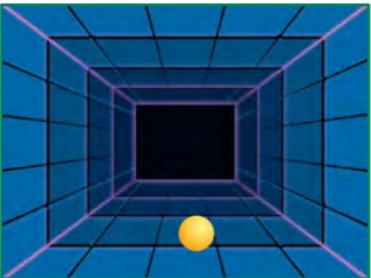
Pong Game Cards

Use these cards in this order:

1. **Bounce Around**
2. **Move the Paddle**
3. **Bounce off the Paddle**
4. **Game Over**
5. **Score Points**
6. **Win the Game**

Bounce Around

Make a ball move around the Stage.



Bounce Around

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GET READY



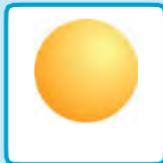
Choose a backdrop.



Neon Tunnel



Choose a ball.



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Type a larger number to move faster.

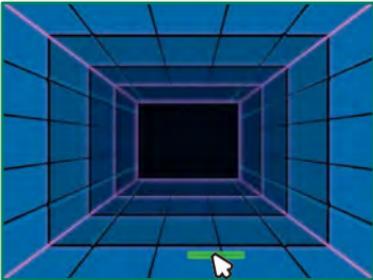
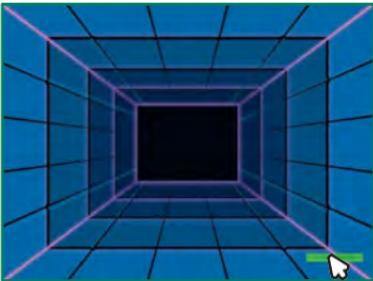
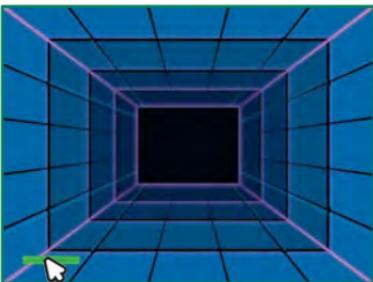
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Move the Paddle

Control a paddle by moving
your mouse pointer.



Move the Paddle

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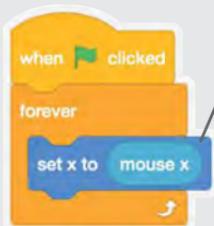


Choose a sprite for hitting the ball, like Paddle.



Then, drag your paddle to the bottom of the Stage.

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Insert the **mouse x** block into the **set x to** block.



TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.

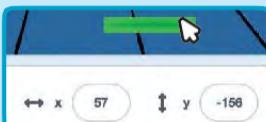


Move your mouse pointer to move the paddle.



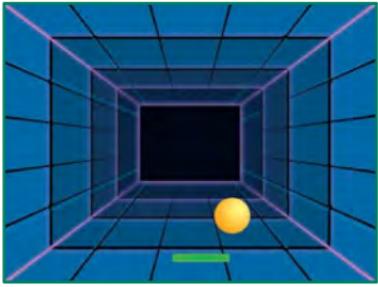
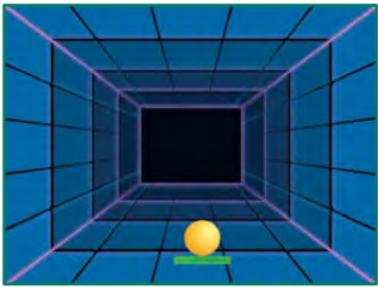
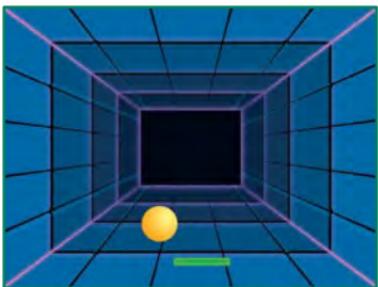
TIP

You can see the **x** position of the paddle change as you move the mouse pointer across the Stage.



Bounce Off the Paddle

Make the ball bounce off the paddle.



Bounce Off the Paddle

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GET READY

Click to select the Ball sprite.



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Add this new stack of blocks to your Ball sprite.



The image shows a Scratch script for the Ball sprite. It starts with a 'when green flag clicked' hat block, followed by a 'forever' control loop. Inside the loop is an 'if touching Paddle then' control block. This is followed by a 'turn (pick random 170 to 190 degrees)' motion block, a 'move (15 steps)' motion block, and a 'wait (0.5 seconds)' control block. A callout box points to the 'if touching Paddle then' block with the text: 'Choose Paddle from the menu.' Another callout box points to the 'pick random 170 to 190' block with the text: 'Insert the pick random block and type in 170 to 190'.

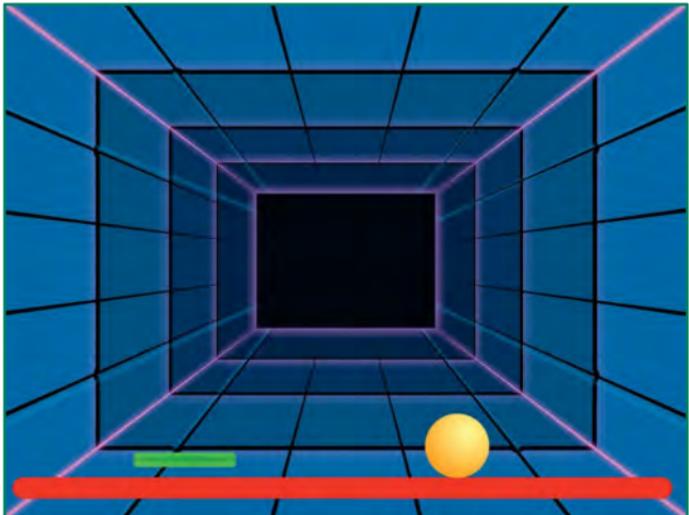
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Game Over

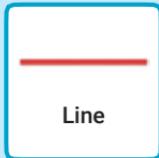
Stop the game if the ball hits the red line.



Game Over

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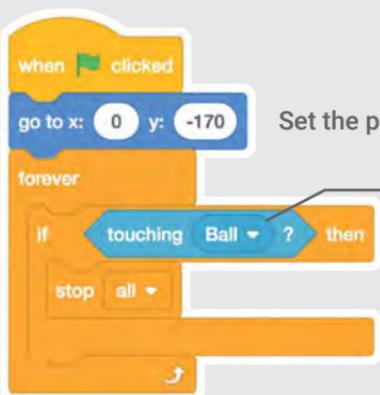
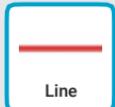


Choose the sprite called Line.



Drag the Line sprite to the bottom of the Stage.

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Set the position of the Line.

Choose Ball from the menu.

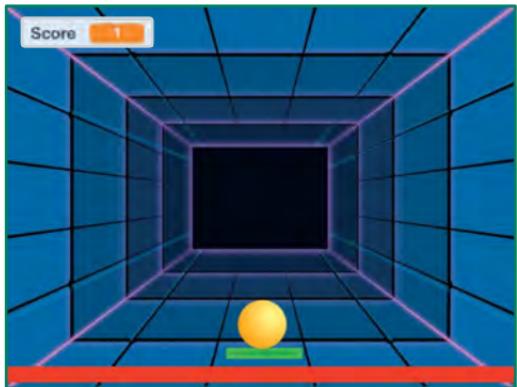
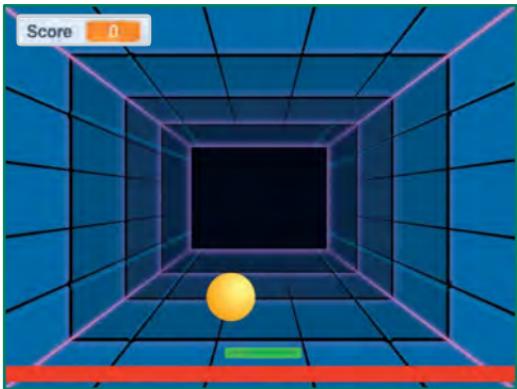
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Score Points

Add a point each time you hit the ball
with the paddle.



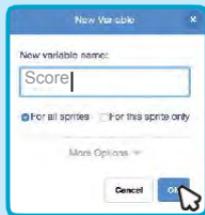
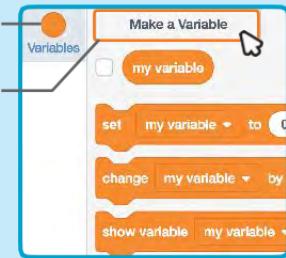
Score Points

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GET READY

Choose Variables.

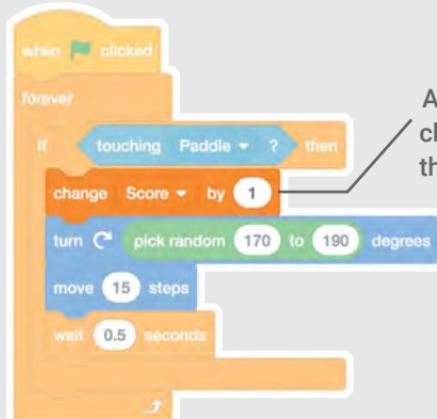
Click the Make a Variable button.



Name this variable **Score** and then click **OK**.

ADD THIS CODE

Click to select the Ball sprite.



Add this block and choose **Score** from the menu.



Use this block to reset the score. Choose **Score** from the menu.

Win the Game

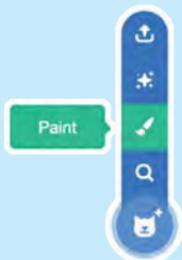
When you score enough points, display a winning message!



Win the Game

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GET READY



Click the Paint icon to make a new sprite.

Use the Text tool to write a message, like "You Won!"

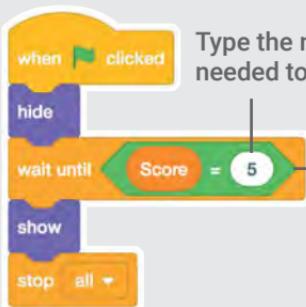


You can change the font color, size, and style.

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Click the Code tab.



Type the number of points needed to win the game.



Insert the Score block into the equals block from the Operators category.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Play until you score enough points to win!

Let's Dance Cards



Design an animated dance scene
with music and dance moves.



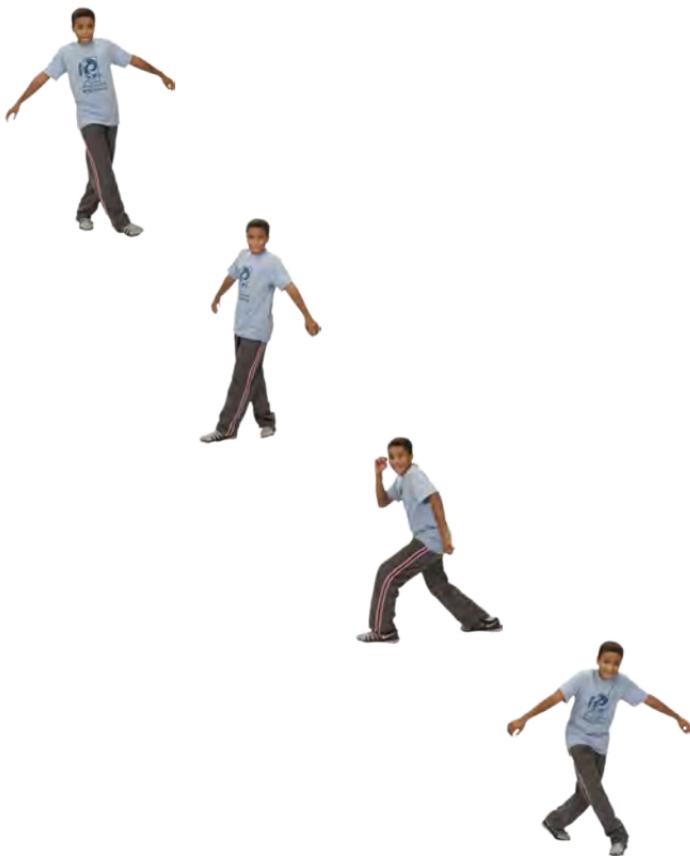
Let's Dance Cards

Try these cards in any order:

- **Dance Sequence**
- **Dance Loop**
- **Play Music**
- **Take Turns**
- **Starting Position**
- **Shadow Effect**
- **Interactive Dance**
- **Color Effect**
- **Leave a Trail**

Dance Sequence

Make an animated dance.



Let's Dance

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Dance Sequence

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GET READY



Choose a dancer.



Ten80 Dance



Costumes

Click the Costumes tab to see the different dance moves.



To see just the dance sprites, click the Dance category at the top of the Sprite Library.

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Click the Code tab.



Type how long to wait between dance moves.



Pick different dance moves.

TRY IT

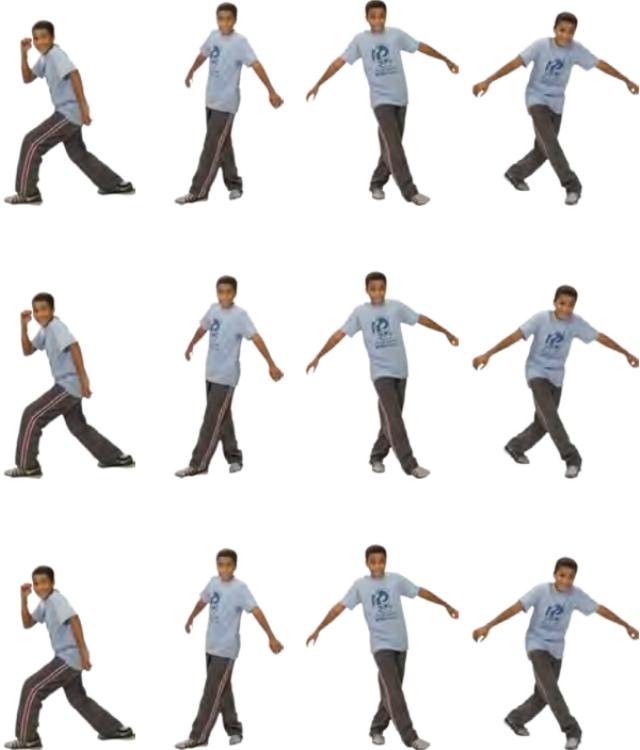
Click the green flag to start



Dance Loop!



Repeat a series of dance steps.



Dance Loop

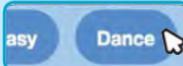
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Go to the
Sprite Library.



Click the Dance category.



Choose a dancer.

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Add a repeat
block around your
dance sequence.



Choose a dance pose.

Type how many times
you want to repeat the
dance.

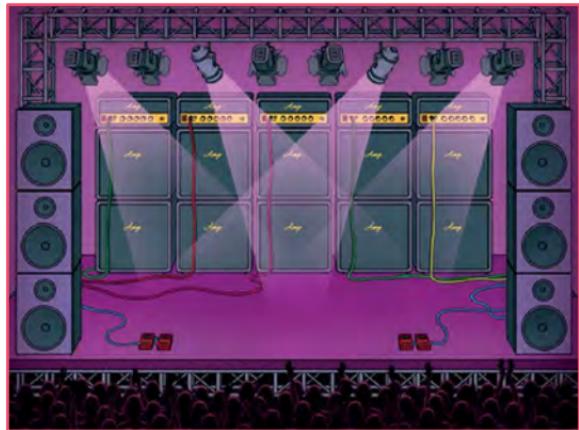
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Play Music

Play and loop a song.



Let's Dance

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Play Music

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Click the Sounds tab.



Choose a song from the Loops category.

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Click the Code tab.



Type how many times you want the song to repeat.

TIP

Make sure to use

`play sound [Dance Celebrate v] until done`

(not

`start sound [Dance Celebrate v]`

)

or else the music won't finish playing before it begins again.

Take Turns♪



Coordinate dancers so that one begins after the other finishes.



Take Turns

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GET READY



Choose two dancers from the Dance category.



ADD THIS CODE



```
when green flag clicked
  switch costume to [anina top L step v]
  wait [0.3 seconds]
  switch costume to [anina top R step v]
  wait [0.3 seconds]
  switch costume to [anina stance v]
  broadcast [message1 v]
```

Broadcast a message.



```
when I receive [message1 v]
  say [My turn to dance!] for [1] seconds
  repeat (4)
    next costume
    wait [0.3 seconds]
```

Tell this dancer sprite what to do when it receives the message.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Starting Position

Tell your dancers where to start.



Starting Position

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GET READY



Go to the
Sprite Library.

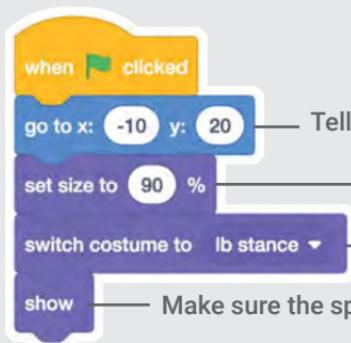
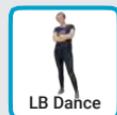


Click the **Dance** category.



Choose a dancer.

ADD THIS CODE



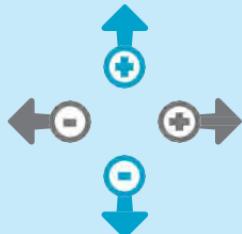
Tell your sprite where to start.

Set the sprite's size.

Choose a starting costume.

Make sure the sprite is showing.

TIP



Use `go to x: [] y: []` to set a sprite's position on the Stage.

x is the position on the Stage from left to right.

y is the position on the Stage from top to bottom.

Shadow Effect

Make a dancing silhouette.



Shadow Effect

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GET READY



Go to the
Sprite Library.



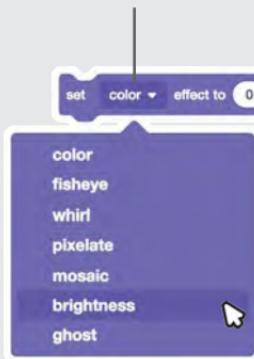
Click the **Dance** category.



Choose a dancer.

ADD THIS CODE

Choose **brightness**
from the menu.



Set the brightness to **-100** to
make the sprite completely dark.



TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Click the stop sign to stop.



Interactive Dance

Press keys to switch dance moves.



Interactive Dance

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GET READY



Go to the
Sprite Library.



Click the Dance category



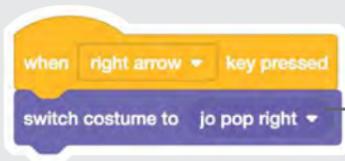
Choose a dancer.

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Choose a different key to press
for each dance move.



Pick a dance move from the menu.



TRY IT



Press the arrow keys on your keyboard.

Color Effect!



Make the backdrop change colors.



Color Effect

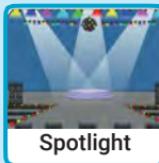
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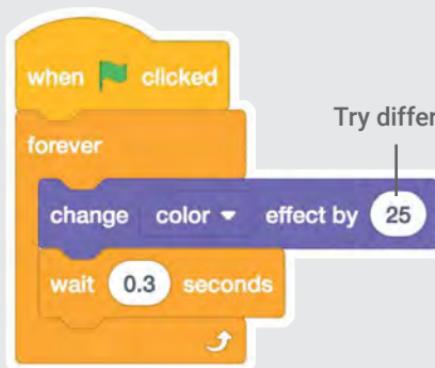


Choose a backdrop.



Spotlight

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Try different numbers.

TRY IT

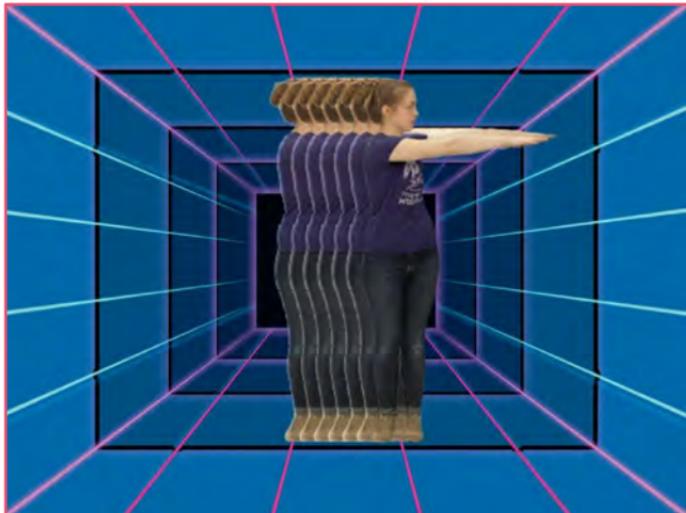
Click the green flag to start.



Leave a Trail



Stamp a trail as your dancer moves.



Leave a Trail

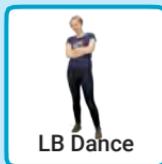
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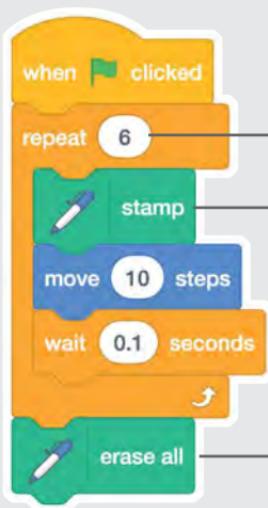
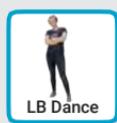


Choose a dancer from the Dance category.



Click the Extensions button, and then click Pen to add the blocks.

ADD THIS CODE



Type how many times to repeat.

Stamp an image of the sprite on the Stage.

Clear all the stamps.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Jumping Game Cards



Make a character jump over moving obstacles.

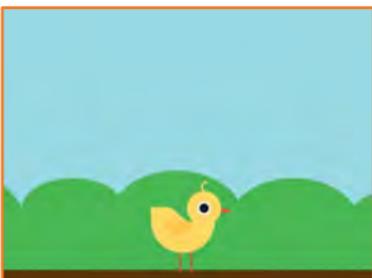
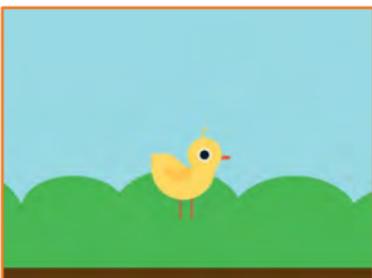
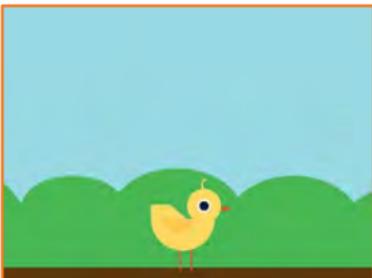
Jumping Game Cards

Use these cards in this order:

- 1. Jump**
- 2. Go to Start**
- 3. Moving Obstacle**
- 4. Add a Sound**
- 5. Stop the Game**
- 6. Add More Obstacles**
- 7. Score**

Jump

Make a character jump.



Jump

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop.



Blue Sky



Choose a character, like Chick.



Chick

ADD THIS CODE



Type a minus sign to go back down.

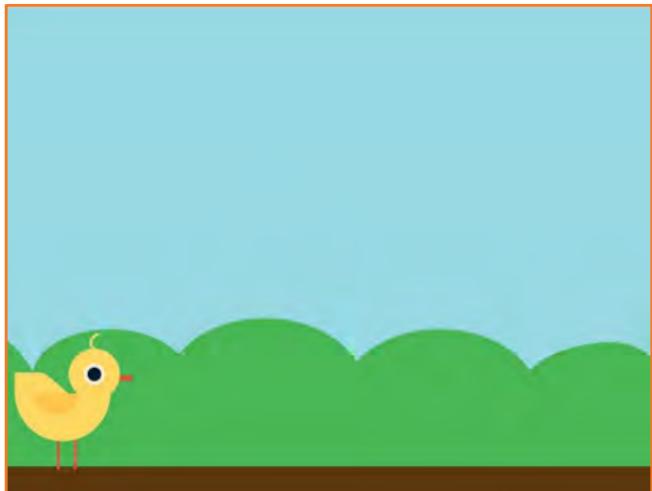
TRY IT



Press the **space** key on your keyboard.

Go to Start

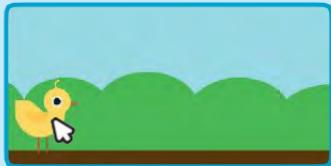
Set the starting point for your sprite.



Go to Start

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GET READY



Drag your character to where you want it.



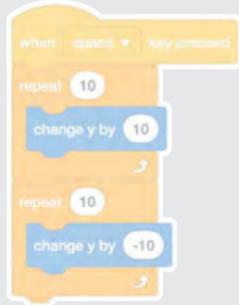
When you move your character, its **x** and **y** position will update in the blocks palette.

Now when you drag out a **go to** block, it will set to your character's new position.

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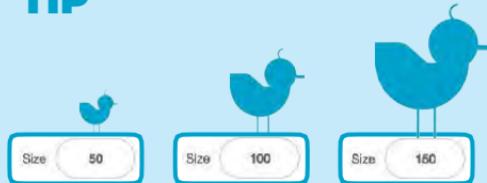
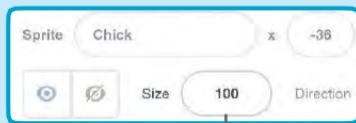


Chick



Set the starting position.
(Your numbers may be different.)

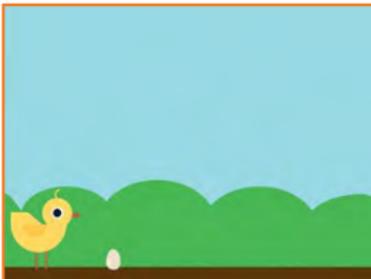
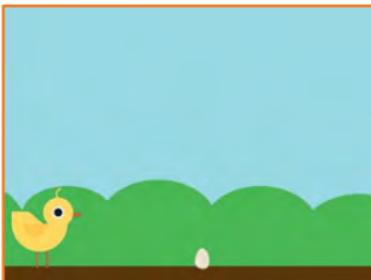
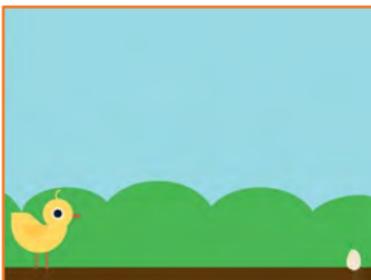
TIP



Change the size of a sprite by typing a smaller or larger number.

Moving Obstacle

Make an obstacle move across the Stage.



Moving Obstacle

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GET READY



Choose a sprite to be an obstacle, such as Egg.

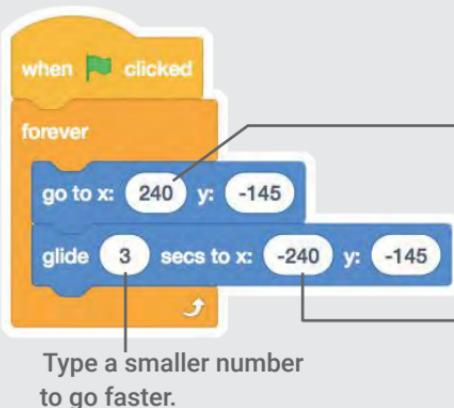


Egg

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Egg



Start at the right edge of the Stage.

Glide to the left edge of the Stage.

Type a smaller number to go faster.

TRY IT

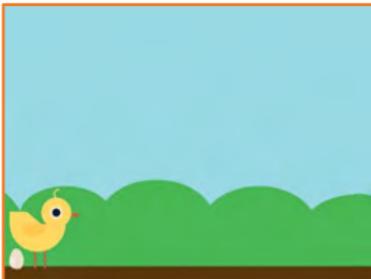
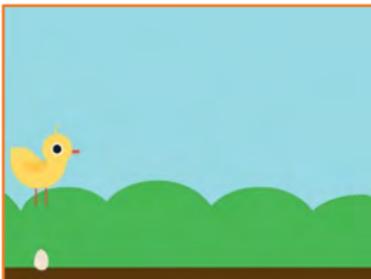
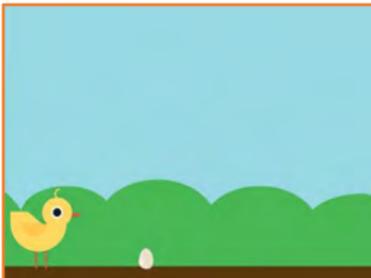
Click the green flag to start.



Press the space key on your keyboard.

Add a Sound

Play a sound when your sprite jumps.

