

Unit: 1.7 Coding

Key Learning

- To understand what instructions are and predict what might happen when they are
- To use code to make a computer program.
- To understand what object and actions are.
- To understand what an event is.
- To use an event to control an object.
- To begin to understand how code executes when a program is run.
- To understand what backgrounds and objects are.
- · To plan and make a computer program.

Key Resources









Tools

Key Vocabulary

Action

Types of commands which are run on an object. They could be used to move an object or change a property.

Algorithm

A precise step by step set of instructions used to solve a problem or achieve an objective.

Background

The part of the program design that shows behind everything else. It sets the scene for the story or game.

Code

Instructions written using symbols and words that can be interpreted by a computer.

Command

A single instruction in a computer program.

Debug/Debugging

Finding a problem in the code and fixing it.

Event

Something that causes a block of code to be run.

Execute

To run a computer program.

Input

Information going into the computer. Can include moving or clicking the mouse, using the keyboard, swiping and tilting the device.

Key Vocabulary

Instructions

Detailed information about how something should be done.

Object

An element in a computer program that can be changed using actions or properties.

Output

Information that comes out of the computer e.g. sound.

What is coding?

Writing instructions in a

way that a computer can

interpret them to make a

program.

Properties

All objects have properties that can be changed in design or by writing code e.g. image, colour and scale properties.

Run

To cause the instruction in

a program to be carried

out.

Scale

The size of an object in

2Code.

Sound

Scene

The background and

objects together create a

scene.

This is a type of output command that makes a noise.

When clicked

An event command. It makes code run when you click on something (or press your finger on a touchscreen).

Key Questions

Why is it useful to design before coding?

It helps you to get a clear idea of what you want your program to do. You can use the design to decide which objects you need to add, what to call them and what actions they should perform.

How can you make characters move in a 2Code program?

In design mode, add a character. Change properties such as the name and scale. Exit from design mode and drag your character's code block into the coding window. From the properties menu, select right, left, up or down.

Key Images



Open, close or share a file



Save your work



Watch the instruction video



Get a hint when you are stuck in 2Code



Open design mode

in 2Code



Switch to code mode in 2Code



The background object



A 'when clicked' code block





An object property

Sound output block

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