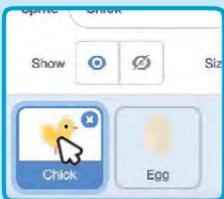


Add a Sound

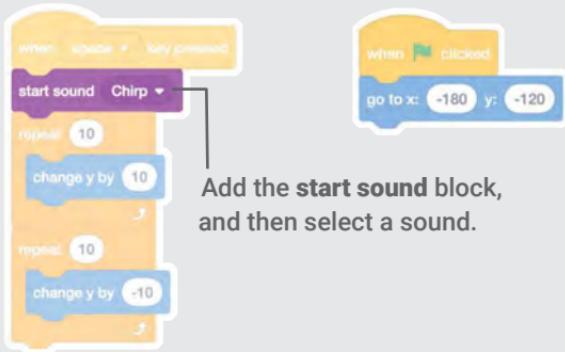
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GET READY

Click to select the Chick sprite.



ADD THIS CODE



TRY IT

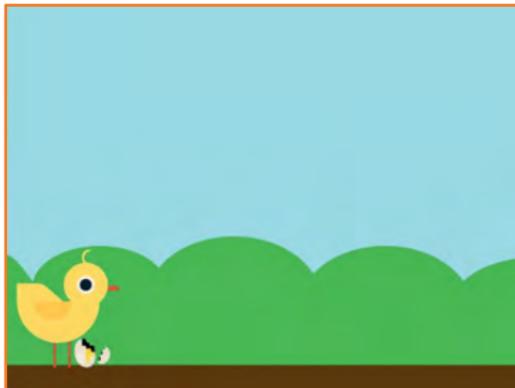
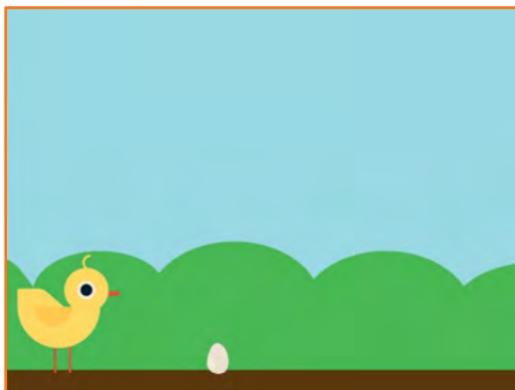
Click the green flag to start.



Press the **space** key on your keyboard.

Stop the Game

Stop the game if your sprite touches the egg.

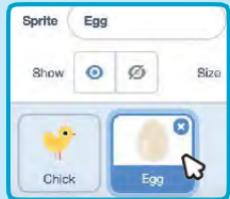


Stop the Game

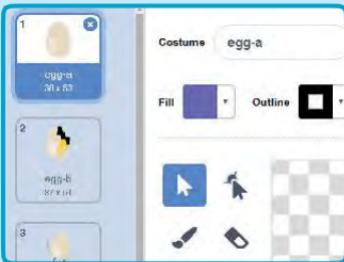
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Click to select the Egg sprite.



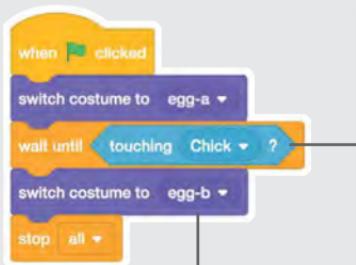
Click the Costumes tab to see the Egg sprite's costumes.



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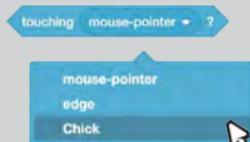


Click the Code tab and add this code.



Choose a second costume for the Egg sprite to change to.

Insert the touching block and choose Chick from the menu.



Click the green flag to start.

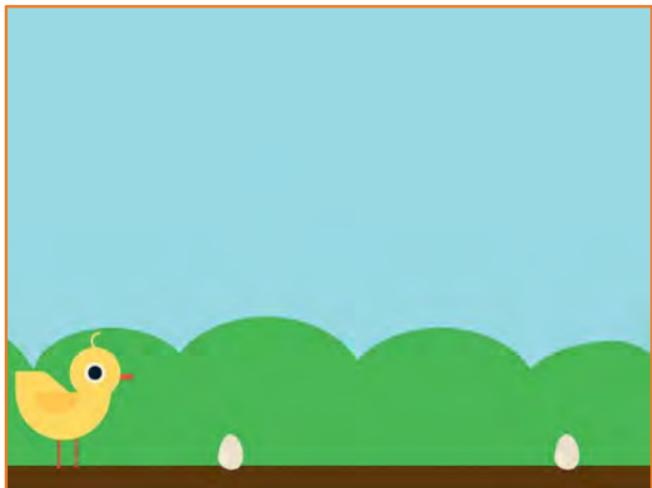


Press the space key on your keyboard.

Add More Obstacles

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Make the game harder by adding more obstacles.



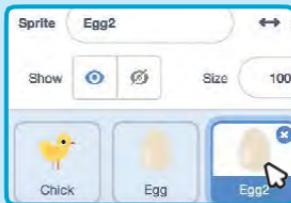
Add More Obstacles

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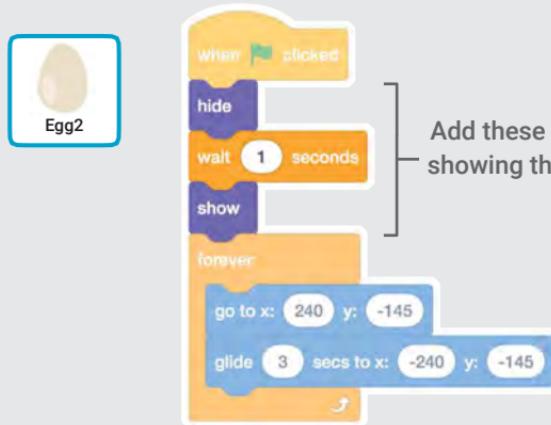


To duplicate the Egg sprite, right-click (Mac: control-click) on the thumbnail, and then choose **duplicate**.



Click to select Egg2.

ADD THIS CODE



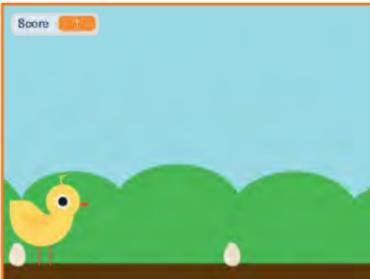
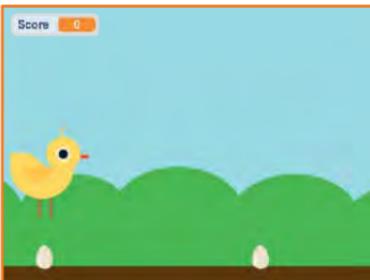
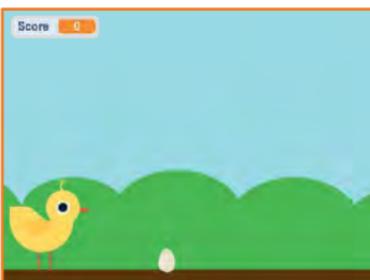
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Score

Add a point each time your sprite jumps over an egg.



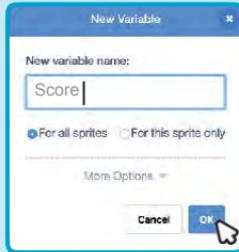
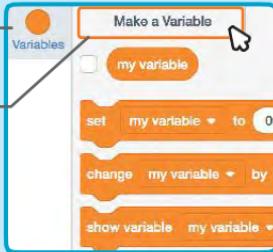
Score

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Choose Variables.

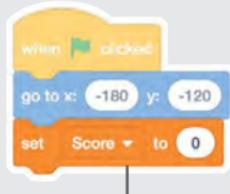
Click the Make a Variable button.



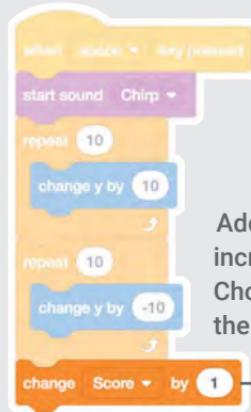
Name this variable **Score** and then click **OK**.

ADD THIS CODE

Click the Chick sprite and add two blocks to your code:



Add this block to reset the Score. Choose **Score** from the menu.



Add this block to increase the score. Choose **Score** from the menu.

TRY IT

Jump over the eggs to score points!



Virtual Pet Cards



Create an interactive pet that can
eat, drink, and play.



Virtual Pet Cards

Use these cards in this order:

- 1. Introduce Your Pet**
- 2. Animate Your Pet**
- 3. Feed Your Pet**
- 4. Give Your Pet a Drink**
- 5. What Will Your Pet Say?**
- 6. Time to Play**
- 7. How Hungry?**

Introduce Your Pet

Choose a pet and have it say hello.



Introduce Your Pet

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Choose a backdrop,
like Garden Rock.



Garden



Choose a sprite to be
your pet, like Monkey.



Monkey

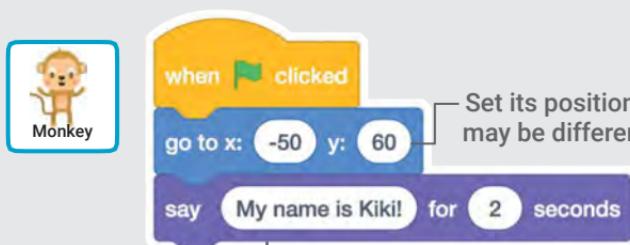
Pick a sprite with more
than one costume.



Scroll over sprites in the
Sprite Library to see their
different costumes.

ADD THIS CODE

Drag your pet to where you want it on the Stage.



Set its position. (Your numbers
may be different.)

Type what you want your pet to say.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Animate Your Pet

Bring your pet to life.



Animate Your Pet

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GET READY



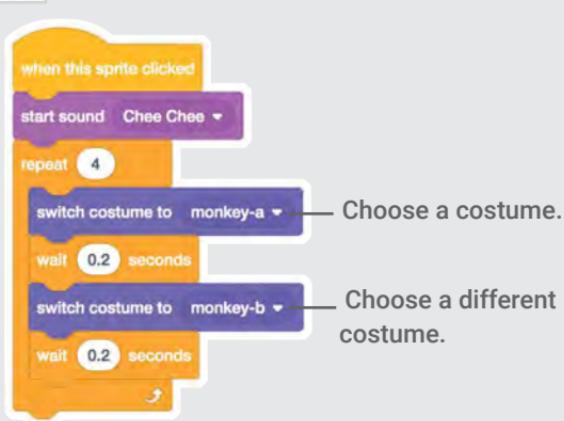
Click the **Costumes** tab to see your pet's costumes.



ADD THIS CODE



Click the **Code** tab and add this code.



TRY IT

Click your pet.



Feed Your Pet

Click the food to feed your pet.



Feed Your Pet

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GET READY

Sounds

Click the Sounds tab.



Monkey

Choose a sound from the Sounds Library, like Chomp.



Bananas

Choose a food sprite, like Bananas.

ADD THIS CODE

Code

Click the Code tab.



Bananas

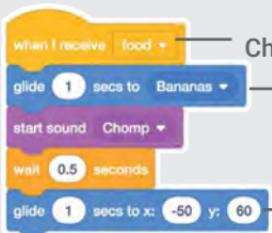


Select New message and name it food.



Broadcast the food message.

Select your pet.



Choose food from the menu.

Choose Bananas from the menu.

Glide to the starting position.

TRY IT

Click the food.



Give Your Pet a Drink

Give your pet some water to drink.



Give Your Pet a Drink

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GET READY



Choose a drink sprite, like Glass Water.



ADD THIS CODE



when this sprite clicked

go to front ▾ layer

broadcast drink ▾

wait 1 seconds

switch costume to glass water-b ▾

start sound Water Drop ▾

wait 1 seconds

switch costume to glass water-a ▾

Broadcast a new message.

Switch to the empty glass.

Switch to the full glass.

Tell your pet what to do when it receives the message.



when I receive drink ▾

glide 1 secs to Glass Water ▾

wait 1 seconds

glide 1 secs to x: -50 y: 60

Choose drink from the menu.

Choose Glass Water from the menu.

Glide to the starting position.

TRY IT

Click the drink to start.



What Will Your Pet Say?

Let your pet choose what it will say.



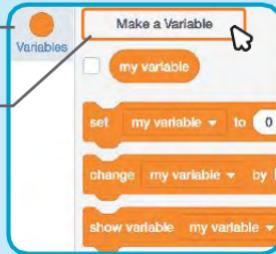
What Will Your Pet Say?

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GET READY

Choose Variables.

Click the Make a Variable button.

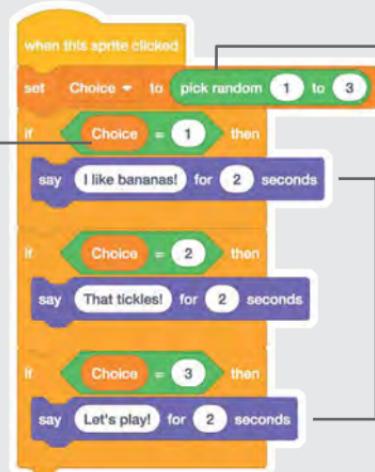


Name this variable Choice and then click OK.

ADD THIS CODE



Insert the Choice block into the equals block from the Operators category.



Insert the pick random block.

Type things for your pet to say.

TRY IT

Click your pet to see what it says.



Time to Play

Have your pet play with a ball.



Time to Play

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GET READY



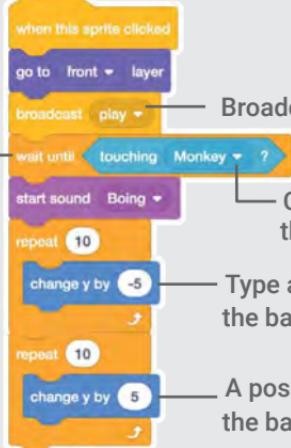
Choose a sprite,
like Ball.



ADD THIS CODE



Insert the touching block
into the wait until block.



Broadcast a new message.

Choose Monkey from
the menu.

Type a minus sign to make
the ball move down.

A positive number makes
the ball move up.



Choose play from the menu.

Pick Ball from the menu.

TRY IT

Click the ball.



How Hungry?

Keep track of how hungry your pet is.

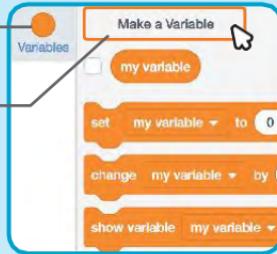


How Hungry?

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GET READY

Choose Variables.

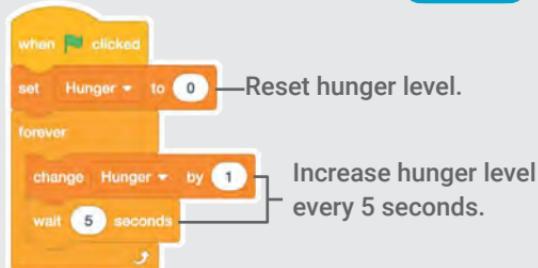


Click the Make a Variable button.



Name this variable Hunger and then click OK.

ADD THIS CODE



Choose food from the menu.



Type a minus sign to make your pet less hungry when it gets food.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Then click the food.



Catch Game Cards



Make a game where you catch things falling from the sky.



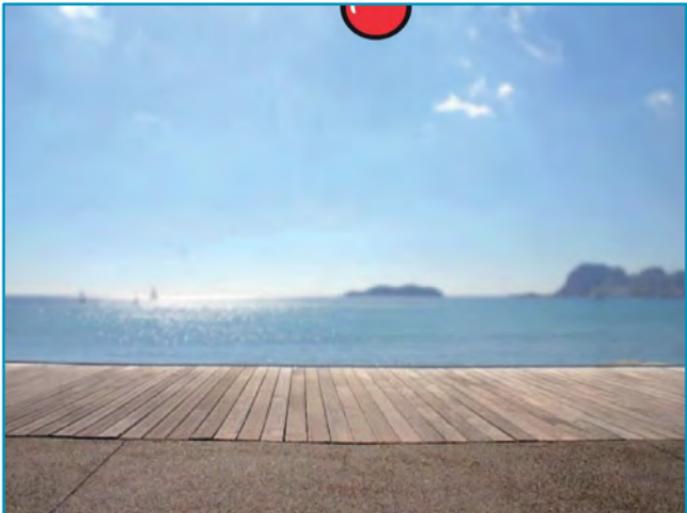
Catch Game Cards

Use these cards in this order:

1. Go to the Top
2. Fall Down
3. Move the Catcher
4. Catch It!
5. Keep Score
6. Bonus Points
7. You Win!

Go to the Top

Start from a random spot at the top of the Stage.



Go to the Top

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GET READY



Choose a backdrop,
like Boardwalk.



Boardwalk



Choose a sprite,
like Apple.



Apple

ADD THIS CODE



Type 180 to go to the top of the stage.

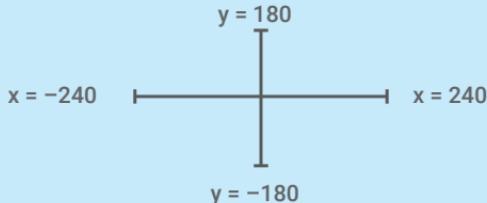
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



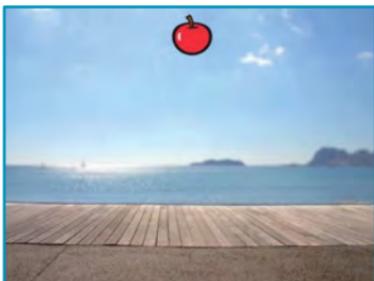
TIP

y is the position on the Stage from top to bottom.



Fall Down

Make your sprite fall down.



Fall Down

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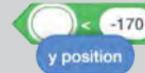
GET READY



Click to select the Apple sprite.

ADD THIS CODE

Keep the previous code as is, and add this second stack of blocks:



Insert the y position block into this block from the Operators category.



Type a minus sign to fall down.

Check if near the bottom of the Stage.

Go back to the top of the Stage.

TRY IT

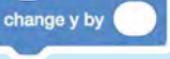
Click the green flag to start.



Click the stop sign to stop.

TIP

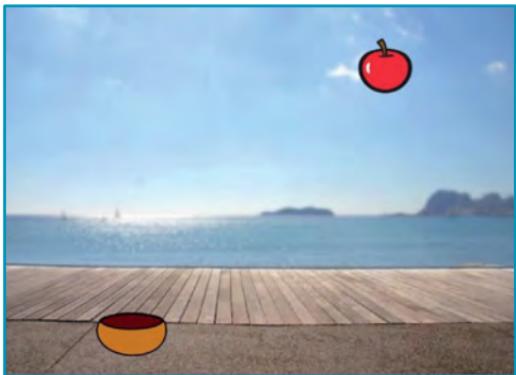
Use



to move up or down.

Move the Catcher

Press the arrow keys so that the catcher moves left and right.



Move the Catcher

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Choose a catcher like Bowl.



Drag the bowl to the bottom of the Stage.

ADD THIS CODE



```
when green flag clicked
forever
  if key right arrow pressed? then
    change x by 10
  end
  if key left arrow pressed? then
    change x by -10
  end
```

Choose the **right arrow** from the menu.

Choose the **left arrow** from the menu.

TRY IT

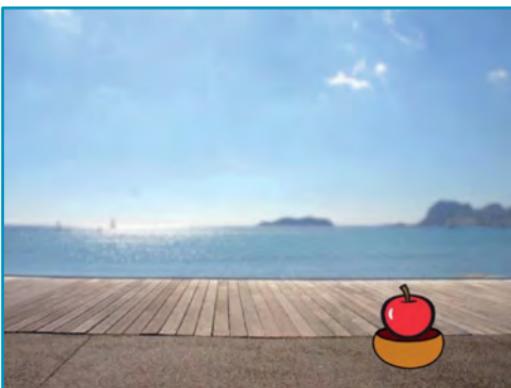
Click the green flag to start.



Press the arrow keys to move the catcher.

Catch It!

Catch the falling sprite.



Catch It!

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GET READY

Click to select
the Apple.



ADD THIS CODE



TIP



Click the **Sounds** tab if
you want to add a
different sound.



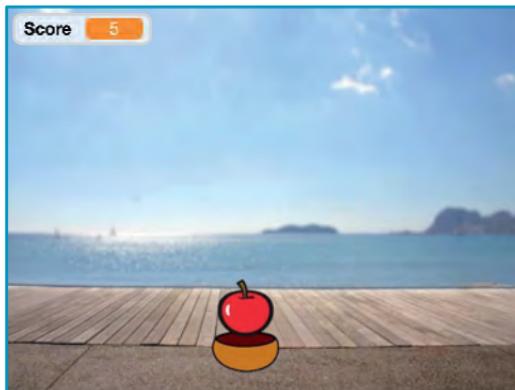
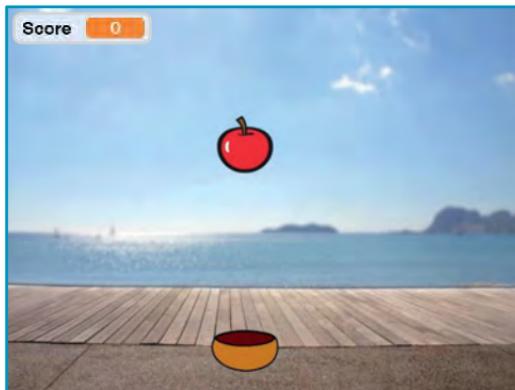
Then choose a sound
from the Sounds Library.



Click the **Code** tab
when you want to
add more blocks.

Keep Score

Add a point each time you catch the falling sprite.



Keep Score

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GET READY

Choose Variables.

Click the Make a Variable button.



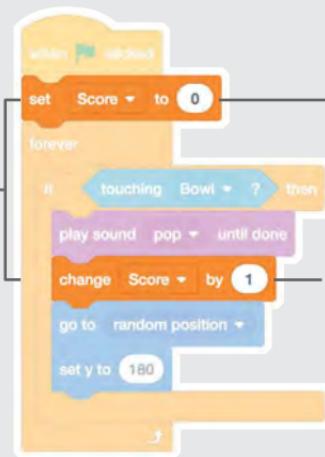
Name this variable Score and then click OK.

ADD THIS CODE

Add two new blocks to your code:



Choose Score from the menu.



Add this block to reset the score.

Add this block to increase the score.

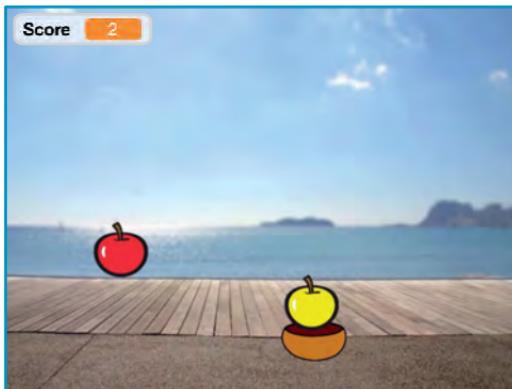
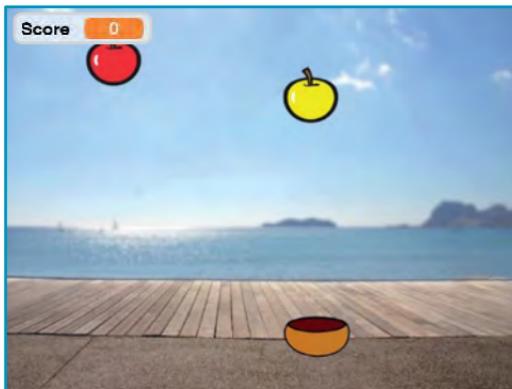
TRY IT



Click the green flag to start.
Then, catch apples to score points!

Bonus Points

Get extra points when you catch a golden sprite.



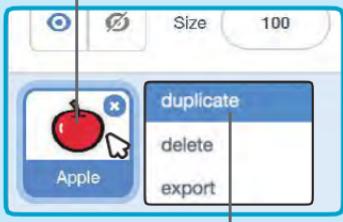
Bonus Points

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GET READY

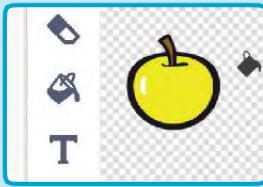
To duplicate your sprite,
right-click (Mac: control-click).



Choose **duplicate**.

Costumes

Click the Costumes tab.

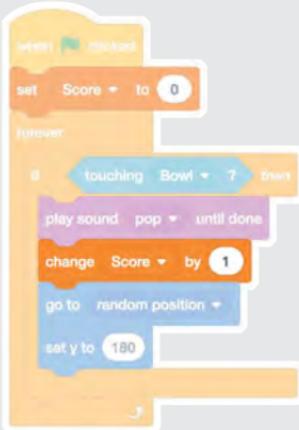


You can use the paint tools to make
your bonus sprite look different.

ADD THIS CODE

Code

Click the **Code** tab.



Type how many points you get
for catching a bonus sprite.

TRY IT

Catch the bonus sprite to increase your score!

You Win!

When you score enough points, display a winning message!

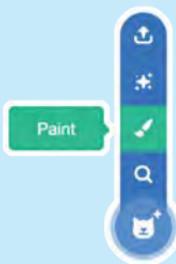


You Win!

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GET READY



Click the **Paint** icon to make a new sprite.

Use the **Text** tool to write a message, like "You Win!"

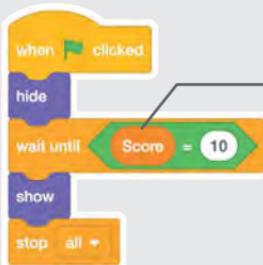


You can change the font color, size, and style.

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Click the **Code** tab.



Insert the **Score** block from the Variables category.

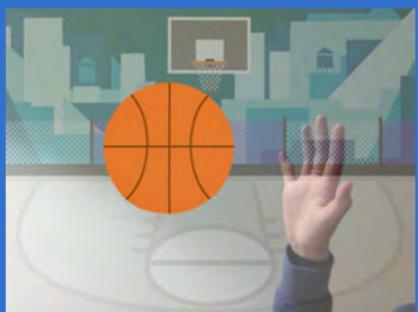
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start.



Play until you score enough points to win!

Video Sensing Cards



Interact with projects using video sensing.



Video Sensing Cards

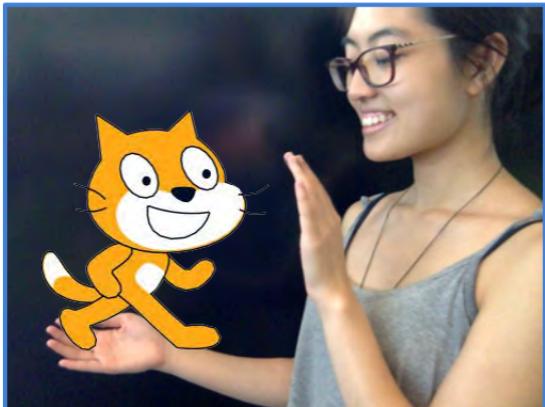
Try these cards in any order:

- Pet the Cat
- Animate
- Pop a Balloon
- Play the Drums
- Keep Away Game
- Play Ball
- Start an Adventure

Pet the Cat



Make the cat meow when you touch it.



Pet the Cat

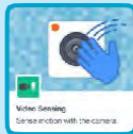
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GET READY

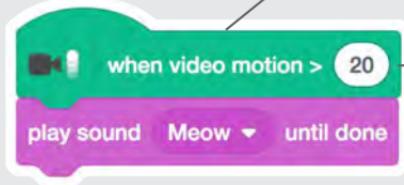


Click the Extensions button
(at the bottom left of the screen).



Choose Video Sensing
to add the video blocks.

ADD THIS CODE



This will start when it
senses video motion on
a sprite.

Type a number between
1 and 100 to change the
sensitivity.

1 will start with very little
movement, 100 requires
a lot of movement.

TRY IT

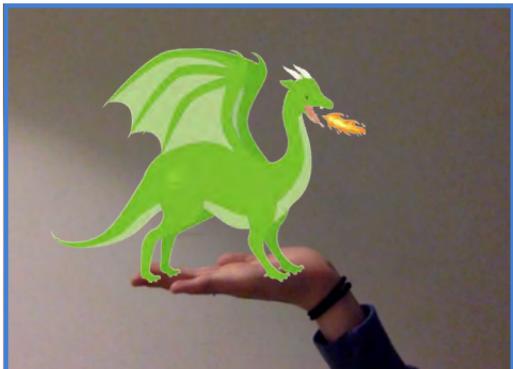
Move your hand to pet the cat.



Animate



Move around to bring a sprite to life.



Animate

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GET READY



Click the Extensions button, then choose Video Sensing.



Choose a sprite to animate.



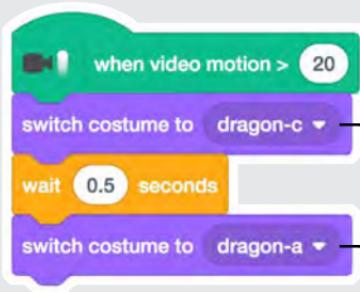
Dragon

Pick a sprite with more than one costume.



Scroll over sprites in the Sprite Library to see their different costumes.

ADD THIS CODE



Choose one costume.

Choose a different costume.

TRY IT

Move around to animate the dragon.



Pop a Balloon



Use your finger to pop a balloon.



Pop a Balloon

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GET READY

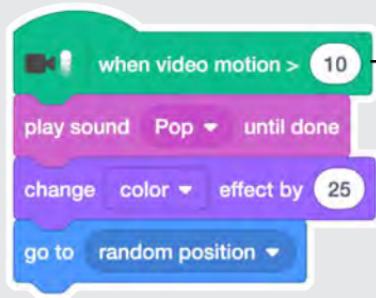


Click the Extensions button,
then choose **Video Sensing**.



Choose a sprite, like **Balloon1**.

ADD THIS CODE



Type a larger number to
make it harder to pop.

TRY IT

Use your finger to pop the balloon.



Play the Drums



Interact with sprites that play sounds.



Play the Drums

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GET READY



Click the Extensions button,
then choose Video Sensing.



Choose two sprites,
like Drum and Drum-cymbal.

ADD THIS CODE

Click on a drum to select it, then add its code.



```
when video motion > 10
set size to 100 %
change size by 20
start sound [High Tom v]
wait [0.1] seconds
change size by -20
```

Type a minus sign to get
smaller.



```
when video motion > 10
switch costume to [drum-cymbal-a v]
start sound [Crash Cymbal v]
wait [0.1] seconds
switch costume to [drum-cymbal-b v]
```

Choose a different costume.

TRY IT

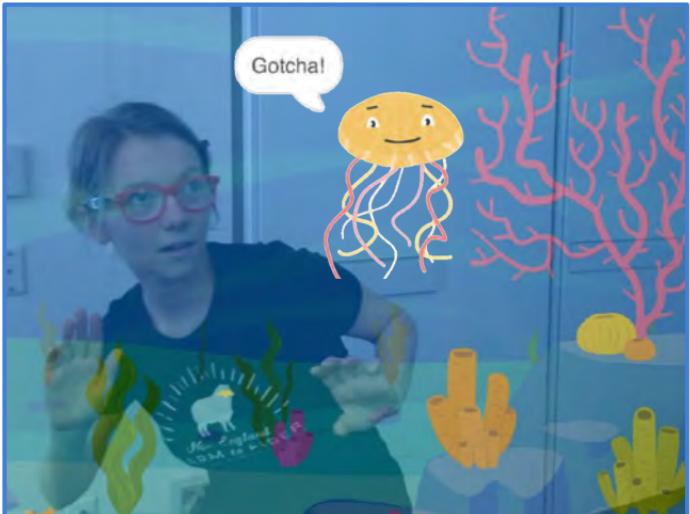
Use your hands to play the drums!



Keep Away Game



Move around to avoid a sprite.

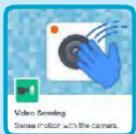


Keep Away Game

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GET READY



Click the **Extensions** button, then choose **Video Sensing**.

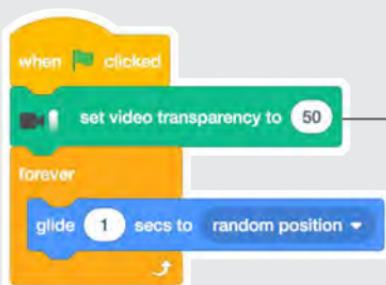


Choose a backdrop, like Ocean.

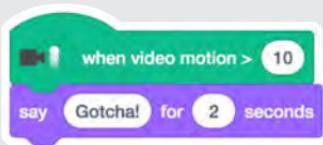


Choose a sprite, like Jellyfish.

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Type a number between 0 and 100.
(0 to show the video, 100 to make the video transparent.)



TRY IT

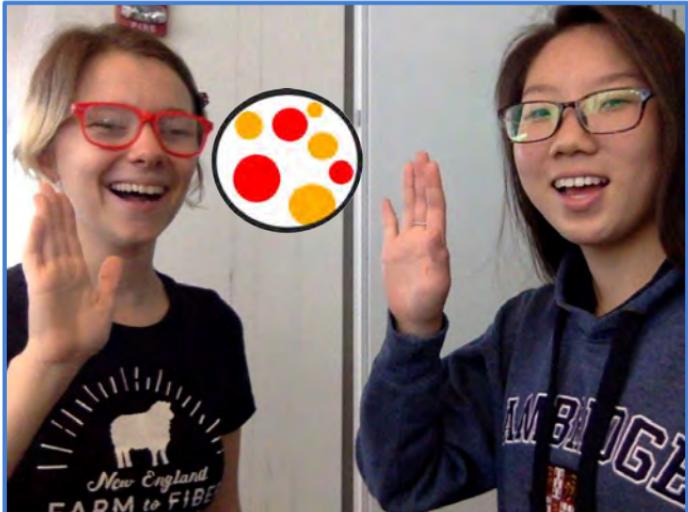
Move around to avoid the jellyfish.



Play Ball



Use your body to move a sprite across the screen.

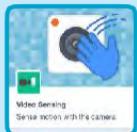


Play Ball

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GET READY

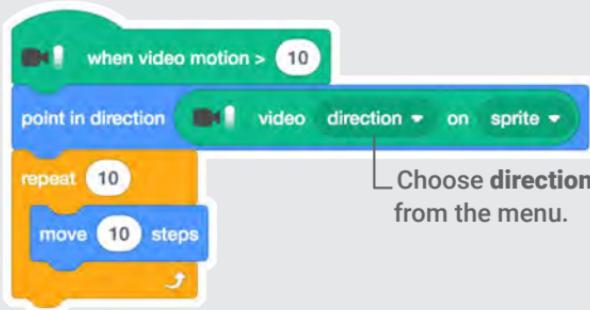
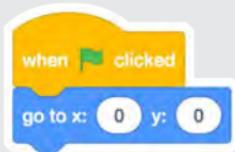


Click the Extensions button,
then choose Video Sensing.



Choose a sprite, like Beachball.

ADD THIS CODE



Choose direction
from the menu.

TRY IT

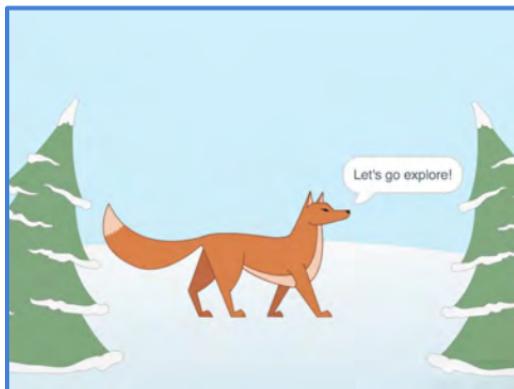
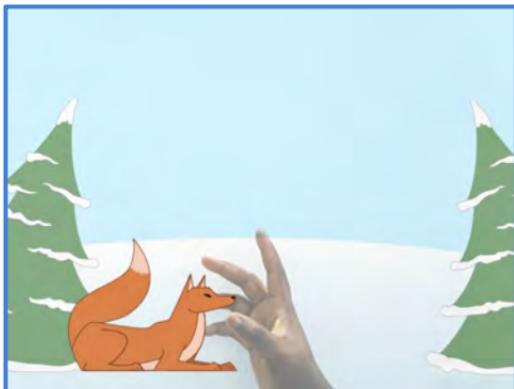


Use your hands to push the beach ball around the screen.
Try it with a friend!

Start an Adventure!



Interact with a story by
moving your hands.



Start an Adventure!

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GET READY



Click the Extensions button.



Choose Video Sensing.



Choose a backdrop.



Winter



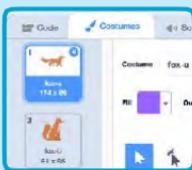
Choose a sprite.



Fox



Click the Costumes tab to see your sprite's other costumes.



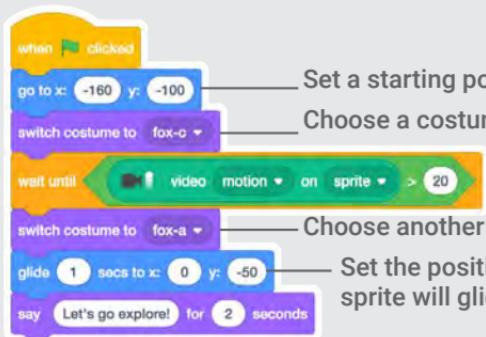
ADD THIS CODE



Click the Code tab.



Insert the video motion on sprite block into the greater than block from the Operators category.



Set a starting point.

Choose a costume.

Choose another costume.

Set the position your sprite will glide to.

TRY IT

Click the green flag. Then wave to wake up the fox.

Make it Fly Cards



Choose any character and make it fly!



Make it Fly

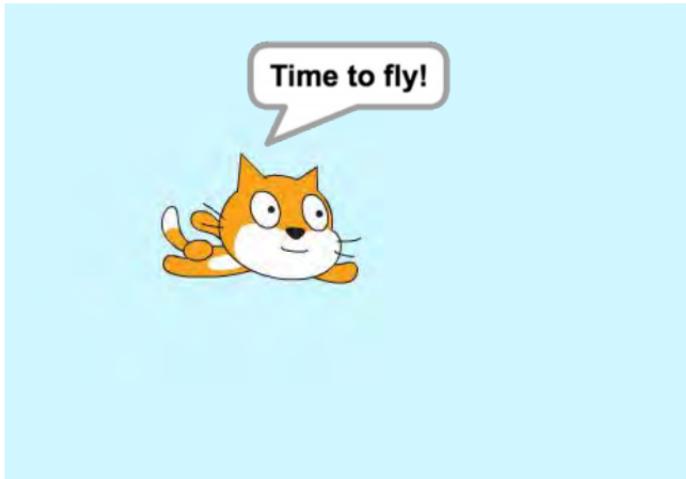
Cards

Use these cards in this order:

- 1. Choose a Character**
- 2. Start Flying**
- 3. Switch Looks**
- 4. Make it Interactive**
- 5. Floating Clouds**
- 6. Flying Hearts**
- 7. Collect Points**

Choose a Character

Choose a character to fly.



Choose a Character

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GET READY



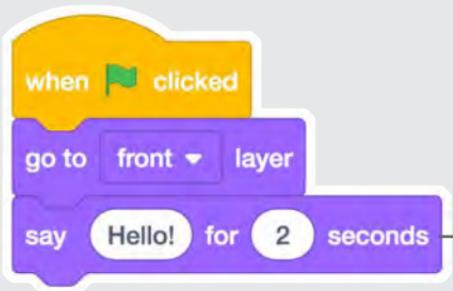
Choose a backdrop,
such as "blue
sky2".



Choose a sprite from
the Flying theme.



ADD THIS CODE



Type what you want
your sprite to say.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start



Start Flying

Move the scenery so your character looks like it's flying.



Start Flying

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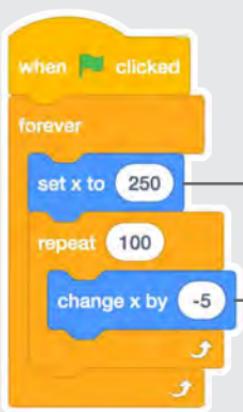
GET READY



Choose a sprite to fly by, such as Buildings



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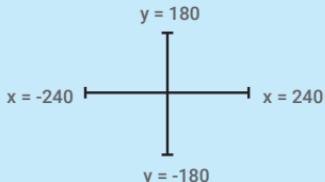


Start from the right end of the stage.

Type a negative number to move left.

TIP

x is the position on the Stage from left to right.



Switch Looks

Add variety to your scenery.



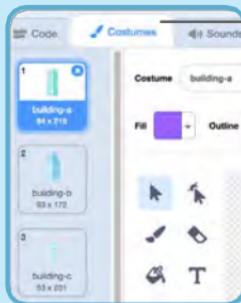
Switch Looks

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Click to select the Buildings sprite.

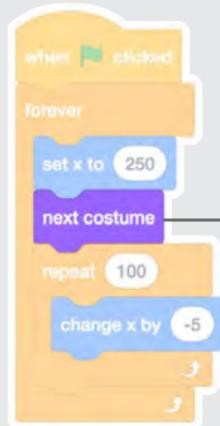


Then, click the Costumes tab to see the different building costumes.

ADD THIS CODE



Click the tab.



Add this block to switch costumes.

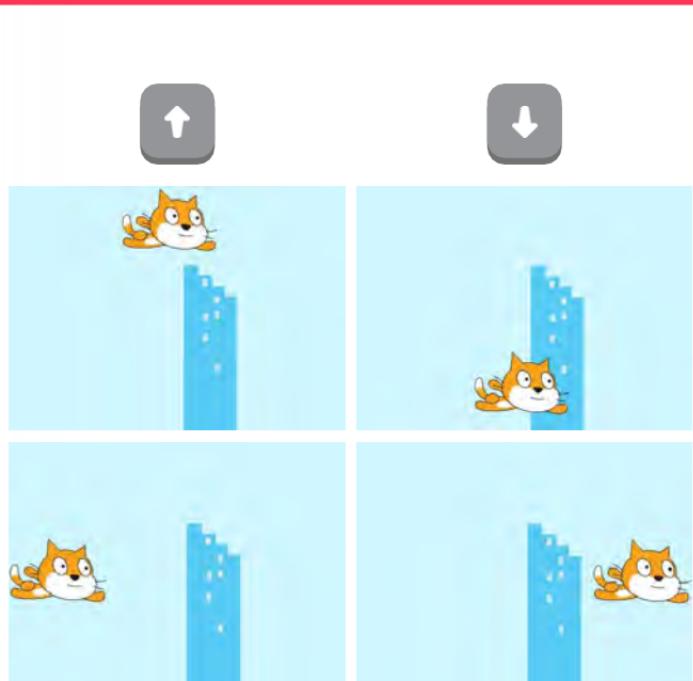
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start



Make It Interactive

Make your character move
when you press a key.

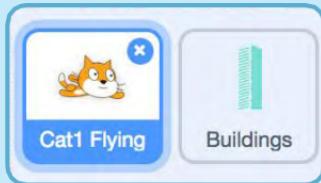


Make It Interactive

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GET READY

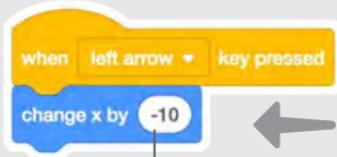
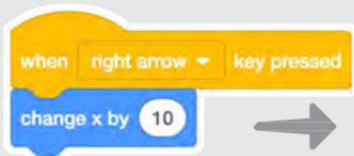
Click to select your flying sprite.



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Change x

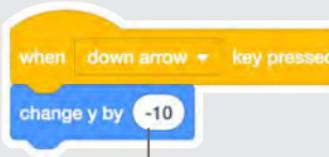
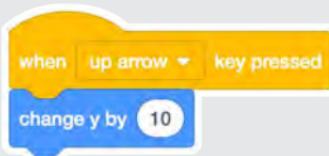
Move your character *side to side*.



Type a minus sign to move *left*.

Change y

Move your character *up and down*.



Type a minus sign to move *down*.

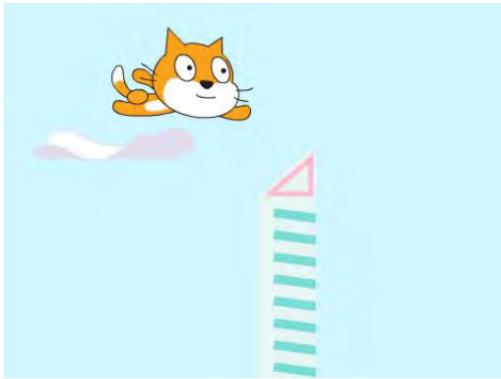
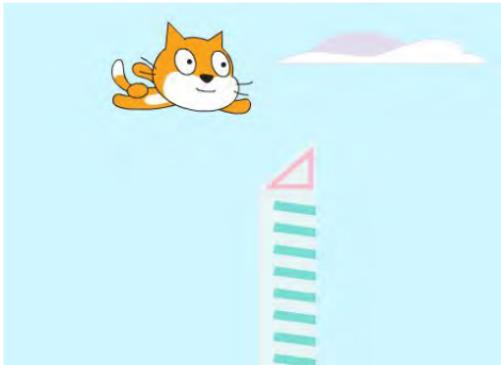
TRY IT



Press the arrow keys on your keyboard to move your character around.

Floating Clouds

Make clouds float by in the sky!



Floating Clouds

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GET READY



Choose Clouds from the library.



ADD THIS CODE

set y to **pick random 1 to 10**

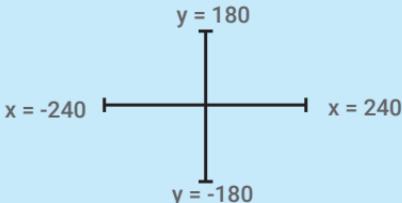
Drag the **pick random** block into the **set y to** block.

when green flag clicked
forever
 set y to [pick random 1 to 180]
 set x to [250]
 next costume
 repeat (50)
 change x by [-10]

Type 180 to keep Clouds in top half.

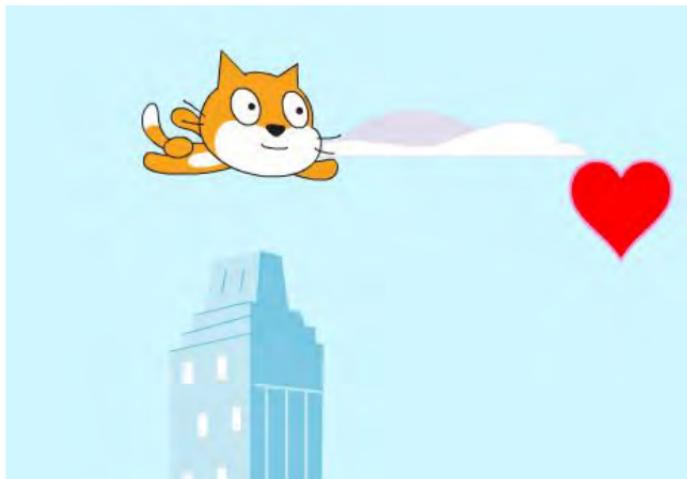
TIP

y is the position on the Stage from top to bottom.



Flying Hearts

Add hearts or other floating objects to



Flying Hearts

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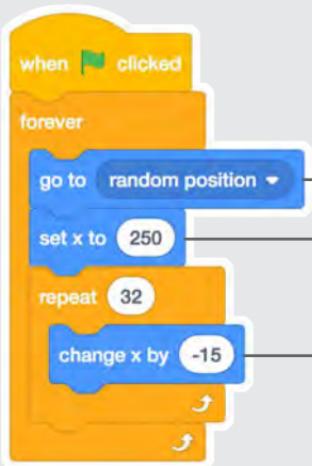
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Choose a sprite, such as Heart.



ADD THIS CODE



Moves the sprite up and down

Sets your sprite's position at the far right of the stage

Moves the sprite across the stage

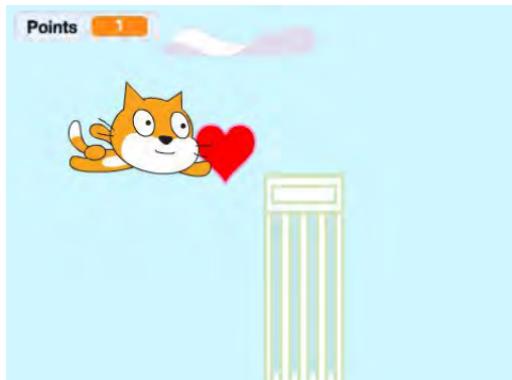
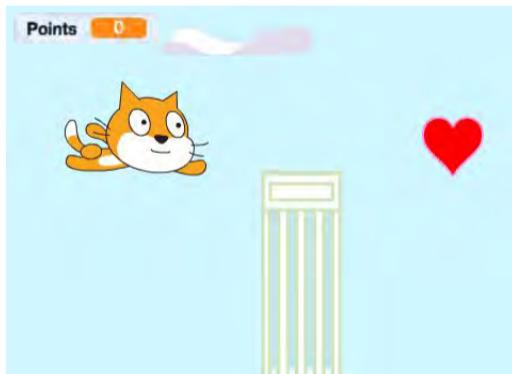
TRY IT

Click the green flag to start



Collect Points

Add a point each time you touch a heart or other object.



Collect Points

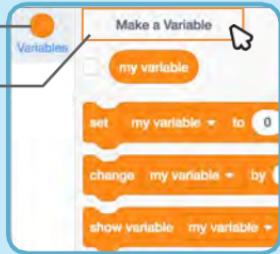
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GET READY

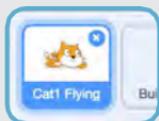
Select Variable

Click the Make a Variable button.

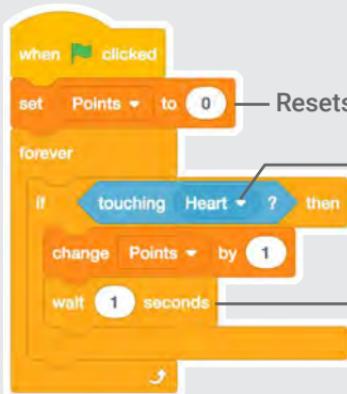


Name this variable Points and then click OK.

ADD THIS CODE



Select your flying sprite.



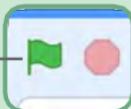
Resets points at the start.

Choose Heart from the menu.

Add a point.

TRY IT

Click the green flag to start





Create a Sprite



Explore digital drawing, remixing, or uploading to create original sprites



Cards in This Pack

- Design Your Sprite
- Using the Paint Editor
- Options to Customize Sprites
- Create a Sprite by Remixing
- Bring Your Drawings into Scratch
- Animate Your Sprite
- Code the Sprite
- Create an Asset Pack
- Collaborate: Export or Backpack /
Collaborate: Remix

Design Your Sprite

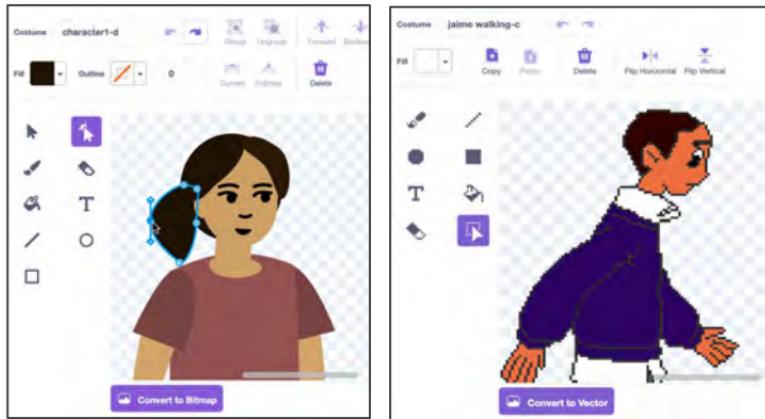


What sprite do you want to create? When you are brainstorming ideas, ask yourself:

- What items are unique to your culture, community, language, or location that would be fun to animate in Scratch or share with your peers?
- What is your favorite activity or hobby? Food? Native animal or family pet? Native plant? Item of dress? Book character?
- Is there already a sprite in the library that you'd want to remix or change?

Sprite examples by pondermake, SaffronChai, Chumie, algorithmar, and watse166.

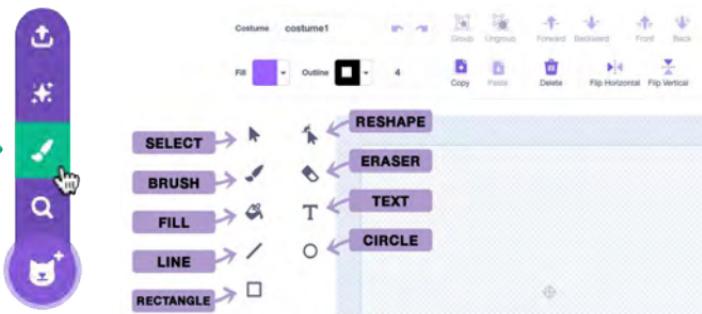
Design Your Sprite



- There are two modes for using the Paint Editor in Scratch:
 - Vector-mode allows you to create and edit shapes (Scratch default).
 - Bitmap-mode allows you to edit photos and paint with pixels.
- We recommend using vector-mode, when drawing sprites, as it allows other users to make adjustments and add and remove elements if they remix your creations.

Using the Paint Editor

TOOLS TO TRY



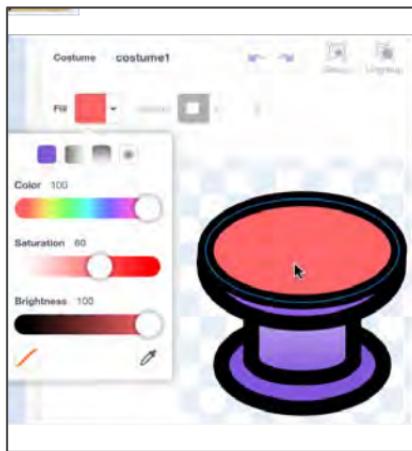
	Click and drag with the Line, Circle, or Rectangle tools to create a shape . Hold down the Shift key while dragging to create equal sides, or 45 and 90 degree angles with lines.
	Using the Select tool, select a shape and click and drag one of the corner points to resize it.
	To rotate a shape once you've made it, use the Select tool to grab the anchor under the shape and drag it. Hold down the Shift key while dragging to rotate at 45 degree angles.
	Using the Reshape tool, click on one of the points of a shape and move the point around to alter the shape. Click + Shift key to select and move multiple points at once.
	Using the Reshape tool, click on a part of the shape that doesn't have a point to add a new point , or click on a point and press "Delete" to remove a point .

Using the Paint Editor

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 Curved	Using the Reshape tool, click on a point and choose whether it is curved or pointed . Click on a point and drag rotate the handles attached to the point to alter the shape of a curve .
 Copy	Using the Select tool, select a shape and click the buttons on the top menu to copy and paste a duplicate.
 Flip Vertical	Using the Select tool, select a shape and click the flip horizontal or flip vertical buttons on the top menu to flip a shape.
 Forward	Using the Select tool, select a shape and click the Forward, Backward, Front, or Back buttons to change the layer order .
 	Select the fill from the dropdown and use the fill (paint bucket) tool to adjust a shape's color. Or using the Select tool, select a shape and then use the Fill and Outline dropdowns to adjust the color, saturation, brightness, and outline . You can also choose to use a gradient . Use the eyedropper to select a color from another shape. Use the red strikethrough to fill with no color.
 Group	Using the select tool and holding down the "Shift" key, select multiple shapes to group them (helpful to move several shapes together).
	Use the brush tool for freehand line drawing . The example to the right shows hand drawn whiskers.
	Use the eraser tool to remove parts of the drawing from <i>all</i> shapes and layers it comes into contact with when clicking and dragging. You can use the reshape tool to then adjust the new points created.
 T	The text tool comes with a dropdown list of font options to choose from, and Fill and Outline dropdowns to change text color and outline.

Options to Customize Sprites



point in direction 90

set [color ▾] effect to 50

set size to 300 %

- Let's explore different ways to rotate sprites, change their size, change their color or brightness, etc.
- We can adjust the look of sprite costumes using the Paint Editor tools.
- Or we can adjust sprites using code blocks.

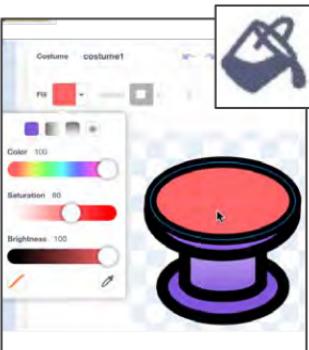
Options to Customize Sprites

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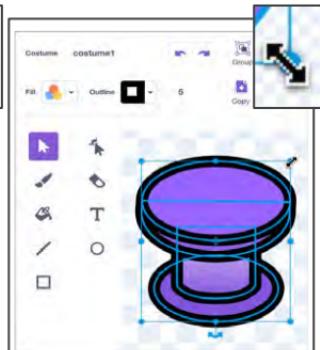
EDIT THE COSTUME IN THE PAINT EDITOR



Rotate with Select



Recolor with Fill



Resize with Select

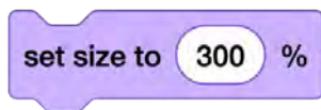
ADJUST THE SPRITE WITH CODE



Experiment!



Do you notice any differences between using these code blocks to adjust a sprite versus using the Paint Editor tools above?



What happens if you use both methods?

Create a Sprite by Remixing



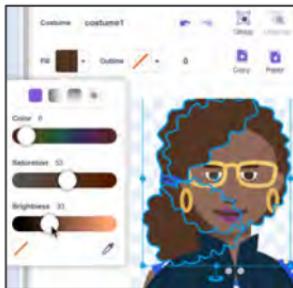
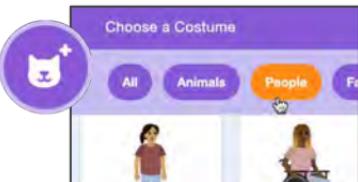
- Remixing parts of existing sprites could make creating a new unique sprite faster and easier.
- The sprite library contains a mix of bitmap and vector sprites. You can remix and re-imaging either type of sprite, but for this exercise, we are going to focus on vector sprites because they are easier to edit and customize, mix and match.

Sprite remix examples by algorithmar, bgordi0077, RealAimkidBunni, and Chumie.

Create a Sprite by Remixing

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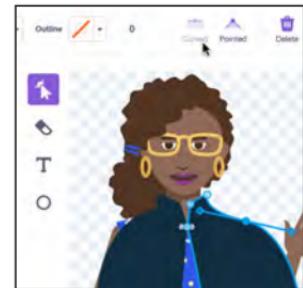
Choose two or more vector sprites with elements you like. Remember, some sprites have multiple costumes with elements/poses.



Recolor with Fill



Resize with Select



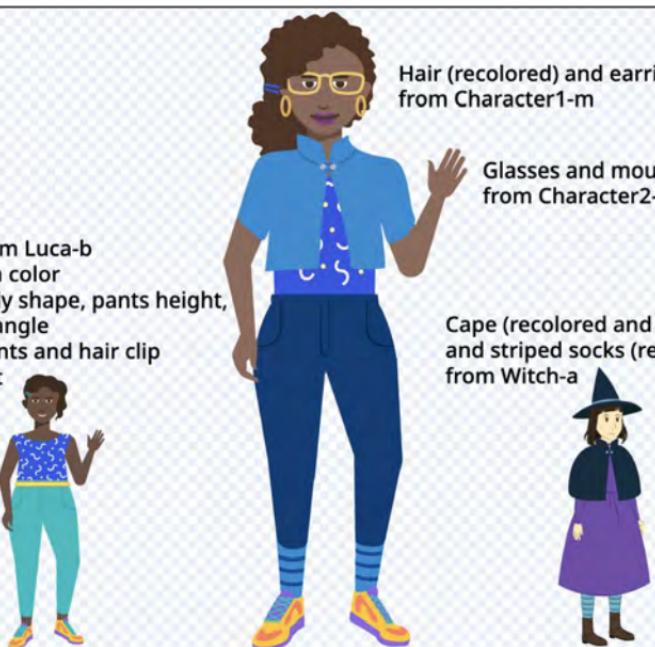
Use Reshape

Main Body from Luca-b
- changed skin color
- adjusted body shape, pants height, and hairclip angle
- recolored pants and hair clip
- removed belt

Hair (recolored) and earrings from Character1-m

Glasses and mouth (recolored) from Character2-a

Cape (recolored and reshaped) and striped socks (recolored) from Witch-a



Bring Your Drawings into Scratch



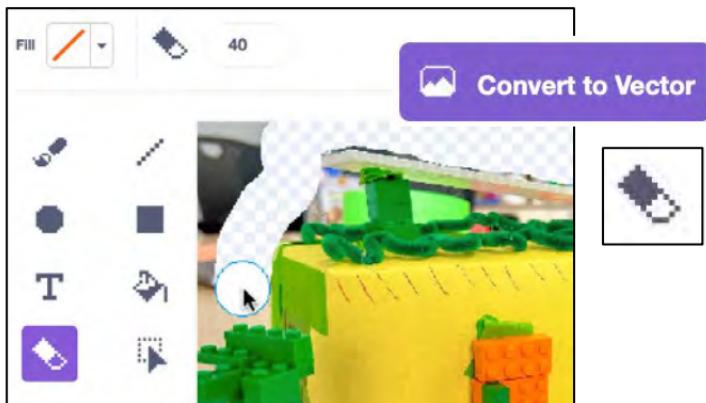
You can upload an original hand-drawn image or photograph to create a sprite. Keep in mind:

- You can choose a JPG, PNG, or SVG file.
- Keep each of your files under 10MB.
- Do not upload materials under copyright.
- Be sure that your upload follows the Community Guidelines and does not reveal personal information (like a photo with your face).

Sprite example drawings by algorithmar's two daughters.

Bring Your Drawings In

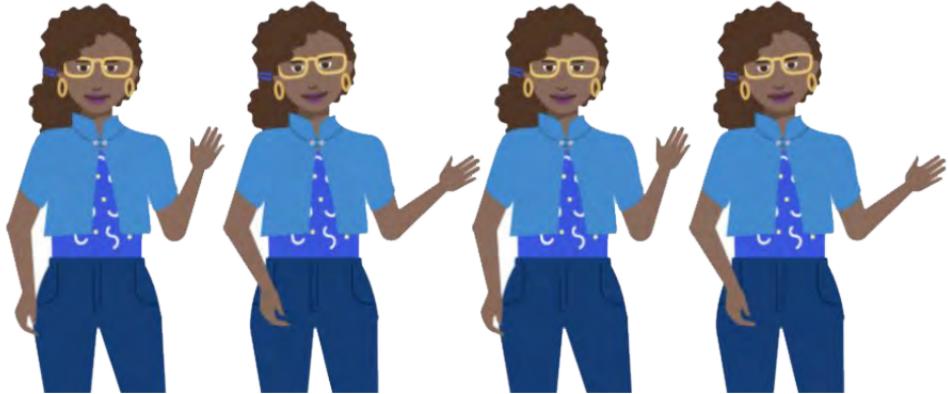
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Options to Remove the Background:

- Before you upload the file, use **online tools or software**
- Use the **tools in the Scratch Paint Editor** after a file has been uploaded
 - In bitmap-mode, use the eraser tool to remove the image background or other pieces you don't want from your image.
 - You'll know you are in bitmap-mode when you see the “Convert to Vector” button at the bottom of the screen.
- You can choose to convert it to vector when done using the “Convert to vector” button to more easily rotate or resize, if desired.

Animate Your Sprite



There are many ways you might choose to animate your character. For instance:

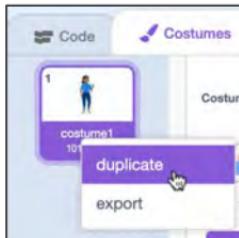
- Try moving or gliding your character to a new location.
- Try changing the direction of the character to tilt back and forth.
- Or try adding additional costume drawings to change the position of certain elements and create movement as costumes are changed. Flip this card over for more.

Animate Your Sprite

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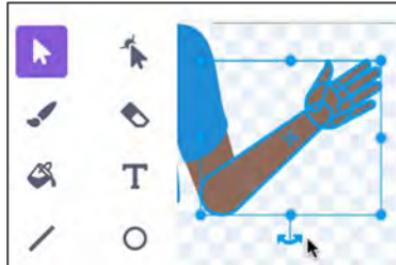
GET READY

Duplicate your sprite costume on the costume tab.
(Right click, Duplicate.)

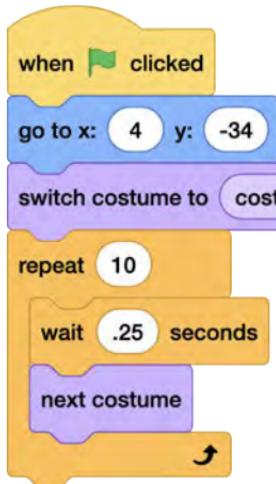


Use the select tool, then click and drag on the canvas to select multiple items.

Try rotating and moving incrementally.



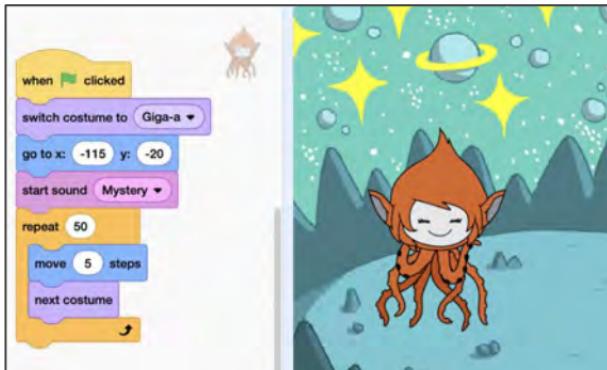
ADD CODE



There are many ways to animate. Try looping through the costumes.



Code Your Sprite



Click the Code tab, then try adding a few blocks! A great place to find tips for getting started, tutorials, Scratch Coding Cards, and more is the Scratch Ideas page (scratch.mit.edu/ideas). Try:

- using blocks to hear or see what you want to say on the stage
- adding text or custom backgrounds
- using motion blocks to give the sprite movement
- using event blocks (like “broadcast” or “when clicked”) to trigger action or make the project interactive.

Code Your Sprite

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BLOCKS TO TRY

when green flag clicked

next costume

next backdrop

when this sprite clicked

when space key pressed

when I receive

message1

broadcast

message1

play sound

My Recording

until done

say

Hello!

for

2

seconds

speak

hello

think

Hmm...

for

2

seconds

turn



15 degrees

glide

1

secs to x:

0

y:

0

change

color

effect by

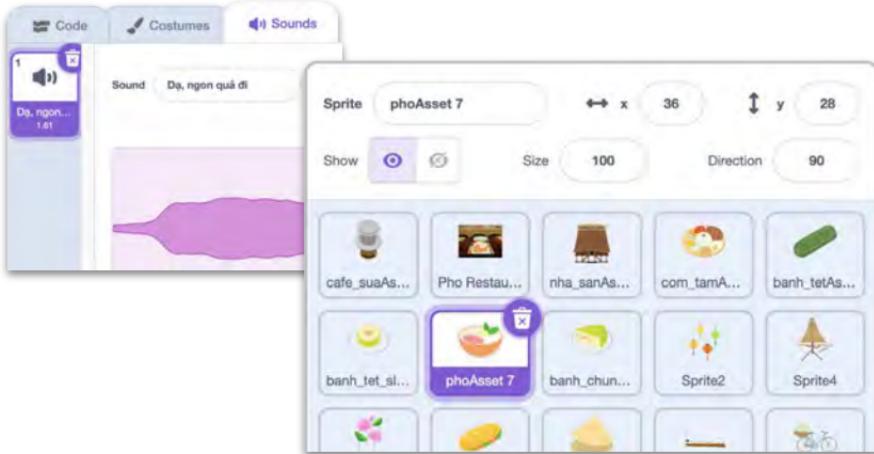
25

set size to

100

%

Create an Asset Pack



Assets, in Scratch, can include:

- sprites
- costumes
- sounds
- backdrops
- code snippets

An **asset pack** is a collection of assets related to a specific theme, project type, cultural event, cultural symbols or customs, geographical region, or idea.

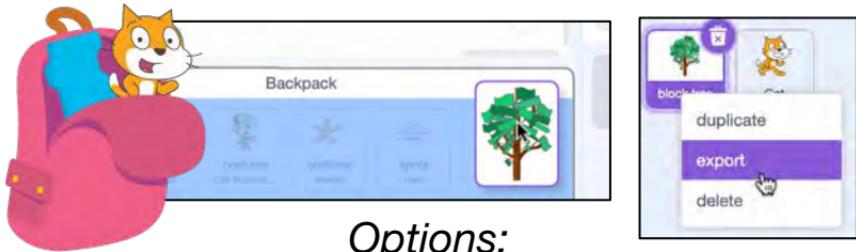
Asset Pack example made by STEAM for Vietnam.



Create an Asset Pack

- **Name your sprite** and costumes with something descriptive.
- Consider creating **multiple costumes** for your sprite to show animation or variation.
- Consider adding at least one **related sound** for each sprite you create. Upload a sound or create an original sound by recording yourself, or noises in your environment.
- When creating an asset pack to share, we recommend creating your **backdrop as a sprite** instead, for easy backpacking or exporting.
- If you did not make a sound or an image yourself or you remixed someone else's creation, it is important to **provide credit** in the Notes and Credits section.

Collaborate: Export or Backpack



Options:

- **Export a sprite, costume, or sound:**
Right-click the asset. Choose “export.” To add the asset to a project, choose the **upload** option in the sprite, costume, or sound menu to upload from your files.
- **Backpack a sprite, costume, or sound:**
You must be logged in to access the backpack at the bottom of the editor screen. Click it to open the backpack and drag-and-drop a sprite, costume, or sound inside. To add the asset to a different project, open the backpack and drag-and-drop the asset into the sprite, costume, or sound area.



Collaborate: Remix

⟳ **Remix**

Scratch embraces remix culture. Remixing is when you build upon someone else's projects, code, ideas, images, or anything else shared on Scratch to make your own unique creation.

When remixing an asset, **make changes** like:

- adding code to animate the asset
- placing it in a new scene with other assets or add related sounds
- using the tools in the paint or sound editor to make adjustments to it
- adding additional elements you felt were missing

Just make sure that you **give credit** to whomever created the original asset in the Notes and Credits section.



Sound and Music Cards



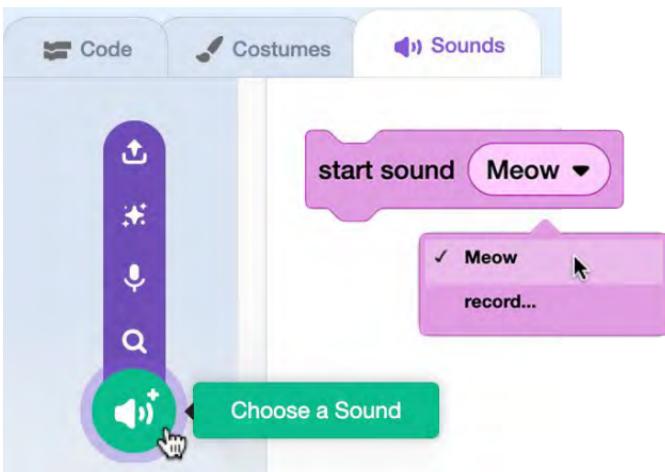
Make some noise while exploring the sound and music extension blocks in Scratch.



Cards in This Pack

- Sound Blocks
- Pitch and Volume
- Loudness
- Create a Face Sensing Sound Board
- Music Extension Blocks
- Alternative Pianos
- Makey Makey Foil Piano
- Make or Re-Create a Song
- My Block: Music
- Musical List
- Generate a Melody: Repeat through a List
- From the earlier card sets:
 - Animate a Drum
 - Surprise Song
 - Play the Drums (video sensing)
 - Squeak (using the micro:bit)

Sound Blocks



- Click on a sprite or the backdrop and select the “Sounds” tab. Hover over the Sounds menu at the bottom of the tab, and select “Choose a Sound,” “Record,” or “Upload Sound.”
- Rules for uploaded sounds:
 - You can choose a MP3 or WAV file.
 - Please keep each of your files under 10MB.
 - Do not upload materials under copyright.
 - Uploads must follow the Community Guidelines.

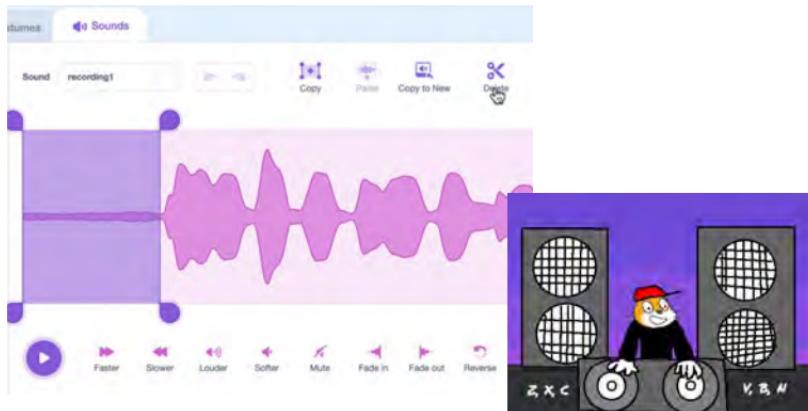
Sound Blocks

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1. Explore the difference between “start sound” and “play sound until done.” Try each in a “forever” loop or add another block, like a “say” block, after the sound block to see the difference. Note when the script moves to the next block after the sound block.

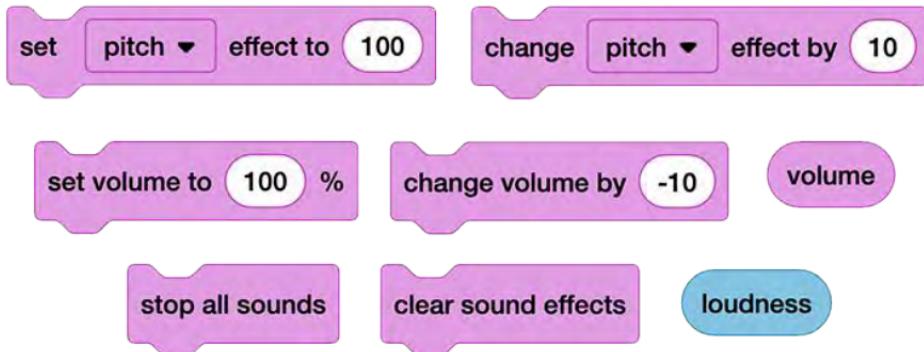


2. Try using the sound editor tools to make edits, like shortening the length or adjusting the volume or adding an effect like fade in and out or reversing it.



3. Check out our starter project “DJ Scratch Cat” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/11640429). Explore and remix this project to think about how to pair sounds or layer sounds to create something new.

Pitch and Volume

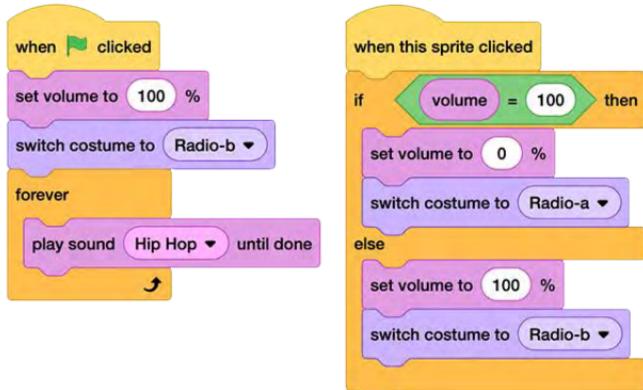


- One way is to customize sounds is to use the sound editor tools to make edits, Another way to customize and manipulate sound in Scratch is via code blocks.
- Explore blocks in the Sounds category that can set or change the pitch or the volume. There are also blocks to stop all sounds currently playing or clear sound effects, like pitch. How might you use such blocks in a project?

Pitch and Volume

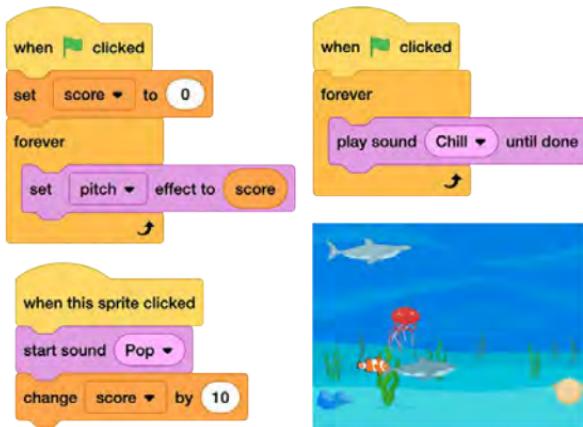
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1. You could give users control over hearing or muting continuous background sound in a project. There are a number of ways to approach this. Here is one to try:

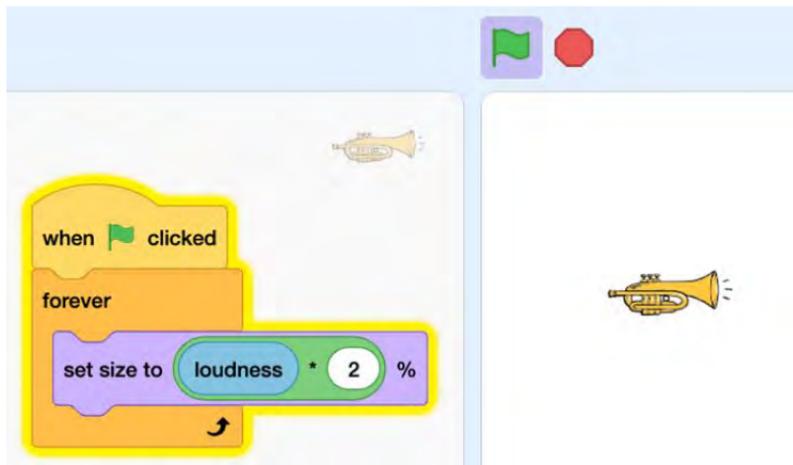


2. Or add emotion and excitement to a game by playing with the pitch of a sound. Check out our starter project “Catch the Fish, Increase the Pitch” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1106268602). Explore and remix this project.

Notice as you click on all 30 fish that the music gets higher in pitch creating a feeling of urgency. How can sound add an emotional component to a project?



Loudness



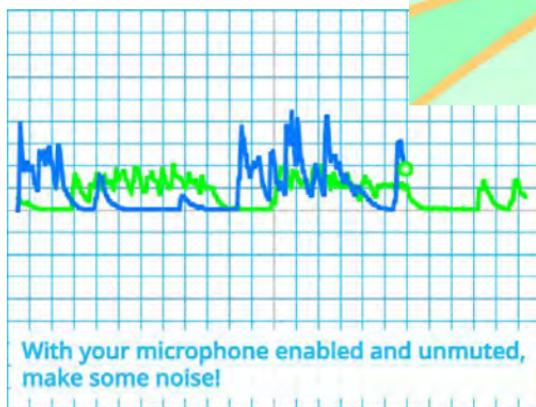
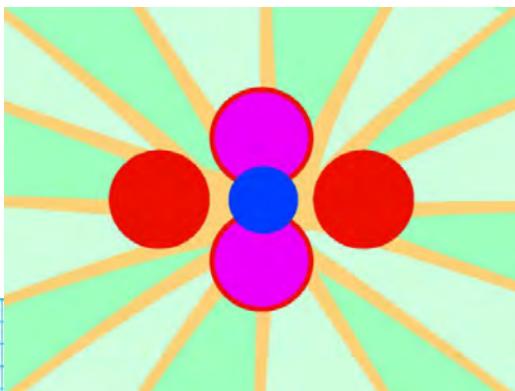
- Did you know there is also a “loudness” reporter block under the Sensing category that records the “loudness” of the noise that a microphone receives, on a scale of 0 to 100, to control things in Scratch?
- You must enable your microphone in the browser (nothing will be recorded or stored).
- How could you use this in a project? Try using it in the “set size” block inside a “forever” loop. Then, make some noise!

Loudness

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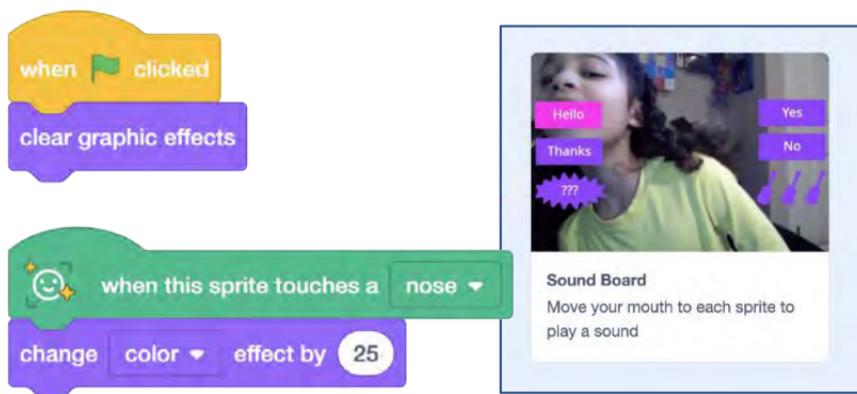
1. Check out our starter projects “Sound Graph” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1105532968) and “SoundFlower” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1111537402).
2. Explore! See how singing, playing music, or just making fun noises at different volumes creates an effect.
3. Remix and change the sprites, or adjust the numbers to see the effects.

How might you create an interactive art piece to accompany a musical performance?



With your microphone enabled and unmuted, make some noise!

Create a Face Sensing Sound Board



- Go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face.
- Choose a variety of fun sounds or record your own and **code a sound board**. Or code effects controlled by your face.
- *Optional:* On the Face Sensing homepage, click on the **“Sound Board” starter project** to experiment with the sprites and sample code.

Sound Board

lab.scratch.mit.edu/face

GET READY



Choose a few sprites, or draw your own.



Choose a sound from the sound library for each sprite, or record your own.

[Choose a Sound](#)

ADD CODE

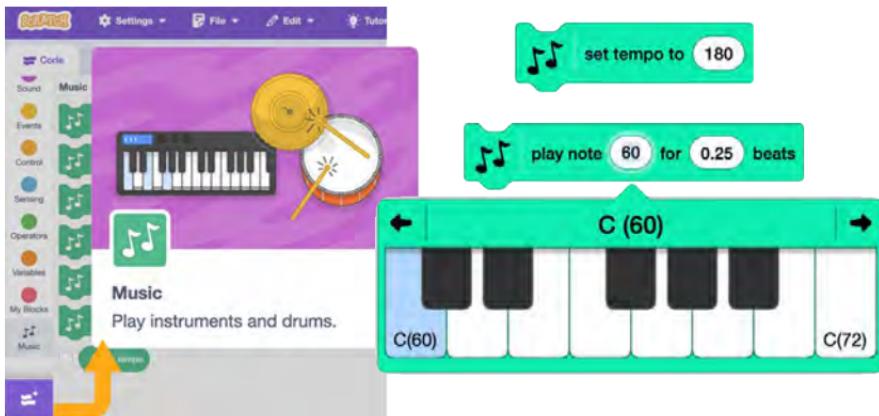


1. Add code to each sprite to play a sound, change an effect, or perform another animation when parts of your face touch them.

 play sound pick random 1 to 5 until done

2. Try adding multiple sounds to a sprite. Use the “pick random” operator so each time is a surprise.

Music Extension Blocks



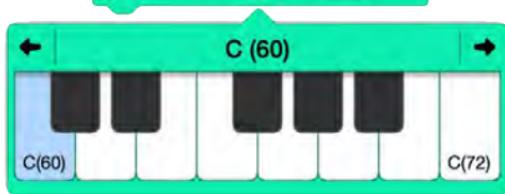
- Add the Music extension by clicking on the extension menu in the lower-left corner of the project editor and choosing “Music.”
- The beat or BPM (beats per minute) is a basic rhythmic unit of a measure. You can make the beat faster or slower by changing the number in that input bubble.
- A standard tempo is 60 BPM, which means one beat will be played each second. What happens if you create a sequence of “play note” blocks and use the same beat but change the tempo?

Music Extension Blocks

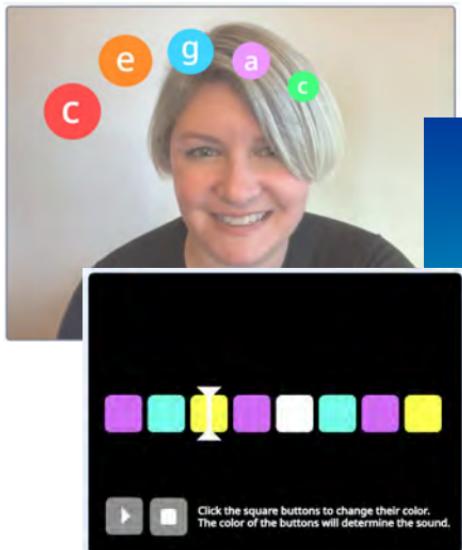
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1. Check out our starter project “Piano” (scratch.mit/projects/1106245381). We’ve set up a basic piano using the “play note _ for _ beats” block.
2. Click in the note input bubble to see the piano keys that appear so that you can choose a note attached to a number.
3. Adjust the beat using different numbers and test the difference.
4. Try changing the instrument, either via the slider we have provided or by changing the script. Note that changing the instrument on one sprite does not change it for all sprites in a project, so you could have a separate instrument for each key. How does using a variable make it easier to adjust the instrument for all keys at once?

5. In your remix, you could change what the piano looks like, add computer keyboard shortcuts, change the tempo, or add higher and lower notes.



Alternative Pianos

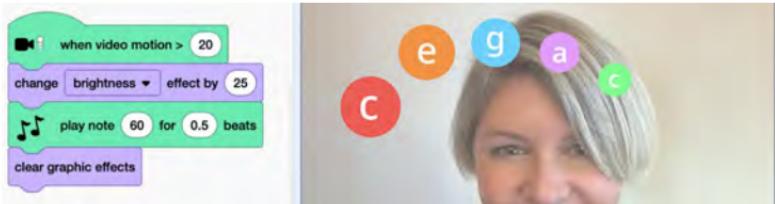


- What about creating an alternate piano keyboard? For instance, you could use video motion or the position of the mouse to play notes.
- You could also make your piano keyboard more accessible by adding visual effects when notes play for those hard of hearing or deaf. By making your musical projects visual as well as audio, more people can experience them, or experience them in different ways.

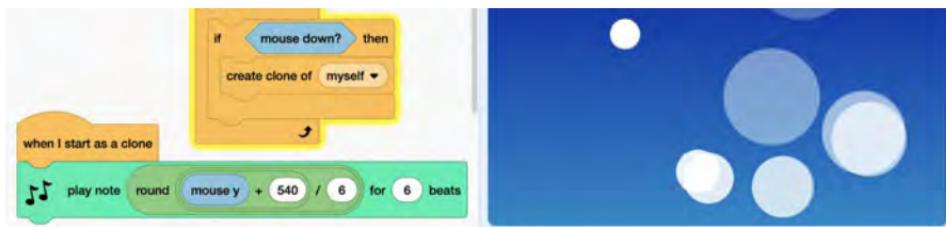
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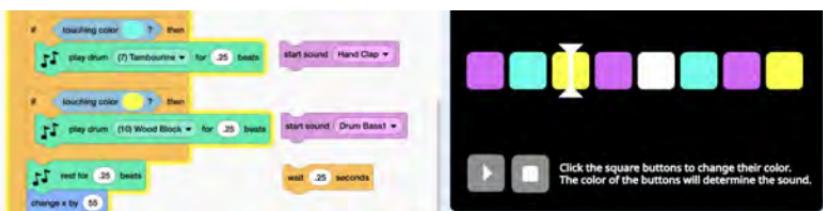
1. Check out our starter project “Musical Buttons using Video” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1105110383).



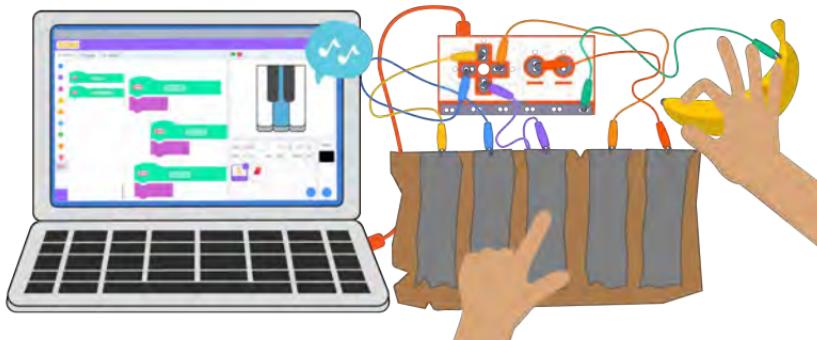
2. Check out our starter project “Musical Droplets” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1111576868) that uses mouse y-position.



3. Check out our starter project “Drum Sequencer” (scratch.mit.edu/projects/1111562971) where the user creates the beat. The starter project uses sounds from the library, but you could experiment with additional drum sounds by using the “play drum _ for _ beats” block from the music extension.



Makey Makey Foil Piano



You can make a physical piano with some foil and a Makey Makey (see our Makey Makey Coding Cards for more information).

Instructions:

1. Connect one alligator clip to EARTH and various alligator clips to multiple keyboard keys, which will represent various musical notes.
2. Code a project so key presses play different notes.
3. Use foil, bananas, Play-doh, or other conductive materials as external keys.

Makey Makey Foil Piano

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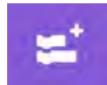
GET READY



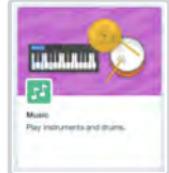
Choose any sprite or draw your own.



Keyboard



Optional: add the Music Extension.

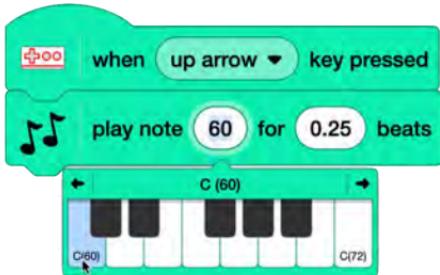
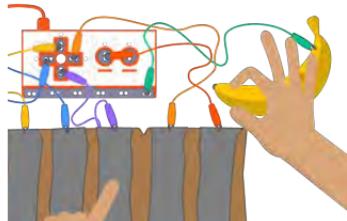


ADD CODE AND TEST



Select note sounds in the Sound library to play when different keyboard keys are pressed.

You can use either the “when [space] key pressed” block under the Events category or the blocks in the Makey Makey Extension.



Or add the Music Extension and select notes to play when different keyboard keys are pressed. Notes can be customized for beat count and instrument.

Close the circuit to register each keyboard press by touching EARTH and a keyboard input.

Make or Re-Create a Song

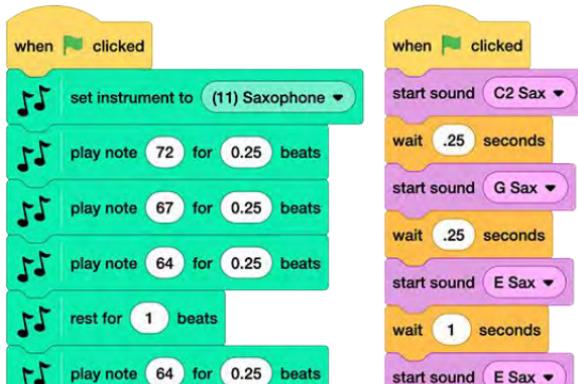


- Think about the structure of a piece of music. Typically there are verses and choruses that are repeated throughout the song.
- You can use the music or sound blocks to compose your own original composition or recreate a song!
- Are you creating a song with a simple melody, or are you creating chords and layering sounds? There are different approaches you can try using sound blocks and instrument sounds from the library or music blocks. Experiment!

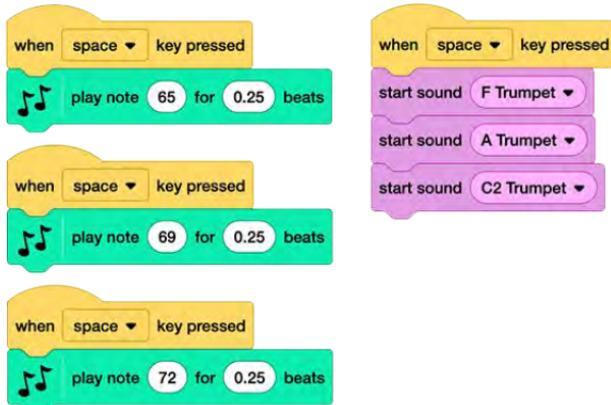
Make or Re-Create a Song

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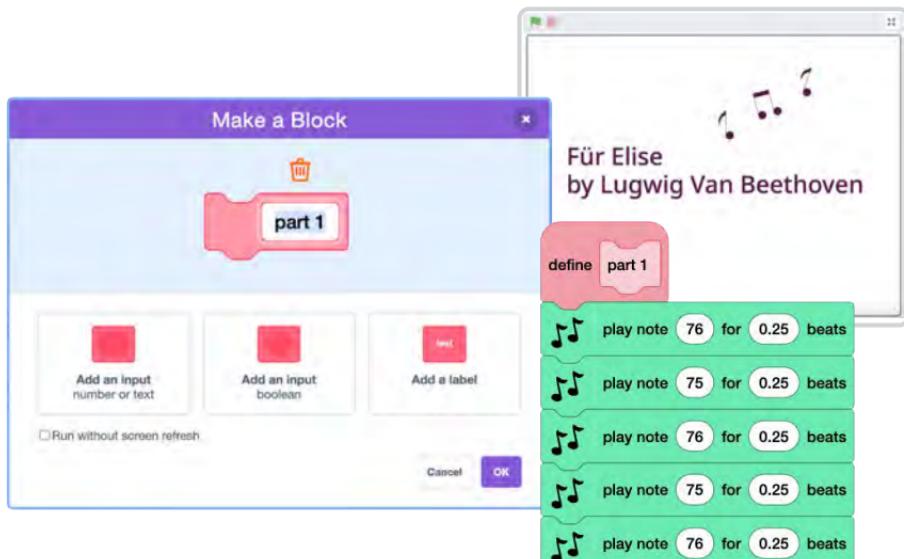
Here is an example of two different ways to create a melody. How to choose? Explore which instruments are available in the sound library vs the music blocks. Think about how much control you need over the beat.



Are you creating chords/layering sounds or notes to play at the same time? Here is an example of two different ways.



My Block: Music



- You can use music blocks from the Music extension to create a song in Scratch.
- Rather than write the same sequence of notes over and over when they repeat in your song, you can place those notes in a My Block and simply call that block each time you need it, for instance each time a chorus is called.

My Block: Music

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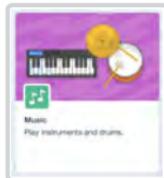
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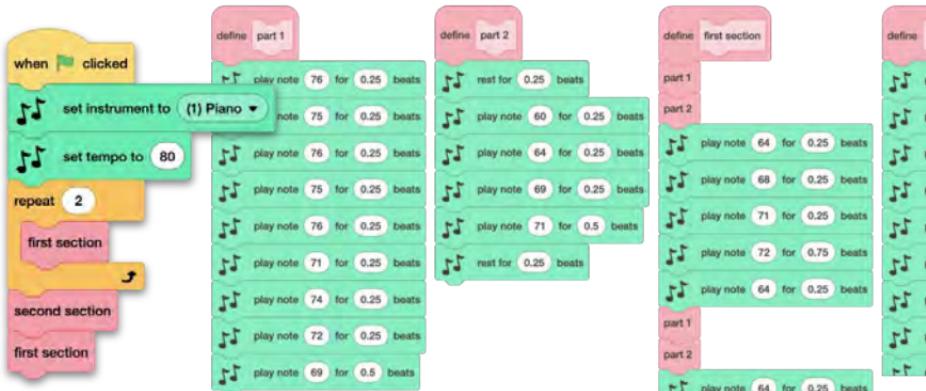
Keyboard



Add Music extension.

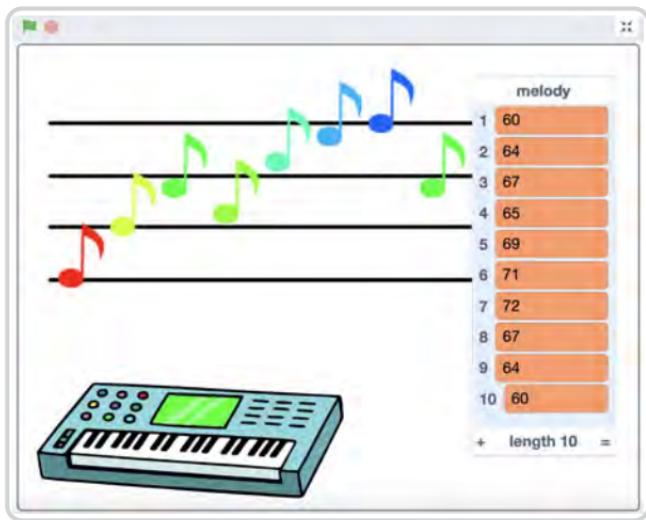


ADD CODE



1. Compose the sections of your song. You can create multiple My Blocks for different sections/parts.
2. My Blocks can also be placed within other My Blocks to further simplify the code.
3. Use My Blocks in the main program, along with repeat blocks (if applicable) to compose a whole song. Set the instrument and the tempo.

Musical List



- You can use a predefined list to determine animation.
- Try creating a melody project, storing song notes in a list that creates a musical score that can be played.
- As a bonus, you can use the Pen extension to stamp notes on a scale and produce a visual representation of your musical score.

Musical List

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GET READY



Add the Music extension.



Choose any sprite.



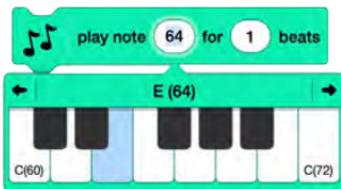
Keyboard

ADD CODE

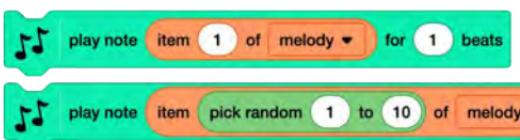
1. Create a list. Add song notes to the list via the stage monitor (add rows manually and type note numbers in) or by using the “add to [list]” block.



You can find note numbers by clicking on the input of the “play note” music block.

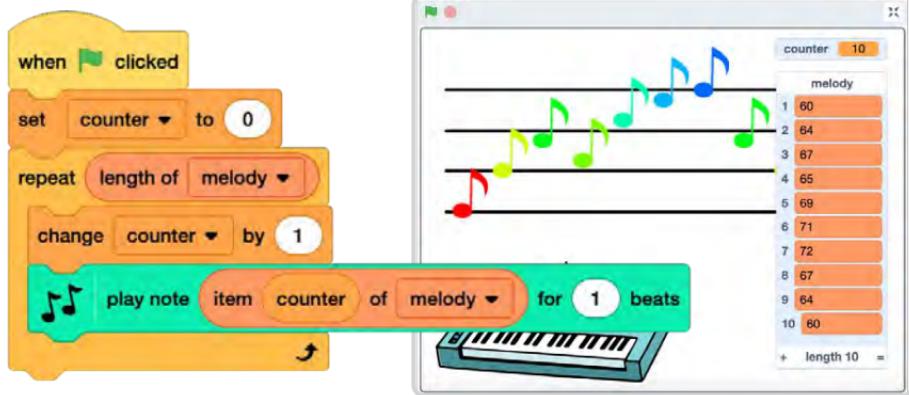


2. Write a script to play each note on the list by item number, or let the program pick the note to play randomly.



See the next card to learn how to create a “counter” variable to automate moving/repeating through the list in order.

Generate a Melody: Repeat through a List



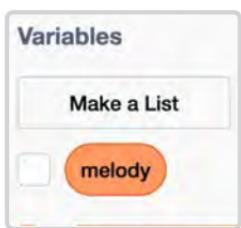
- While there is no “next item of list” block, you can create a script that loops through the items of a list in order.
The ability to automate moving or repeating through a list can speed up your coding process and make editing scripts quicker.
- This can be useful if you want to add items of a list together, speak or say items in a list, etc.

Generate a Melody

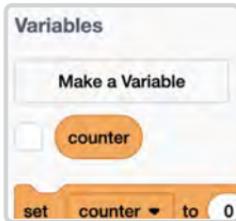
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GET READY

Create a list.



Create a variable.



ADD CODE

Step through the code on the card front to see what it does:

1. Changes the “counter” variable (that stores a number to represent an item number on the list) by one.



2. Plays the note number associated with that item number (the number entered on that line of the list). Note: This is why it is important to first set “counter” to zero first each time the program runs.



3. Repeat as many times as there are rows in the list/for the length of the list.



Animate a Drum

Switch between costumes to animate.



Animate a Drum

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GET READY



Choose
a drum.



Costumes

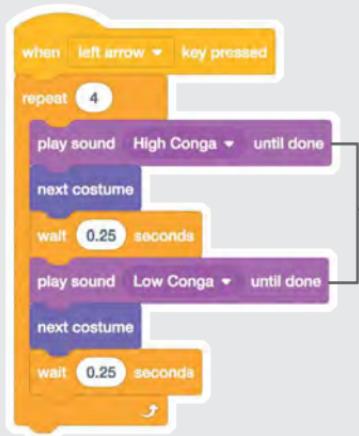
Click the **Costumes** tab to see the costumes.
You can use the paint tools to change colors.



ADD THIS CODE

Code

Click the **Code** tab.



Choose a sound from the menu.

TRY IT



Press the **left arrow** key on your keyboard.

Surprise Song

Play a random sound from a list of sounds.



Surprise Song

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GET READY



Choose an instrument,
like Guitar.



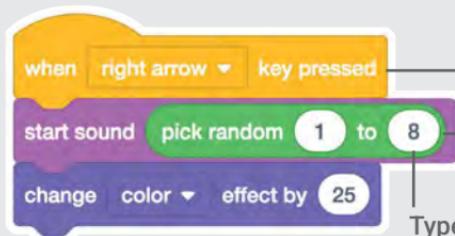
Click the **sounds** tab to see how many sounds are in your instrument.



ADD THIS CODE



Click the **Code** tab.



when right arrow key pressed

start sound

pick random 1 to 8

change color by 25

Choose **right arrow**.

Insert a **pick random** block.

Type the number of sounds in your instrument.

TRY IT



Press the **right arrow** key.

Play the Drums



Interact with sprites that play sounds.

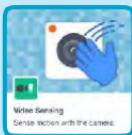


Play the Drums

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GET READY



Click the Extensions button, then choose Video Sensing.

Choose two sprites, like Drum and Drum-cymbal.

ADD THIS CODE

Click on a drum to select it, then add its code.



```
when video motion > 10
set size to 100 %
change size by 20
start sound [High Tom v]
wait 0.1 seconds
change size by -20
```

Type a minus sign to get smaller.

```
when video motion > 10
switch costume to [drum-cymbal-a v]
start sound [Crash Cymbal v]
wait 0.1 seconds
switch costume to [drum-cymbal-b v]
```

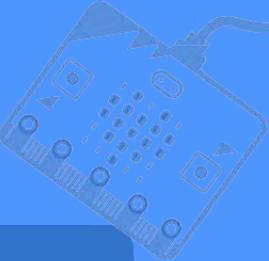
Choose a different costume.

TRY IT

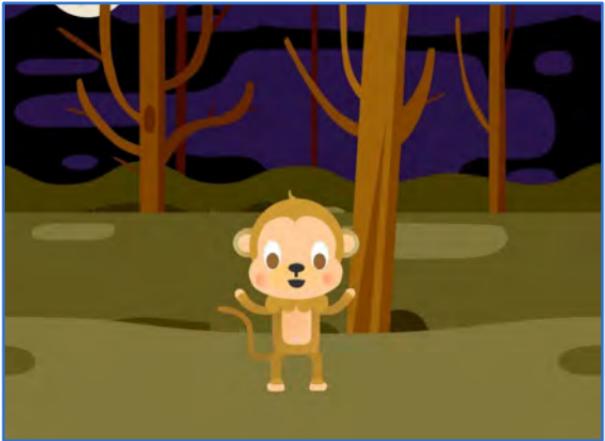
Use your hands to play the drums!



Squeak



Make a sound when you
shake the micro:bit.



Squeak

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GET READY



Choose a sprite, like
Monkey.

ADD THIS CODE



TRY IT



Shake the
micro:bit to start.



Click the stop sign
to reset the pitch.

TIP



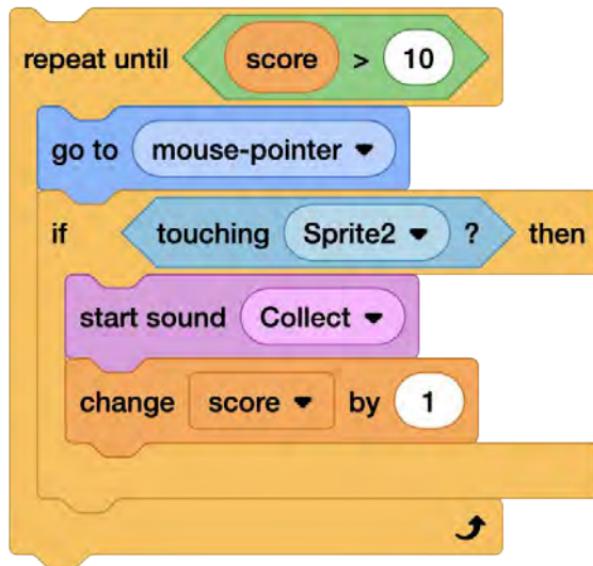
You can click the Sounds tab to
view your character's sounds.



Click this button to add a sound
from the Sound library.



Conditional Statements



Create dynamic programs that are interactive or offer multiple outcomes



Cards in This Pack

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Fish Game: Code the Fish



- Have you ever wanted to create a Scratch program that is interactive or offers multiple outcomes? Let's create a fish game that the user can interact with, and code different animations triggered by conditional statements.
- First, let's code a sprite to be controlled by the user's mouse. Then, use a conditional statement to trigger costume changes when sprites touch.
- See additional cards to code other sprites and trigger additional animations.

Fish Game: Code the Fish

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GET READY



Choose two
sprites.



Fish and
Pufferfish



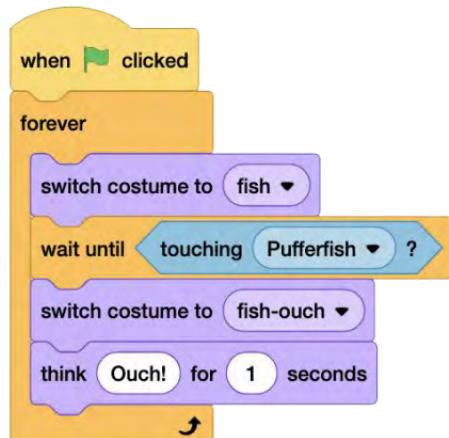
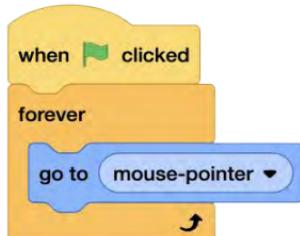
Choose any
backdrop.



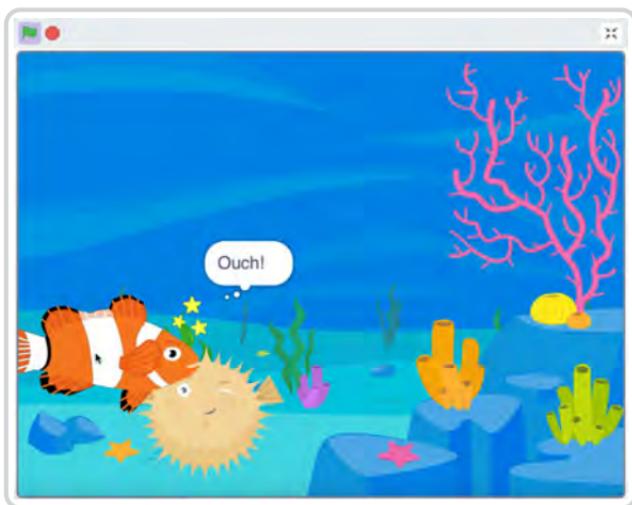
Underwater

ADD CODE

1. Add code to make the fish continuously follow your mouse.
2. Create an additional costume for the fish that will show when it touches the pufferfish. You can duplicate and edit the fish costume to show stars or a funny face, etc.
3. Create a second script that uses a conditional statement to make the fish change costumes when it touches the pufferfish.
Test and debug!



Different Code, Similar Results



- There is often more than one solution/more than one way to code a program to get a similar result.
- Experiment with using different types of conditional statements (like “wait until” versus “if then else”). What differences, if any, do you notice?

Different Code, Similar Results

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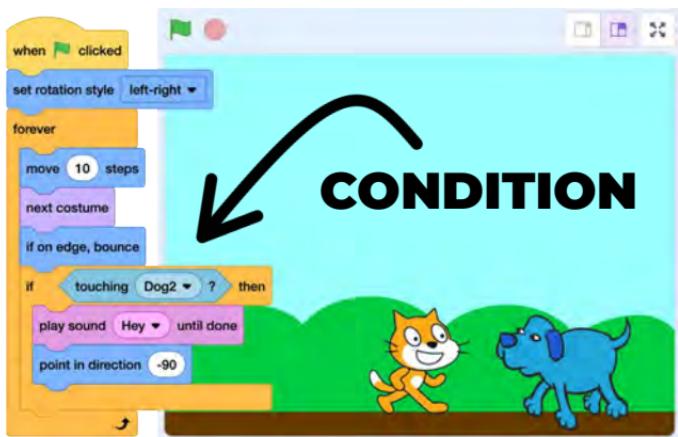
COMPARE CODE

1. The first code stack on the right is the code tried on the “Fish Game: Code the Fish” card.
2. Compare it to the second code stack below that uses an “if than else” statement instead of a “wait until” conditional statement. What is the same and what is different?
3. Test each code stack. Make the fish touch the pufferfish and then move it away quickly, what do you observe happening?
4. Experiment and customize! What solution works best for your game?

```
when green flag clicked
forever
  switch costume to [fish v]
  wait until [touching [Pufferfish v] ?]
  switch costume to [fish-ouch v]
  think [Ouch!] for (1) seconds
```

```
when green flag clicked
forever
  if [touching [Pufferfish v] ?] then
    switch costume to [fish-ouch v]
    think [Ouch!]
  else
    switch costume to [fish v]
    think [ ]
```

Conditional Statements: “If Then”



Boolean blocks that report "true" or "false" are used in conditional statement blocks. Try using:

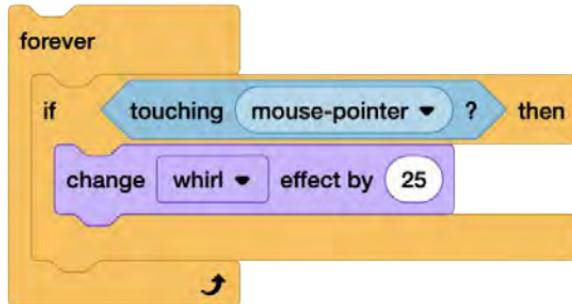
- user actions, such as pressing keyboard keys or mouse positioning or clicking
- sprite interactions (touching another sprite), comparisons (distance between sprites), and touching colors of sprites or backdrops
- data input by users, data stored in variables and lists, or data stored in reporter blocks

Conditional Statements: “If Then”

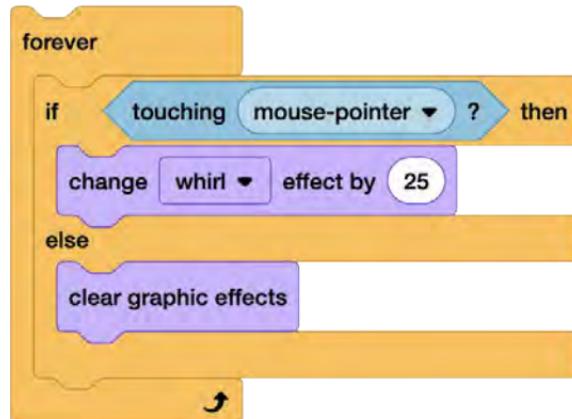
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Experiment with “if (something) is true or false then” conditional statement blocks. What is the difference between these scripts below?

IF THEN

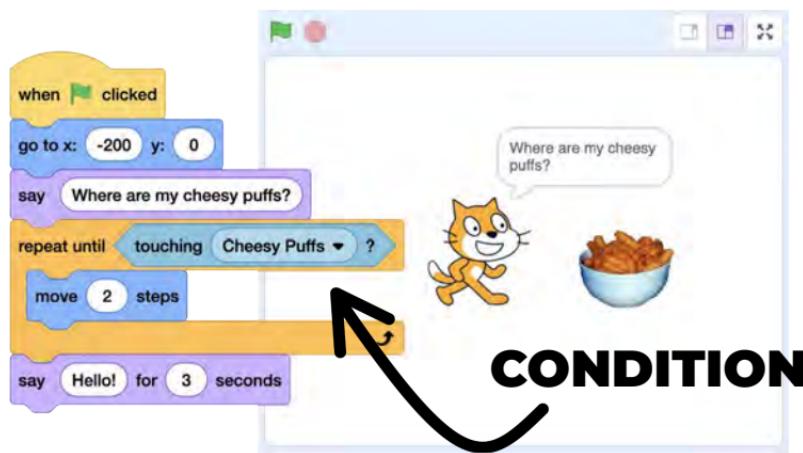


IF THEN ELSE



Try different conditions and customize the results. What is the difference if the condition block is not in a forever loop?

Conditional Statements: “Until”



Boolean blocks that report "true" or "false" are used in conditional statement blocks. Try using:

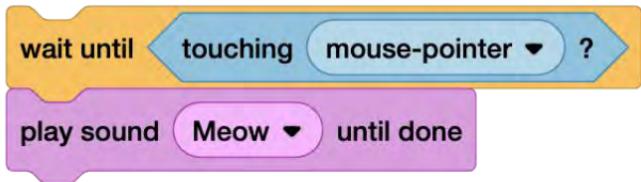
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- sprite interactions (touching another sprite), comparisons (distance between sprites), and touching colors of sprites or backdrops
- data input by users, data stored in variables and lists, or data stored in reporter blocks

Conditional Statements: “Until”

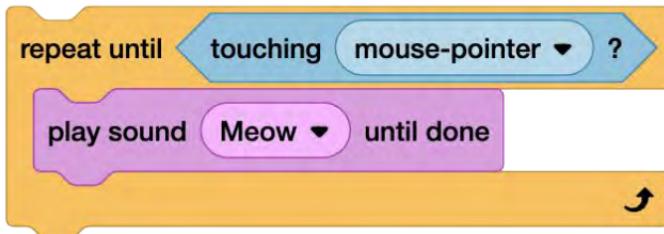
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Experiment with “until (something) is true or false” conditional statement blocks. What is the difference between these scripts below?

WAIT UNTIL

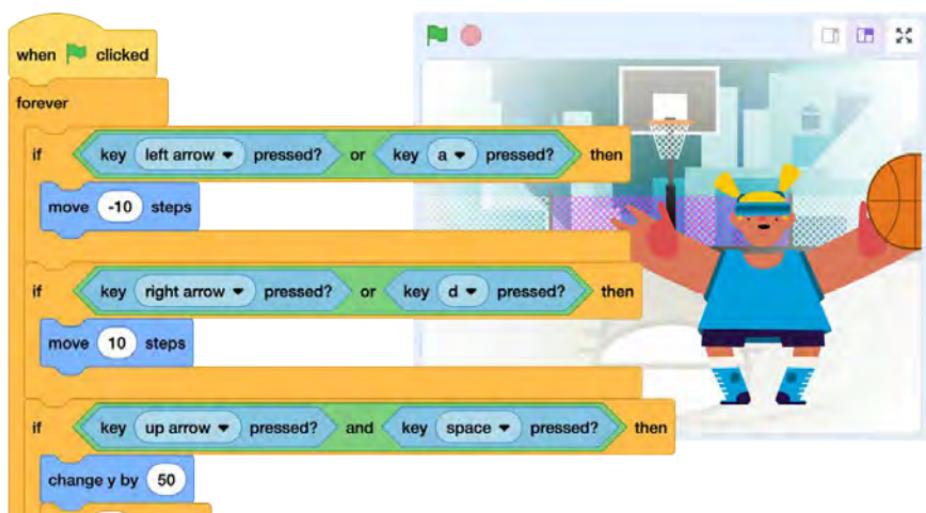


REPEAT UNTIL



Try different conditions and customize the results. What is the difference if the condition block is inside a forever loop?

Operators in Conditional Statements



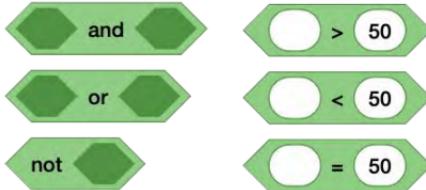
Using operators in conditional statements with sensing blocks or reporter blocks can give you a wider range of conditions to choose from.

Scratch comes with some built-in reporter blocks that store information, like the x or y position of a sprite, the volume in the project, the sprite's size, etc. Looks for these oval blocks under a number of the block categories.

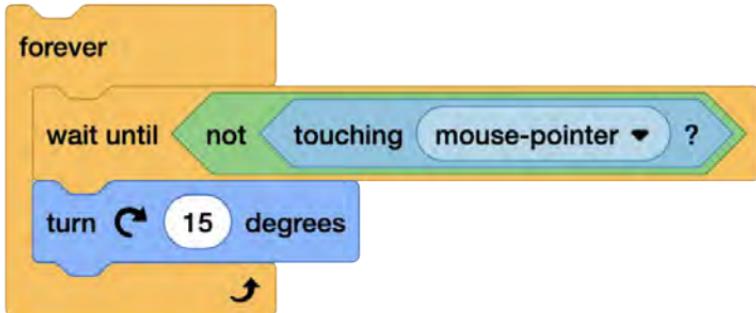
Operators in Conditions

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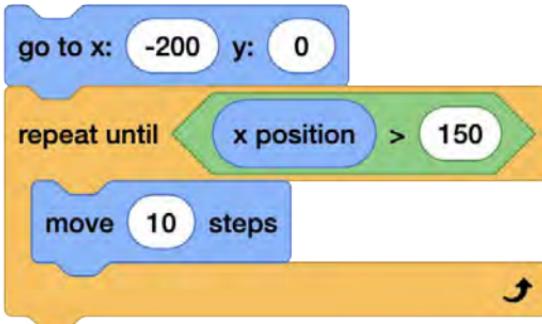
Experiment with different operators in your condition, such as:



“NOT” OPERATOR



COMPARISON OPERATORS



Try using “and” or “or.” What is the effect of two conditions needing to be true, or multiple options that make it true?

Fish Game: Nested Conditional Statements



- Imagine a project where multiple effects can be triggered based on the distance between sprites, colors sprites are touching, or other conditions.
- Nested conditional statements are where one conditional statement is placed inside another. Use them to add additional complexity to your program.
- You could use nested statements to add scoring, or use color as another condition.

Fish Game: Nested Condition

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GET READY



Choose two
sprites.



Fish and
Pufferfish



Choose any
backdrop.

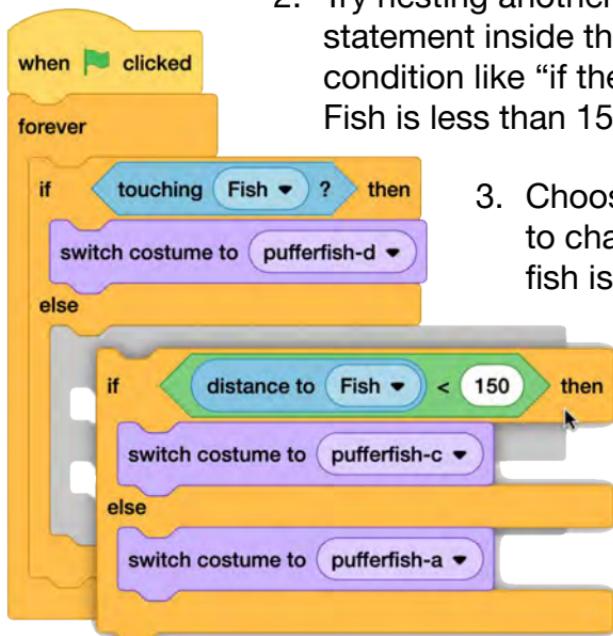


Underwater

ADD CODE

1. Add an “if then else” block to the pufferfish so it changes costumes when it touches the fish.

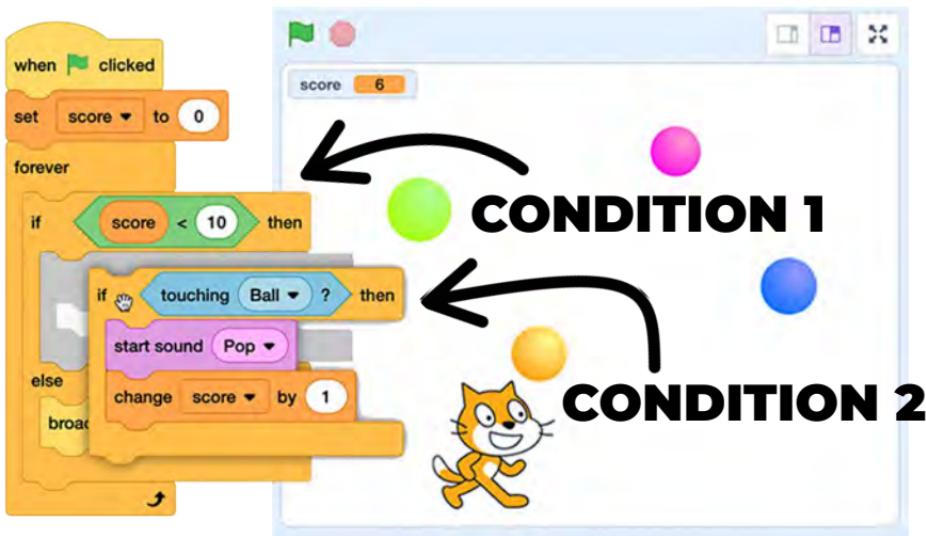
2. Try nesting another “if then else” statement inside the first. Add a condition like “if the distance to the Fish is less than 150 pixels then...”



3. Choose a third costume to change to when the fish is close.

Test the code.
What is the
difference if the
sequence is
reversed and it
checks the
distance first?

Nested Conditional Statements



Nested conditional statements are where one conditional statement is placed inside another. The first condition is checked and, depending on if it is true or false, the program may then move forward to check the nested condition inside.

This means that the sequence of the nested statements is important.

Nested Conditional Statements

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Experiment with nested conditional statements using two or more “until (something) is true or false” or “if (something) is true or false then” conditional statement blocks.

GET READY



Choose two
sprites.



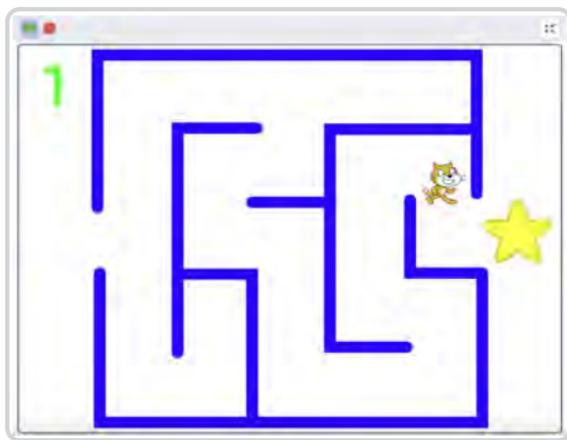
ADD CODE

```
forever
  if [touching mouse-pointer?]
    then
      turn (2 degrees)
      if [mouse down?]
        then
          change color by (25)
        else
          turn (-2 degrees)
    end
  end
```

```
forever
  if [mouse down?]
    then
      change color by (25)
      if [touching mouse-pointer?]
        then
          turn (2 degrees)
        else
          turn (-2 degrees)
    end
  end
```

These code stacks use the same blocks. The difference is the sequence (which conditional statement is nested). Code each sprite with a different stack. Click the mouse when touching each sprite and when not touching each sprite. What differences do you notice? Customize and experiment!

Create a Maze Game



- Use the line tool to create maze walls with color. Use the “touching color” condition to stop sprite movement through the walls. To select the color, use the eyedropper tool. 
- Make sure your sprite can fit through all passages and around all corners.
- Bonus: Try using another conditional statement to code a winning animation when the end is reached!

Create a Maze Game

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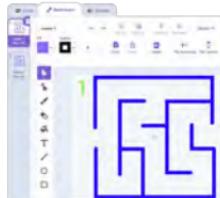
GET READY



Choose any sprite.

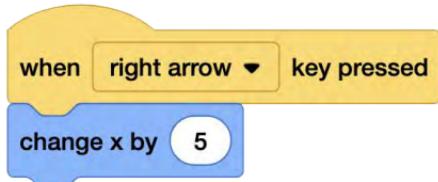


Create maze backdrops using the paint editor line tool.

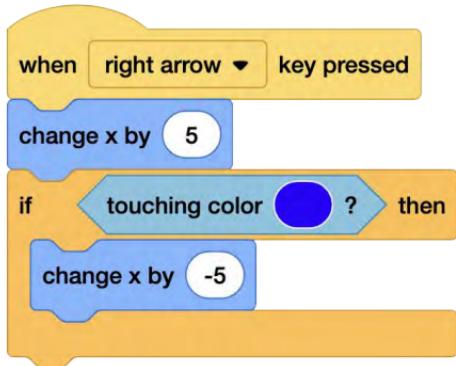


ADD CODE

1. Add code to move the sprite up and down when arrow keys are pressed by changing y, and move left and right by changing x. Use positive and negative numbers.

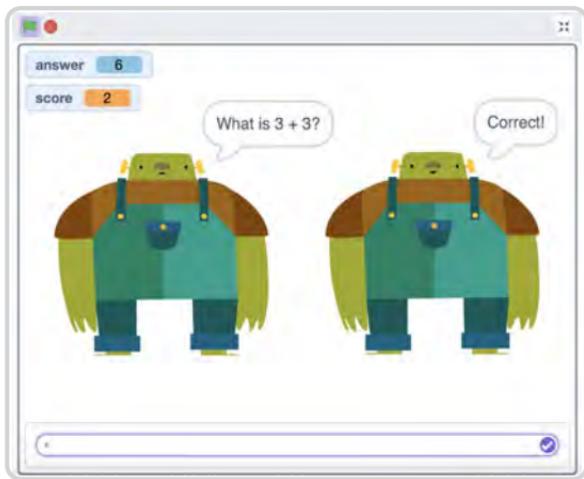


2. Add an “if then” conditional statement to reverse the move if touching the maze wall color.
3. If necessary, add code to change maze backdrops.



You could add a sprite at maze end and use a conditional statement to change the backdrop when touched.

Create a Math Game



- Choose addition, subtraction, division, or multiplication questions to ask a user.
- Use a conditional statement to check the answer given, and have the program respond differently if the answer is correct or incorrect.
- Use a score variable to record points.
- Bonus: Try using My Blocks to make your program more efficient to write and edit.

Create a Math Game

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GET READY



Choose any sprite.



Create a “score” variable

Variables

Make a Variable



ADD CODE

1. Use the ask block to ask a math question.
2. Add an “if then else” conditional statement block. Then, use an equals operator block to set the condition to “answer” equals the correct answer.
3. Add blocks to say “Correct” if the answer is correct, else “Wrong.” Customize with sounds or other effects.
4. Use variable blocks to set and change the score.

```
when green flag clicked
set [score v] to [0]
ask [What is 2 + 2? and wait]
if [answer = 4] then
  change [score v] by [1]
  start sound [Ya v]
  say [Correct!] for [2] seconds
else
  start sound [Big Boing v]
  say [Wrong!] for [2] seconds
```



Variables and Lists



Store and recall information to create customized animations, stories, and games



Cards in This Pack

- Reporter Blocks in Scratch
- Brightness Slider
- Interactive Storytelling
- Musical List
- Generate a Melody: Repeat through a List
- Generate a Sum: Repeat through a List

Perhaps you have used a variable to store a game score, but did you know a variable can hold numbers or text (also known as a “string”)? See these cards for examples of non-score uses for variables and lists. See our in-editor tutorials or other coding cards for instructions on how to set up a basic score.

Reporter Blocks in Scratch



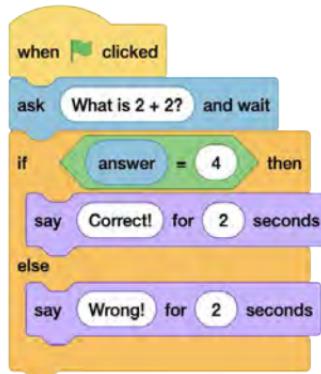
- Variables and lists hold information you can use in your program, but Scratch comes with some built-in reporter blocks that also store information.
- Unlike a stack block, reporter blocks go inside another block to serve as an input.
- You can click on a reporter block in the block palette or in the script area to see the piece of data it currently holds or the value it reports. Or check a box next to many of these reporter blocks to display them on the stage via a stage monitor.

Reporter Blocks in Scratch

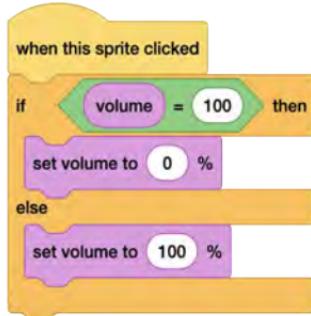
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EXPERIMENT WITH SOME REPORTERS

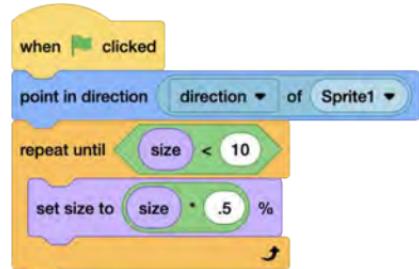
When you use the “ask” block to pose a question to a user, the answer they enter into the dialogue box is stored in a reporter block called “answer.”



The “volume” reporter block stores the number representing the current volume of the sprite, clone, or stage.



You can use reporter blocks that store the position, direction, and size of sprites to perform calculations or mirror properties.



Brightness Slider



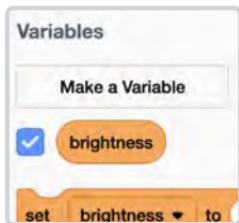
- Scratch comes with some built-in reporter blocks that store information, but what if you want to store and recall information for which there is no reporter block, like the sprite color or brightness?
- Let's create a project where a variable controls the brightness of the sprite.
- And let's put the power in the hands of users, by letting them control the value in the variable with a slider.

Brightness Slider

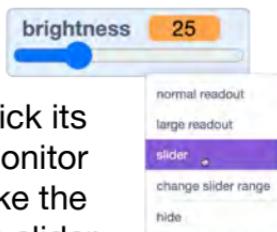
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GET READY

Create a variable called "brightness."

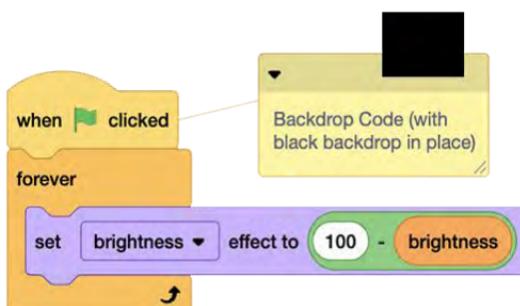
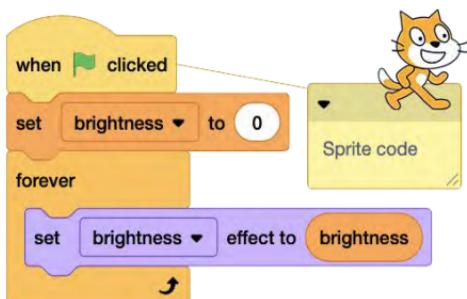


Right-click its stage monitor and make the readout a slider.

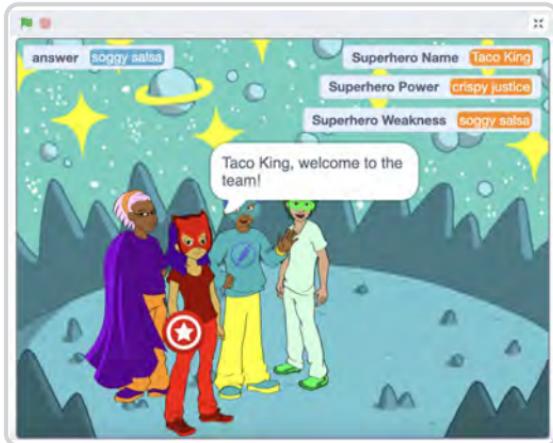


ADD CODE

1. Create a short script that sets the "brightness" variable to 0.
2. Then, have the program forever set the brightness effect to the number in the "brightness" variable. Test it out!
3. Try adding code to make another sprite or the backdrop have the opposite effect.



Interactive Storytelling



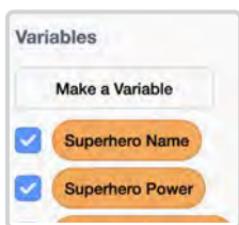
- You can pass information to a variable or list by clicking or moving a sprite, adjusting a slider, via code blocks, and more!
- You can also pass information from one reporter block, variable, or list to another. This could be helpful because variables and reporter blocks can only hold one piece of information at a time.
- Let's create a project that collects the user's answers to multiple questions, and repeats them back in the form of a story!

Interactive Storytelling

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GET READY

Create multiple variables.

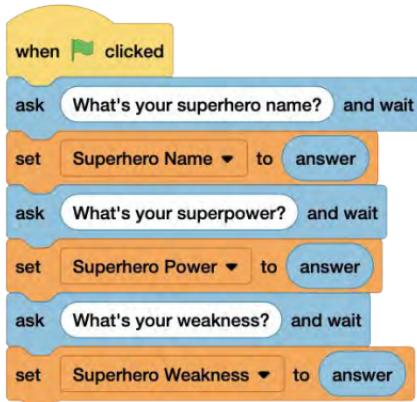


Choose any sprite.



ADD CODE

1. Create individual variables for each answer you are collecting. The “answer” reporter block can only hold one piece of data at a time, so use the “set [variable] to” block to pass the “answer” into a variable for storage after each related question is asked.

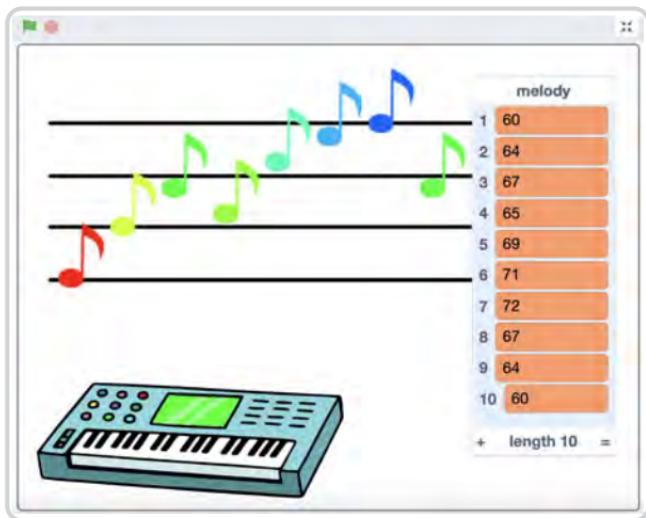


2. Use a “say” block and a “join” block to weave each answer stored in a variable into a story sentence.



Alternative: Store and retrieve answers from a list!

Musical List



- You can use a predefined list to determine animation.
- Try creating a melody project, storing song notes in a list that create a musical score that can be played.
- As a bonus, you can use the Pen extension to stamp notes on a scale and produce a visual representation of your musical score.

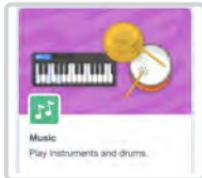
Musical List

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GET READY



Add the Music extension.



Choose any sprite.



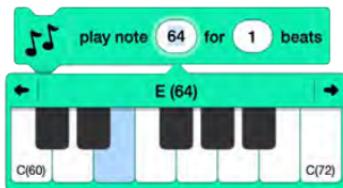
Keyboard

ADD CODE

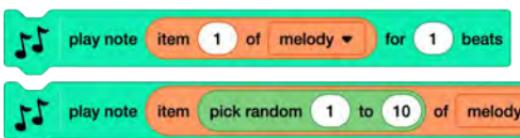
1. Create a list. Add song notes to the list via the stage monitor (add rows manually and type note numbers in) or by using the “add to [list]” block.



You can find note numbers by clicking on the input of the “play note” music block.

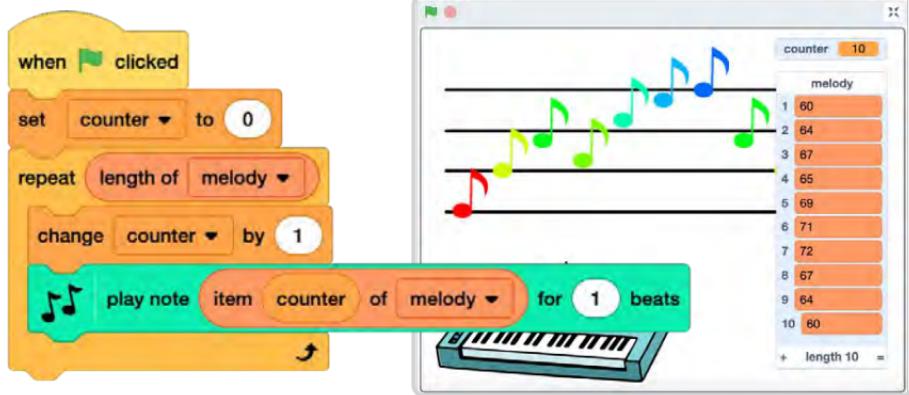


2. Write a script to play each note on the list by item number, or let the program pick the note to play randomly.



See the next card to learn how to create a “counter” variable to automate moving/repeating through the list in order.

Generate a Melody: Repeat through a List



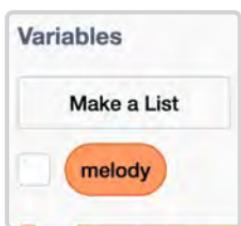
- While there is no “next item of list” block, you can create a script that loops through the items of a list in order.
The ability to automate moving or repeating through a list can speed up your coding process and make editing scripts quicker.
- This can be useful if you want to add items of a list together, speak or say items in a list, etc.

Generate a Melody

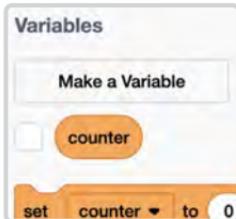
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GET READY

Create a list.



Create a variable.



ADD CODE

Step through the code on the card front to see what it does:

1. Changes the “counter” variable (that stores a number to represent an item number on the list) by one.



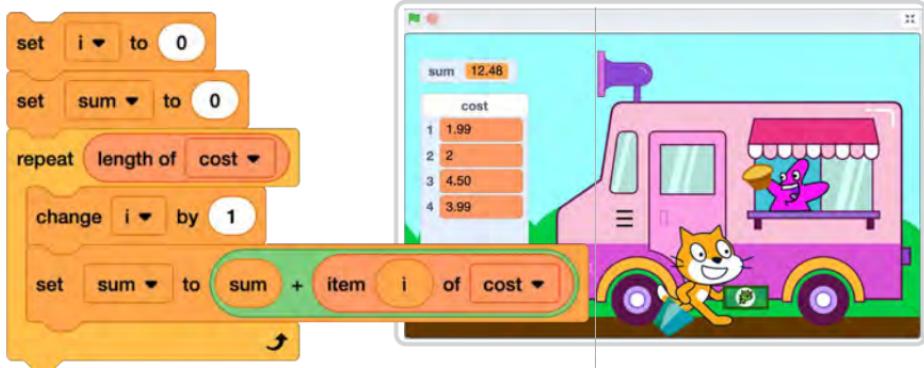
2. Plays the note number associated with that item number (the number entered on that line of the list). Note: This is why it is important to first set “counter” to zero first each time the program runs.



3. Repeat as many times as there are rows in the list/for the length of the list.



Generate a Sum: Repeat through a List



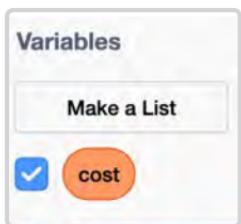
- While there is no “next item of list” block, you can create a script that loops through the items of a list in order.
The ability to automate moving or repeating through a list can speed up your coding process and make editing scripts quicker.
- This can be useful if you want to add items of a list together, speak or say items in a list, etc.

Generate a Sum

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GET READY

Create a list.



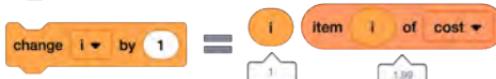
Create two variables.



ADD CODE

Step through the code on the card front to see what it does:

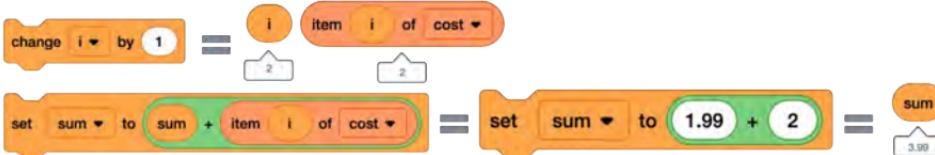
1. Changes the “i” variable (that stores a number to represent an item number on the list) by one.



2. Adds the amount associated with that item number (the number entered on that line of the list) to the value already stored in the “sum” variable, creating a new “sum” value. Note: This is why it is important to set “sum” and “i” to zero first each time the program runs.

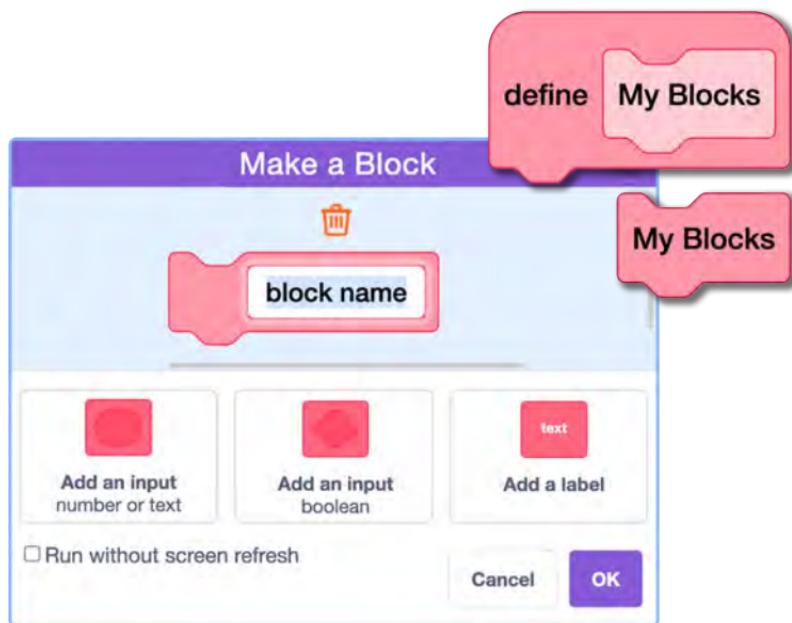


3. Repeat for the length of the list.





My Blocks



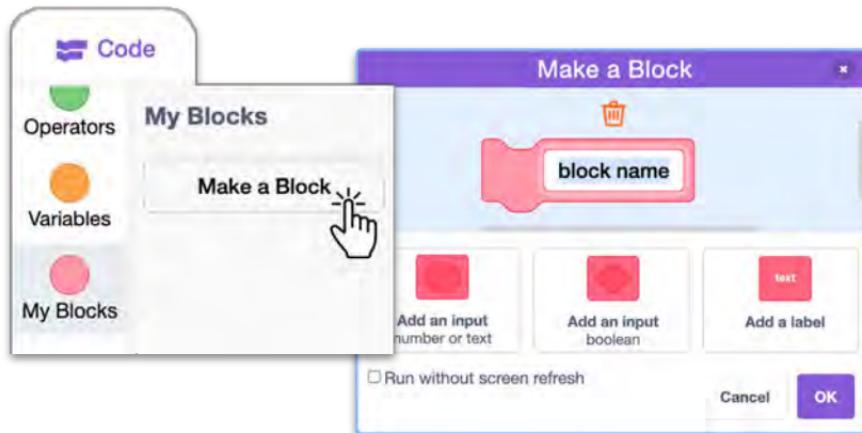
Explore procedures/routines and modularizing your code for efficiency



Cards in This Pack

- Create a My Block
- My Block: Fade In and Out
- My Block: Music
- My Block with Parameters:
Speak and Say
- My Block with Parameters: Move,
Move
- My Block vs Broadcast

Create a My Block



- Click on the “Make a block” button under the “My Blocks” category.
- Give your block any name you want, but it is best if it is a descriptive name so you can recall later what the block does.
- For a basic block, once you’ve provided a name, simply click “OK.”
- For an advanced block, add any additional inputs or labels needed.
- You can always edit blocks later.



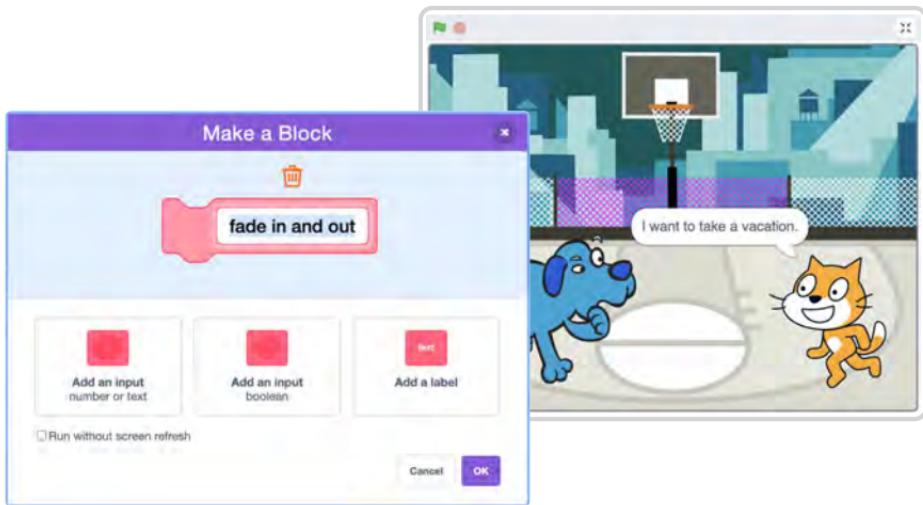
The image shows a Scratch script consisting of two parts. The left part is triggered by a green flag click, setting the stage to 'Space City 2' at coordinates (0, -40) and waiting 0.5 seconds. It then calls a custom block named 'cat spin'. The right part defines the 'cat spin' block, which repeats 20 times to spin a cat. Each iteration changes the whirl effect by 50 and turns the cat 36 degrees clockwise.

```
when green flag clicked
  go to [Space City 2 v]
  wait (0.5) seconds
  cat spin
end

define [cat spin v]
  repeat (20)
    change [whirl v] by (50)
    turn (36) degrees
  end
end
```

- Once a new block is created, a “define” event handler block will appear on the scripts area. Place all the blocks to make up your steps (procedure) under it.
- Once defined, you can use your custom block in your main program.
- Creating separate procedures as custom blocks makes the code faster to write and read, and easier or quicker to edit.
- Note: A custom block is specific to the sprite where it was defined.

My Block: Fade In and Out



- Say you are creating an animation and you want a sprite to fade in and out as the scene changes/change opacity (also known as the “ghost” effect in Scratch).
- Rather than write the same steps over multiple times in a program, you can place those steps in a My Block and simply call that block each time you need it.

My Block: Fade In and Out

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GET READY



Choose any sprite.

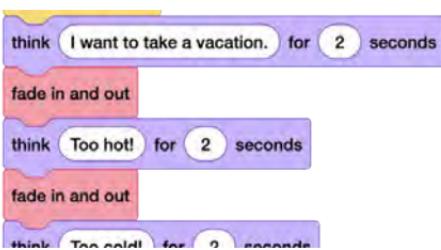
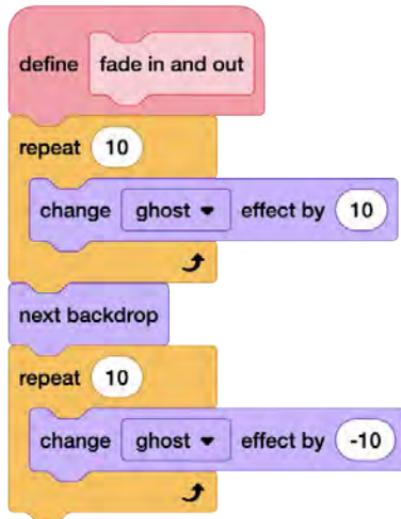


Choose any backdrop.

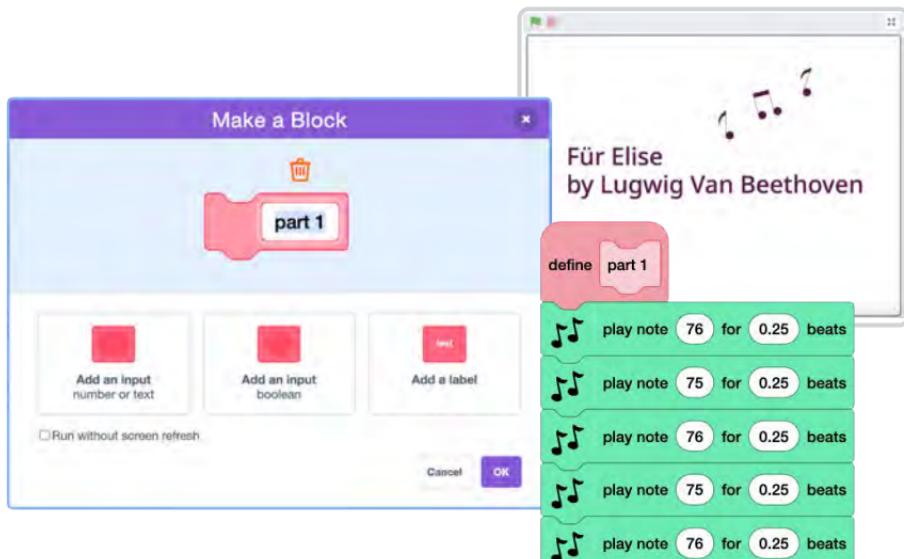


ADD CODE

1. Create a My Blocked called something like “fade in and out.”
2. Under the “define” block that appears on the stage, add steps to change the ghost effect to 100, switch the backdrop, and then change the ghost effect to 0.
3. Use the My Block in your main program each time you want the sprite to fade in and out and the backdrop to change.



My Block: Music



- You can use music blocks from the Music extension to create a song in Scratch.
- Rather than write the same sequence of notes over and over when they repeat in your song, you can place those notes in a My Block and simply call that block each time you need it, for instance each time a chorus is called.

My Block: Music

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GET READY



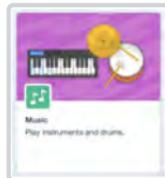
Choose any sprite.



Keyboard



Add Music extension.



ADD CODE



1. Compose the sections of your song. Create multiple My Blocks for different parts (such as verse and chorus).
2. My Blocks can also be placed within other My Blocks to further simplify the code.
3. Use My Blocks in the main program, along with repeat blocks (if applicable) to compose a whole song. Set the instrument and the tempo.

My Block with Parameters: Speak and Say



- What if you want to perform the same procedure (set of steps) each time the custom block is called in the main program, but with a small modification each time (like the text shown or spoken)? Create a My Block with parameters!
- With an input in place, the custom block will use the parameter (the data provided in the input bubble) when running.

My Block with Parameters: Speak and Say

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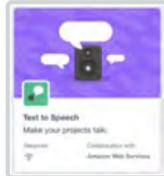
GET READY



Choose any
sprite.

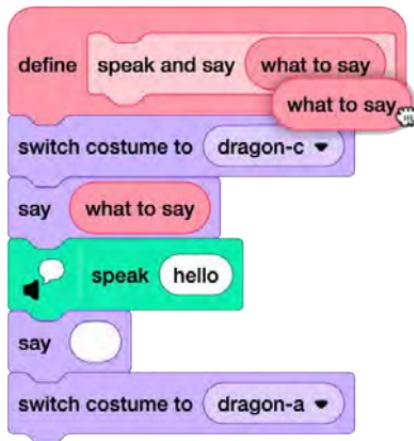


Add Text to
Speech
extension.



ADD CODE

1. Add an input when creating your My Block.
2. When defining the block steps, click on the input label and drag it out to place it in a code block. In this case, add it to the first “say” and “speak” blocks.
3. Now, when you use this custom block in the main program, you can see the blank input bubble where you can enter the parameter. In this case, the parameter is the text to say and speak.



My Block with Parameters: Move, Move



- What if you want to perform the same procedure (set of steps) each time the custom block is called in the main program, but with a small modification each time (like the sprites coordinates)? Create a My Block with parameters!
- With an input in place, the custom block will use the parameter (the data provided in the input bubble) when running.

My Block with Parameters: Move, Move

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GET READY



Choose any
sprite.

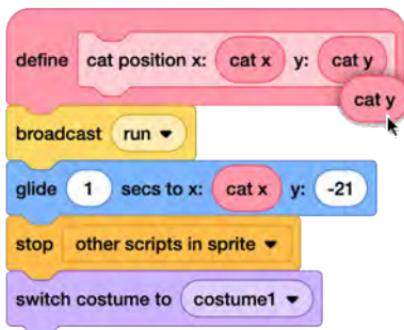


Choose any
backdrop.

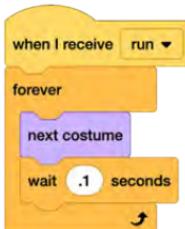


ADD CODE

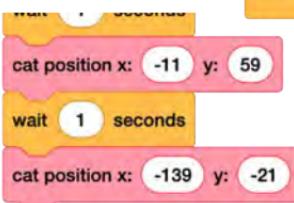
1. Add two inputs when creating your My Block (for x and y position). Add a label (descriptive text) between the inputs to help you remember what each input bubble is for when you use it in your main program.



2. When defining the block steps, click on the input label and drag it out to place it in a code block. In this case, x and y position. (Note, this My Block also sends a broadcast.)



3. Now, when you use this custom block in the main program, enter the new parameters each time.



My Block vs Broadcast



- My Block: the program pauses and runs through all the steps under the “define” block before preceding.
- Broadcast: the program sends the message and then proceeds with the next steps in the program, so code sequences may run simultaneously.
- Note: Unlike a broadcast that can be sent globally between all sprites and backdrops, a My Block is local, usable only by the sprite it is defined on. The call for the custom block isn’t received by any other sprites, even if their custom block has the same name.

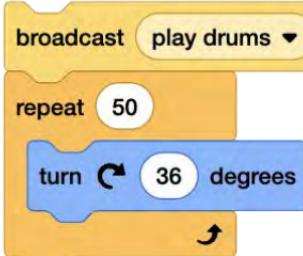
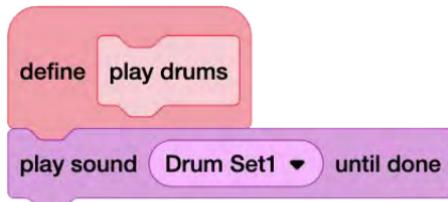
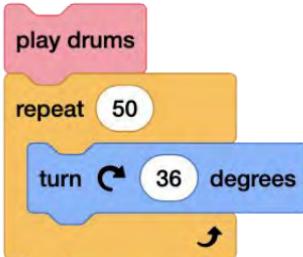
My Block vs Broadcast

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EXPERIMENT

Try these two code sequence pairings to see the difference between calling for a custom block and calling for a broadcast.

What else could you try? Costume changes? Motion?



What if you used
“broadcast and wait”?



Scratch and AI: Face Sensing



Explore ways AI can be integrated into
Scratch projects on Scratch Lab

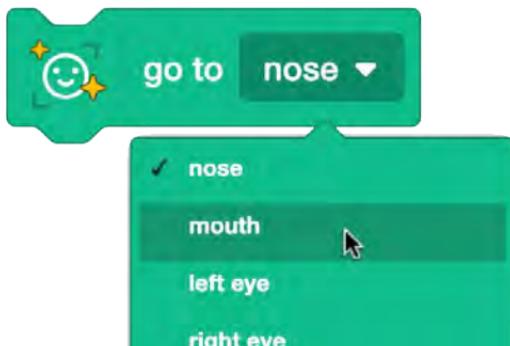


Cards in This Pack

- Try Out Face Sensing
- Create a Face Filter
- Create a Face Sensing Game
- Create a Face Sensing Sound Board
- Use Your Nose As a Pen
- Fool the AI / Save Your Project

Or combine with other cards like “Pong Game” or “Catch Game” but alter the code to make your face control the player!

Try Out Face Sensing



- Go to **lab.scratch.mit.edu/face** and click the “Try it out” button.
- Select the “go to nose” block.
- Click the block while your face is visible on the stage. Did the sprite go to your nose? Move and click again.
- What happens if you click on the dropdown list and choose another feature for the sprite to go to?

Try Out Face Sensing

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GET READY



Choose any sprite.

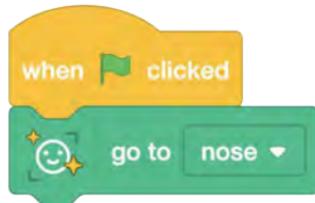


Pico Walking



Choose a facial feature.

ADD CODE



1. Add a “when green flag clicked” block to the “go to nose” block. Click the green flag.

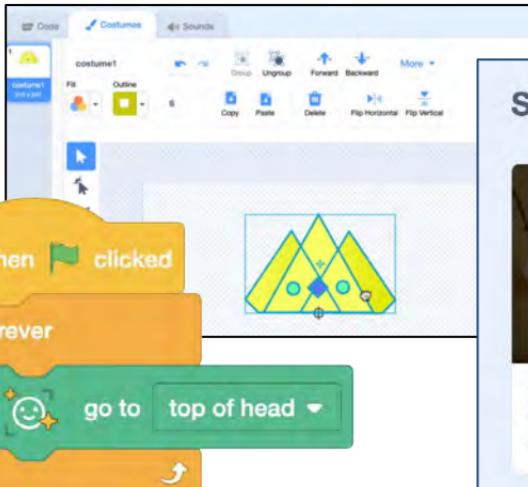


2. Next, add a “forever” loop to have the sprite stick to your chosen feature.

3. Try adding additional blocks from the Motion or Looks category to animate the sprite.



Create a Face Filter



The image shows the Scratch programming environment. On the left, the script editor displays the following code:

```
when green flag clicked
  forever
    go to [top of head v]

```

The script consists of a green flag sensor event followed by a forever loop. Inside the loop is a go to [top of head v] block. In the center, there is a preview window showing a yellow triangle composed of smaller triangles, with three blue circles placed on it.

Starter Projects



Hat and Glasses
Create your own wacky costumes and face filters

- Go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face.
- Draw your own hat, glasses, or other accessory with the **Scratch paint editor** tools and **code a face filter**.
- *Optional:* On the Face Sensing homepage, click on the “**Hat and Glasses**” **starter project** to experiment with the sprites and sample code.

Create a Face Filter

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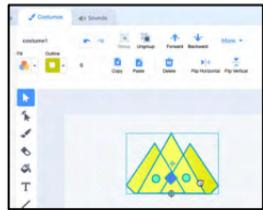
GET READY

Choose “Paint” from the sprite menu.

Paint



Use the tools to draw a hat costume or two.



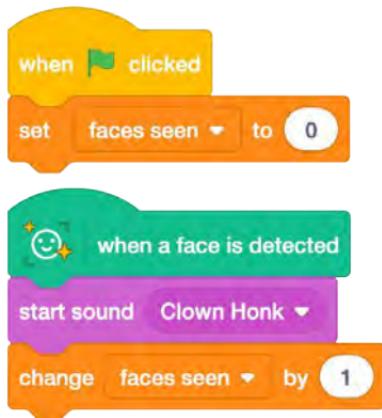
ADD CODE



1. Add code so it sticks to the top of your head.
2. Next, add blocks so the sprite scales to match the size and points in the direction of your face.

Have multiple costumes? Add code to switch costumes.

Create a Face Sensing Game



- Go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face.
- **Code a game that uses your face to score points or control a player sprite.**
- *Optional:* On the Face Sensing homepage, click on the **“Flapping Bird” starter project** to experiment with the sprites and sample code.

Face Sensing Game

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GET READY



Choose a first sprite.



Parrot



Choose a second sprite.



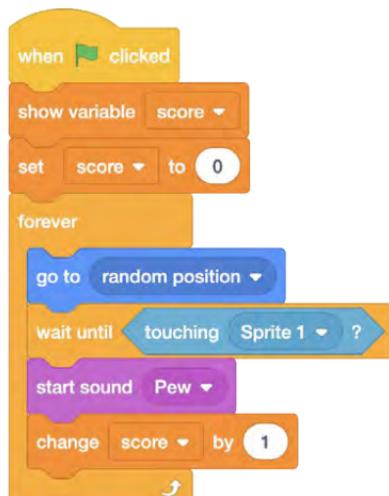
Strawberry

ADD CODE

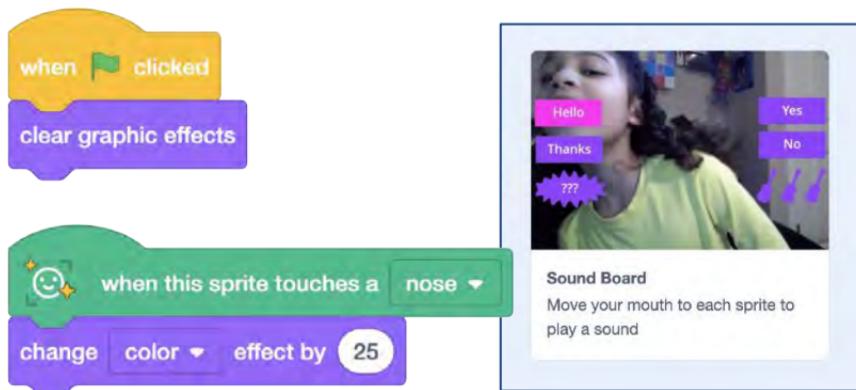
1. Add code to the first sprite so you can control it with your face. This will be the player.
2. Add code to the second sprite so it moves to a random position on the stage and gives the player a point when they touch.



3. Create a score variable to track points. Don't forget to reset it each time a new game is started. Make customizations!



Create a Face Sensing Sound Board



- Go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face.
- Choose a variety of fun sounds or record your own and **code a sound board**. Or code effects controlled by your face.
- *Optional:* On the Face Sensing homepage, click on the **“Sound Board” starter project** to experiment with the sprites and sample code.

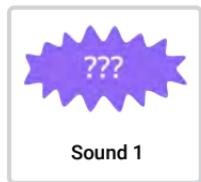
Sound Board

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GET READY



Choose a few sprites, or draw your own.



Choose a sound from the sound library for each sprite, or record your own.

Choose a Sound

ADD CODE



1. Add code to each sprite to play a sound, change an effect, or perform another animation when parts of your face touch them.

play sound pick random 1 to 5 until done

2. Try adding multiple sounds to a sprite. Use the “pick random” operator so each time is a surprise.

Use Your Nose As a Pen



- Go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face and click the “Try it out” button.
- Add the Pen Extension.
- Select the “go to nose” block.
- Put the pen down and use your nose to draw.
- *Optional:* Use your head tilt to put the pen up and down. Or try adjusting the pen size based on your face size.

Use Your Nose As a Pen

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GET READY



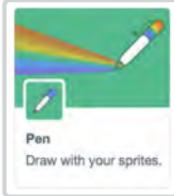
Choose any sprite to act as the Pen.



Pico Walking



Add Pen Extension.



Pen
Draw with your sprites.

ADD CODE

1. Add a Pen block to put the pen down. Then have the pen follow your nose.
2. Try variations like changing the pen color or setting the pen size based on your face size.



3. Want more control? Use “when face tilts” to control when the pen is up and when it is down.



Fool the AI

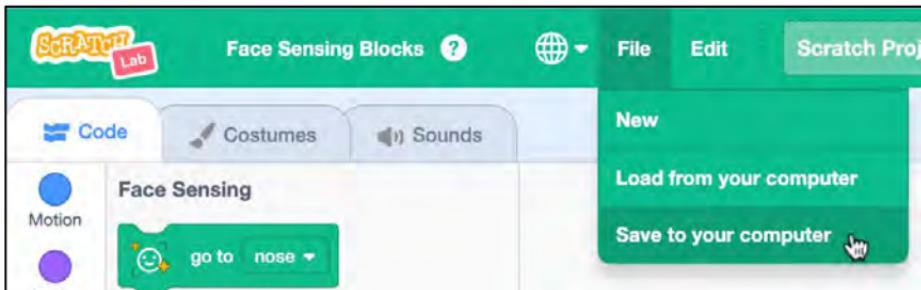
Face Sensing blocks try to detect if a face exists, but they are not able to identify who the face is, or even if it is a human face! That means sometimes the AI makes interesting mistakes. Identifying these mistakes can help us see the difference between our own human intelligence and AI.

Can the AI find the parts of a face if:

- you are in disguise, your face is covered, or your face is tilted or upside down?
- the lighting in the room is very bright or very dark?
- you step out of frame and hold up a drawing of a smiley face? a stuffed animal? a pet? two googly eyes attached to fingertips? or another facelike object made of different materials or from nature?

What variables can you change to try to fool it into thinking it sees a face? What limitations can you find?

Save Your Project

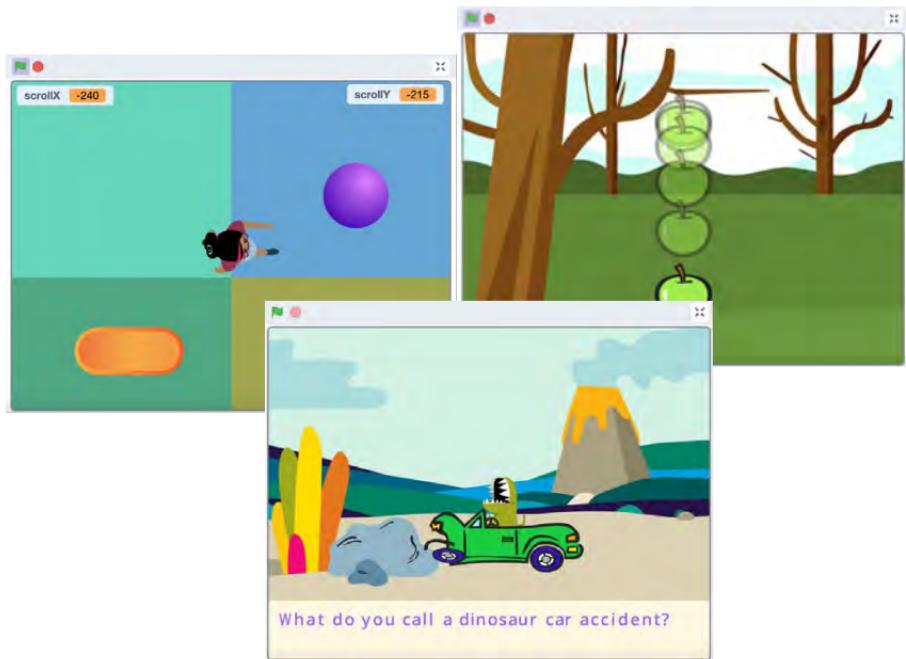


Projects created on Scratch Lab cannot be saved to an account on scratch.mit.edu. But the file can be saved to your computer and uploaded to the Scratch Lab project page if you want to continue working on your project.

- Click “**File**,” then choose “**Save to your computer**.”
- Next time you want to work on your project, **go to lab.scratch.mit.edu/face** and click “**File**,” choose “**Load from your computer**,” and upload your project.



Advanced Topics: Graphic Effects



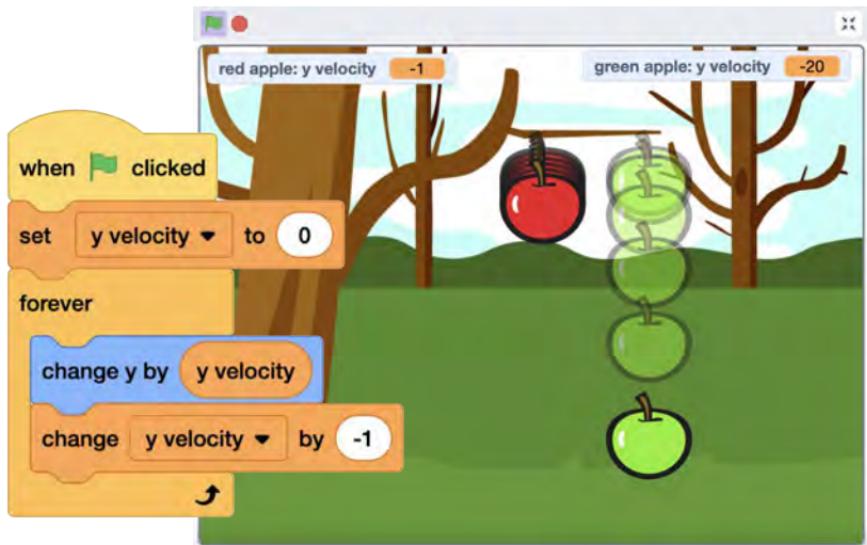
Use data to create more advanced scripts for games, stories, and more!



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Gravity in Scratch



Sir Isaac Newton is said to have discovered universal gravitation by observing the fall of an apple.

Creating gravity in Scratch means sprites fall to the bottom of the stage in a realistic way.

Velocity is the speed of something in a given direction. In order to fall in a realistic-looking way, they should **accelerate** (gain speed as they fall). (*Example here: scratch.mit.edu/projects/964424785.*)

Gravity in Scratch

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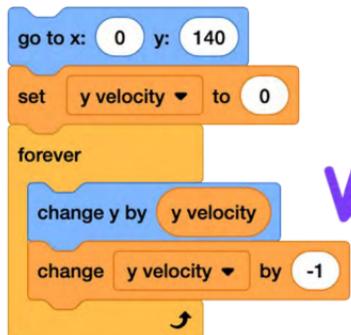
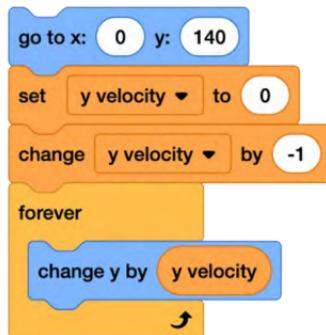
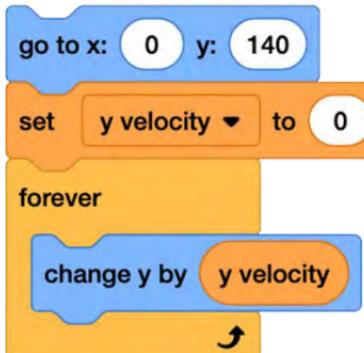
1. Create a variable that will hold the velocity of your sprite, like “y velocity.”
2. Set the velocity to zero at the start (so the object will start from a place of rest).
3. Then, have the sprite move (in this case, change y) by that velocity.
4. In order to gain speed (acceleration), the velocity will have to change. What is different if that change happens inside or outside your loop?



Choose a sprite.

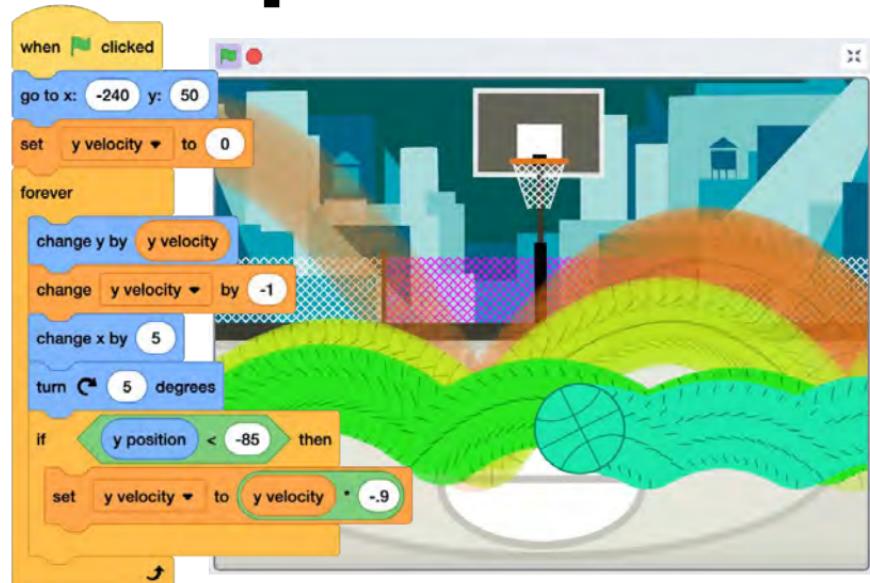


Apple



Is it just moving down at a constant rate? Or is it also speeding up over time, adding realism?

Gravity in Scratch: Stop or Bounce



When creating gravity in Scratch, you might also think about how the object should react when it hits the ground.

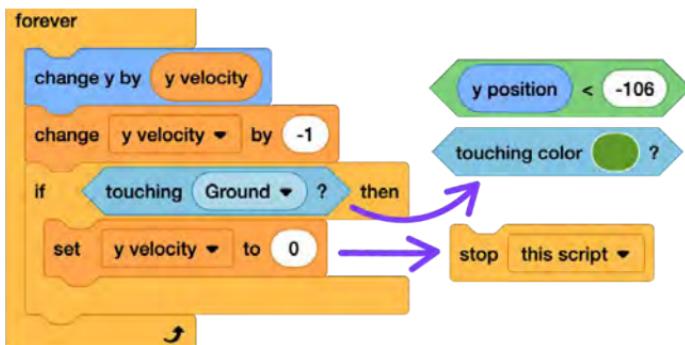
The object could come to a complete stop. Or sprites may bounce when they reach the ground (or the bottom of the stage), with those bounces getting smaller and smaller over time.

(Example here: scratch.mit.edu/projects/964194371.)

Gravity: Stop or Bounce

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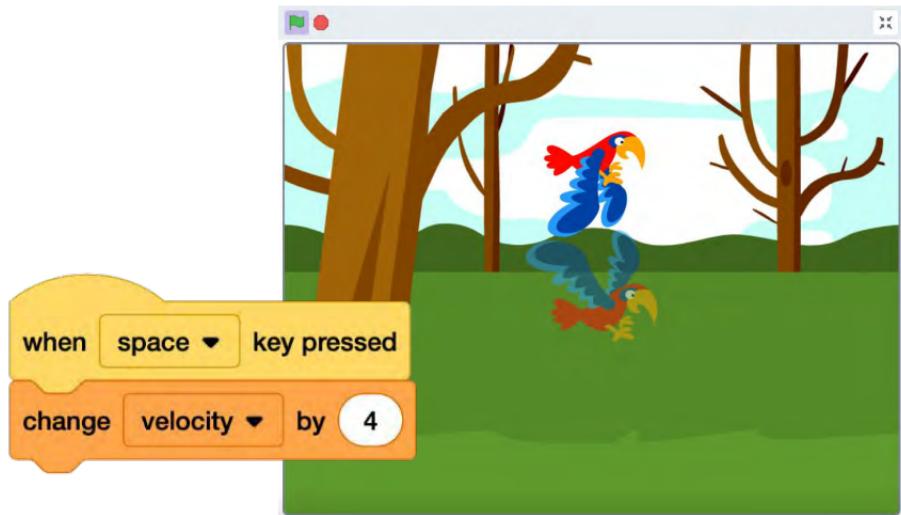
- To stop the sprite from falling through to the bottom of the stage, you'll need to set up a condition that tells the program when to stop the sprite. You can choose from many conditions, like the position, touching a sprite, etc.



- When the condition has been met, you could stop the script completely or stop the movement by setting the velocity to zero. This represents an inelastic or “sticky” collision, where the kinetic energy is absorbed by its surroundings and the object comes to an immediate stop.
- In an elastic or “bouncy” collision the kinetic energy (and, thus, the bounces) gets smaller over time. Experiment to recreate this by setting the velocity to the velocity times a negative number, like -0.9 . A negative multiplied by a negative is a positive. A positive velocity means the object will move up, until the velocity becomes negative again and it starts to fall. As the loop repeats, the velocity when it hits the “ground” becomes smaller and smaller.



Gravity in Scratch: Reverse Gravity



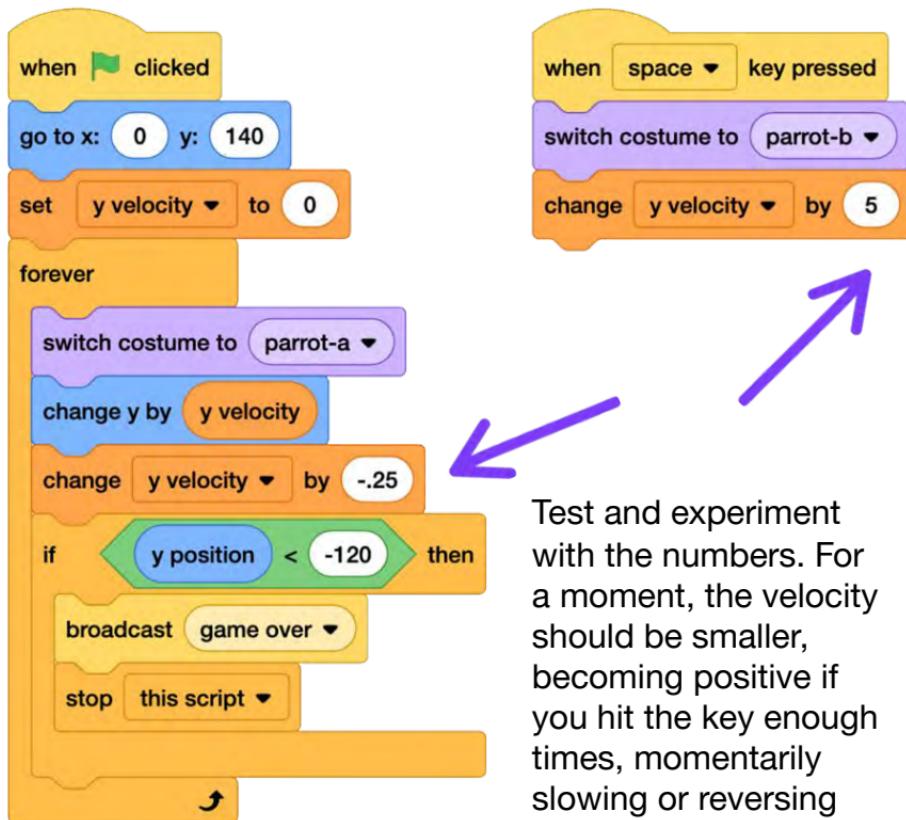
What if you wanted to, at least temporarily, reverse gravity? If you made a sprite bounce, you reversed gravity. Another example is in the case of a “flappy bird”-style game, where pressing a keyboard key temporarily reverses gravity and stops a sprite from hitting other objects or the ground in order complete the objectives of a game.

(Example here: scratch.mit.edu/projects/963989317/)

Gravity: Reverse Gravity

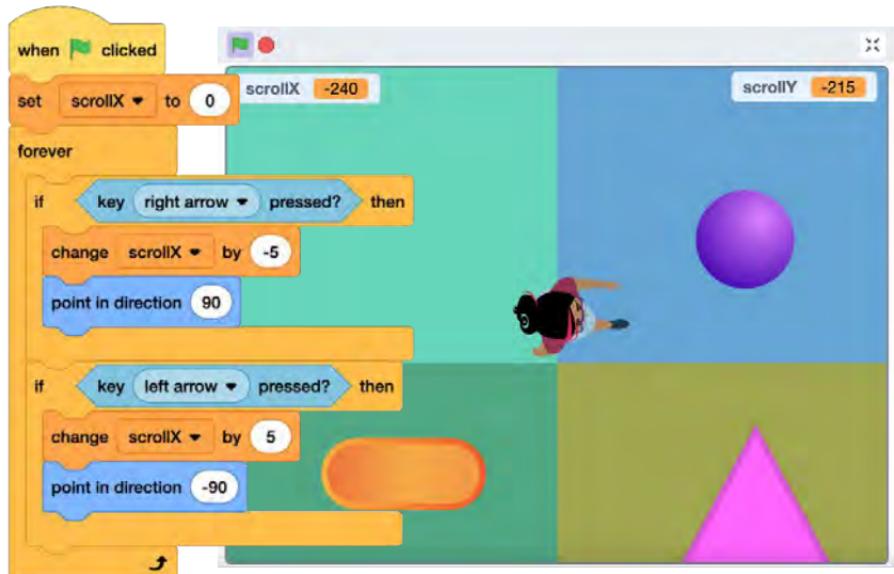
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1. Create a script that sets your sprite to fall with gravity.
2. Then, add a second script so when, for instance, a keyboard key is pressed, the velocity will change by a larger positive number. (Versus the smaller negative number in the gravity script.)



Test and experiment with the numbers. For a moment, the velocity should be smaller, becoming positive if you hit the key enough times, momentarily slowing or reversing the gravity effect.

User-Controlled Scrolling Background



You can create a version of a scrolling background, where the background moves while the sprite stays in place. And users can use keyboard keys to control the scrolling/the position of the backgrounds in order to explore the scene! Scrolling backgrounds like this could be used in games or animations or informational projects.

User-Controlled Scrolling Background

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GET READY



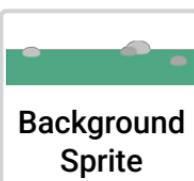
Choose a sprite, perhaps with costumes to show movement.



Avery



Draw a few backgrounds as sprites.



Background Sprite

ADD CODE

1. To line up all the background sprites end-to-end, knowing that the stage is 480 pixels wide, you can use a mathematical expression to quickly position each sprite. Set the x-position of the first background at 480 times zero ($480 \times 0 = 0$). The next at 480 times one, etc.

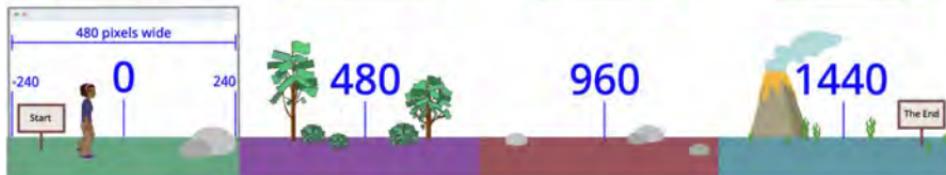


480 * 0

480 * 1

480 * 2

480 * 3



2. Now, create a variable that will allow you to change the position of all the background sprites simultaneously.

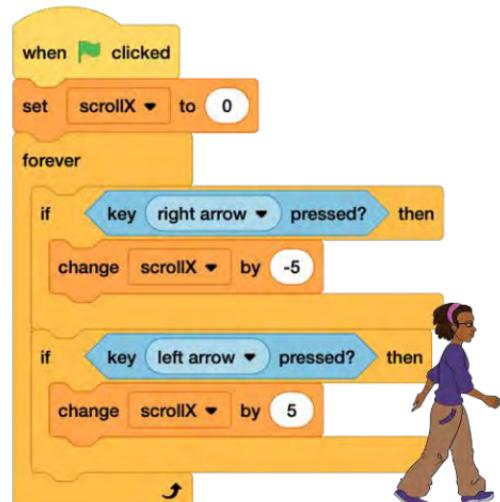
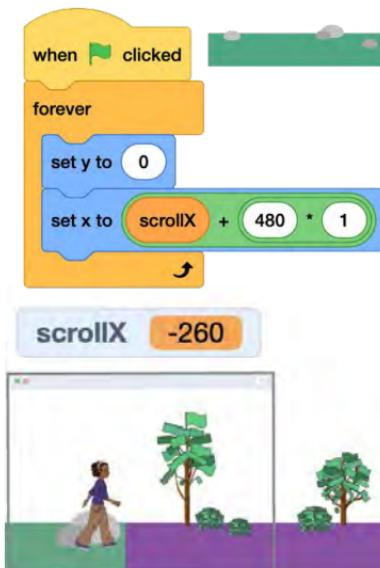
scrollX

(Continue to the next card.)

User-Controlled Scrolling Background

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3. On the main walking sprite, create a script that changes the variable (scrollX) by a positive or negative amount when keys are pressed.
4. Then, on the background sprites, adjust the x position to add the variable, so backgrounds move simultaneously.
5. Now, you can add features and test for unexpected behavior!



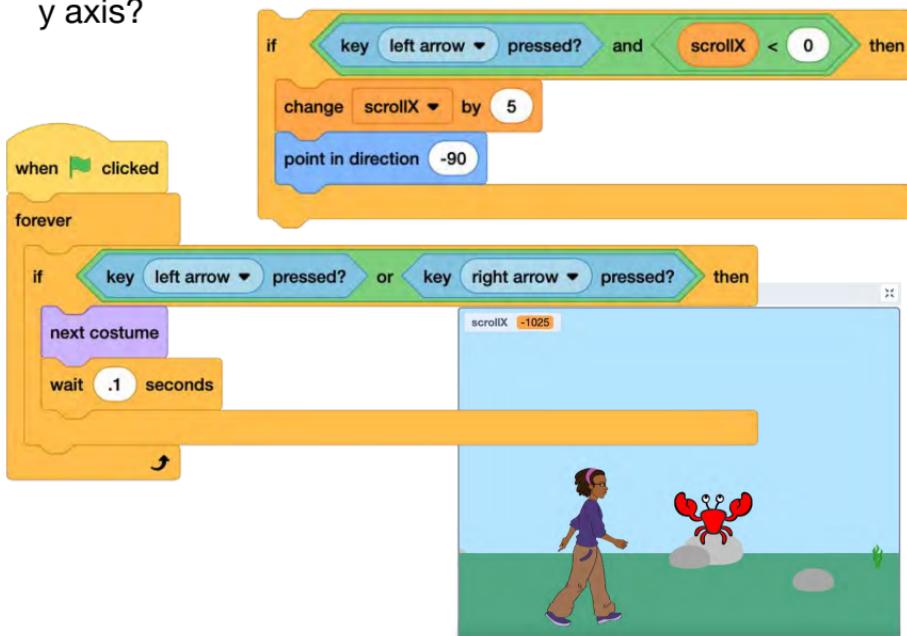
(Example here: scratch.mit.edu/projects/969838240.)

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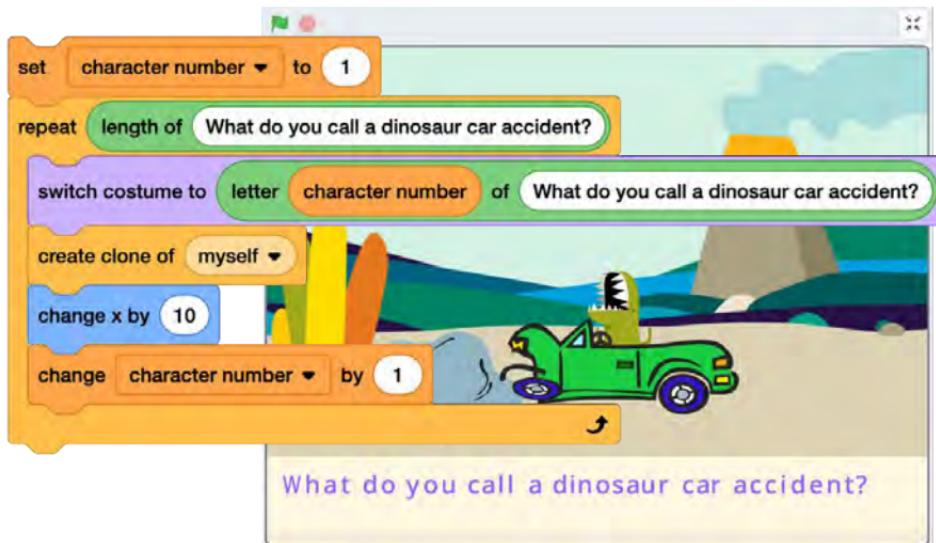
EXPERIMENT!

- What if you want the sprite to look like it is walking by cycling through the costumes?
- What if you want to ensure that the walking sprite can't go off the edge of the first or last background sprite?
- What if you want to add other sprites to interact with your walking sprite?
- What if you want to move your sprite along the x and the y axis?



(Examples: scratch.mit.edu/projects/970482174 and [970438551](https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/970438551))

Text Rendering / Text Generator



Do you want to create your own text generator to display changing text on the stage without creating sprite costumes for each line of text? Let's explore how!

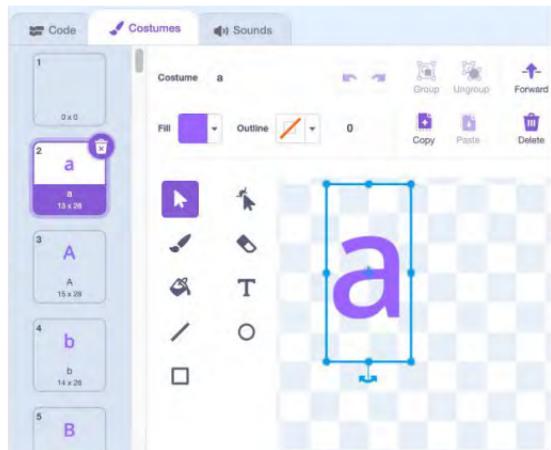
Then, you can customize the text, add effects, and more!

(Example here: scratch.mit.edu/projects/985124543.)

Text Rendering

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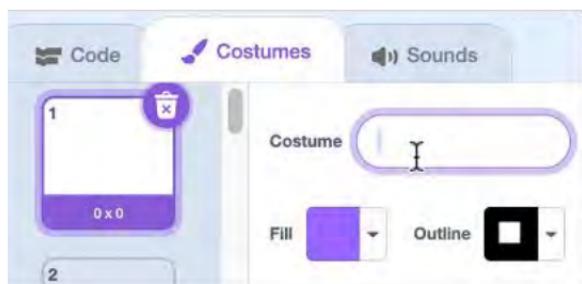
GET READY



The name of the costume should match the contents exactly.

To start, create a sprite that has a costume for each letter in the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase), numbers 0-9, and punctuation marks you'll need.*

Choose any font or color. Center each.



Important: Make sure your first costume is blank, but name it with a space. This will help the program recognize spaces when they appear.

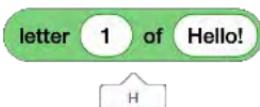
*See the back of card 9 for additional letter sprite creation options.

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ADD CODE

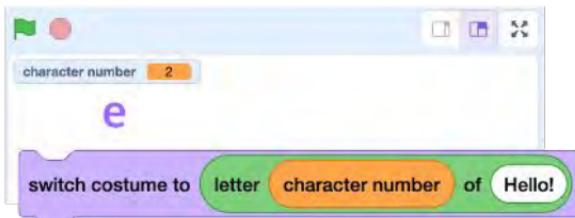
1. Locate the “letter of” reporter block. Enter some text, then click on the block. In programming, a sequence of characters that represents text is called a “string.” Strings can be used to store human-readable data, such as words or sentences. Experiment with the number and text string to see what this block reports.



2. Then, place the reporter block inside a “switch costume” block. If your costume list has a letter, number, or punctuation mark that matches the letter reported by this block, you should see it appear on the stage.



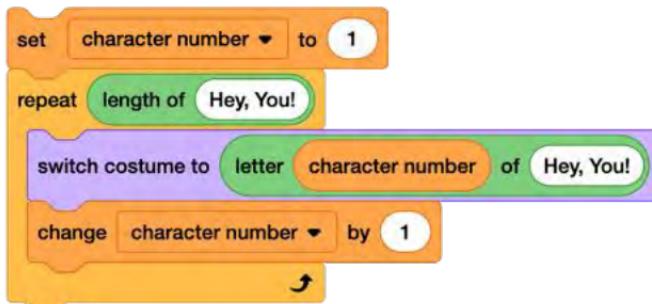
3. Now, create a variable, like “character number” to use in place of a fixed number in the “letter of” block.



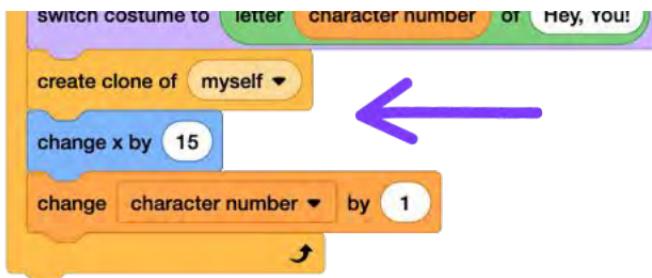
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5. Time to create a script that cycles through each letter! You'll want to start at the first character. Then, for the "length of" your string (i.e. the number of letters in your text), increase the character number to show each letter costume in order.



6. We still only see one letter at a time. To print all the letters on the stage, we'll have to add a block to create a clone of each letter and then use a "move" or "change x" block so they appear in a line.

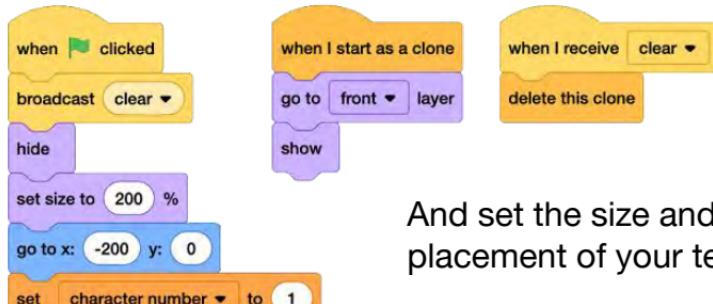


Tinker with the amount you move/change x by based on the size of your letters.

Text Rendering

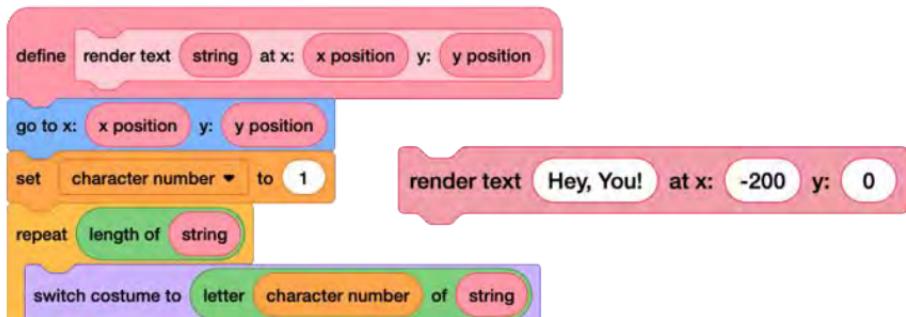
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7. Now that you have clones, you might want to play with hiding and showing the sprite and the clones. You might also want to add a script to delete the clones at some point, if you want to start a fresh row of text.



And set the size and the placement of your text.

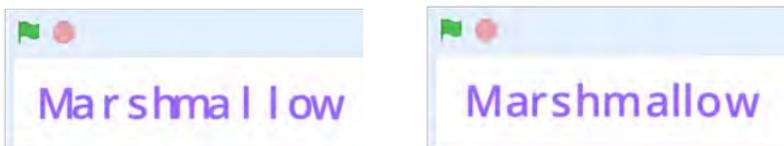
OPTIONAL: Have multiple lines of text to display? Try creating a procedure using a My Block, so you can quickly define the string (and its placement, if desired) without duplicating the entire code stack. (See our [My Blocks cards](#) for more information.)



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OPTIONAL: Is your letter spacing a little uneven because each letter has a different width? In typesetting, adjusting the space between letters is called kerning.



Scratch doesn't have a reporter block that stores the width of a costume, but you can try different solutions to even out the letter placement. The two different examples below are using color sensing or a list of widths (that was manually entered for each costume) to accomplish this.

The image shows a Scratch script and a table of letter widths. The script uses a combination of color sensing and a list of widths to achieve even letter spacing. It starts with a 'set [character number v] to [1]' block, followed by a 'repeat [length of <Marshmallow>]' loop. Inside the loop, it uses a 'switch costume to [letter <character number> of <Marshmallow>]' block. An 'if [costume number v] = [1] then' block checks if the character is a space. If so, it uses a 'change x by [30]' block. Otherwise, it enters a 'repeat until [not touching color [purple v]]' loop, which uses 'change x by [2]' and 'change y by [5]' blocks. After exiting the repeat loop, it creates a clone of itself and changes the character number by 1. To the right of the script is a table titled 'letter width' with the following data:

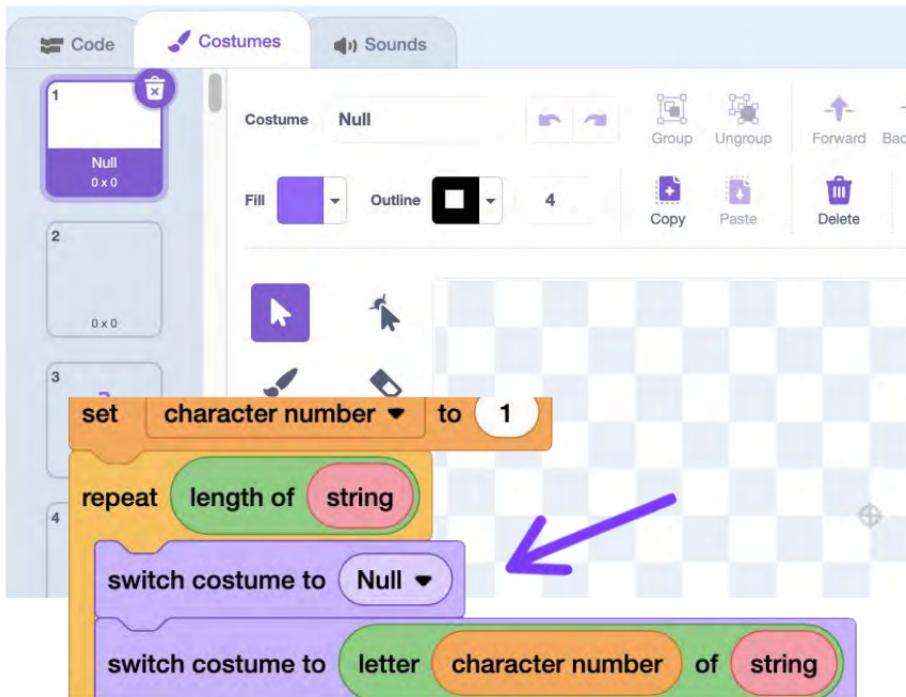
letter	width
1	0
2	20
3	13
4	15
5	14
6	15

A purple arrow points from the 'if costume number = 1 then' block to the table, indicating that costume 1 is a space. Another purple arrow points from the 'change character number by 1' block in the script to the table, indicating that the width for character 1 is 0.

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OPTIONAL: What if one of the letters doesn't have a costume? You could create a costume, like "Null," and first switch to that costume before switching to a letter costume. If there is no letter costume, the costume will remain on "Null" (which in this example is blank but could be anything you choose).



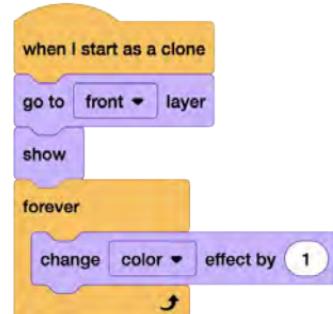
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OPTIONAL: Instead of creating a clone, you could use the "stamp" Pen block to record your letters. But what might be some advantages or disadvantages of creating a clone versus using a stamp?

Clones can appear in front of other sprites, for instance. Or what if you wanted to animate the text? You can animate clones.

Experiment! How else can you customize your text?



OPTIONAL: To quickly get started with letters, backpack or export/import the "Letter - BACKPACK THIS" sprite in scratch.mit.edu/projects/1138479378. Or what if you want to use a font not available in the Paint Editor? You could upload SVG or transparent PNG images of letters, or use letters from the sprite library.

