

PLANNING AN ANIMATION

GRADES 3 & 4





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SUMMARY AND STANDARDS

Summary:

In this lesson, students will plan and code an animation in Scratch with the help of the CoCo graphic organizer. They will be introduced to the concept of debugging and new sound blocks in Scratch, as well as discuss what makes for a good animation of their writing.

ELA Standards

The student will write in a variety of forms to include narrative, descriptive, opinion, and expository.

- a) Engage in writing as a process.
- b) Identify audience and purpose.
- c) Use a variety of prewriting strategies.
- d) Use organizational strategies to structure writing according to type.
- e) Use transition words to vary sentence structure.

CS Standards:

- -The student will construct sets of step-by-step instructions (algorithms) both independently and collaboratively using sequencing and using loops.
- -The student will construct programs to accomplish a task as a means of creative expression using a block or text based programming language, both independently and collaboratively using sequencing and using loops.
- -The student will analyze, correct, and improve (debug) an algorithm that includes sequencing, events, loops and variables.

Today we will learn about debugging, a key process you will use in both computer science and writing.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THIS LESSON:

- Chromebook/Laptop
- Internet Access
- Scratch for CS First or Scratch online
- Teacher slide deck
- Student slides
- CoCo Link
- Written recipe from last lesson
- Blank paper for brainstorming

Reminder:

In this lesson, every student should be assigned a story in CoCo using Level 4.

The story should be titled "Lesson 4 Story."

Each student should save their work using this naming strategy: "Student Name + Lesson # + Descriptor", for example, "Johnny Lesson 4 Story"



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You will need....[read slide]

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WARM UP: SCRATCH SCAVENGER HUNT

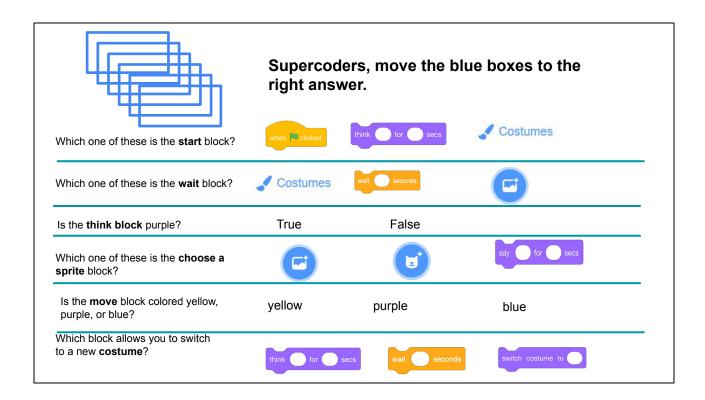
Let's warm-up with a scavenger hunt in Scratch to remember some things in scratch. You will use your student slide deck to work on this while you are looking for things in scratch.

WARM UP

- 1. Open your STUDENT slide deck and navigate to the last slide.
- 2. Visit scratch.mit.edu or CS First to figure out how to do each task.
- 3. Drag the blue box to the correct item.

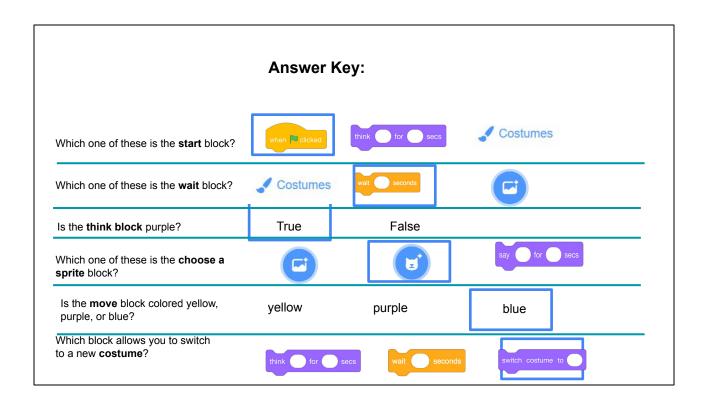
PAUSE HERE (10 MINUTES)

Ok, so you will [read slide] Pause here while you work



In a moment, I will share the slide deck with you and you will see a screen like this. You will drag the blue box to the correct answer. You may also want to navigate to Scratch on your device if you can't remember how to do some of these things in Scratch. Once you are done, we will go over the answers together!

Acknowledgments: Adapted from <u>CS+Fables</u>



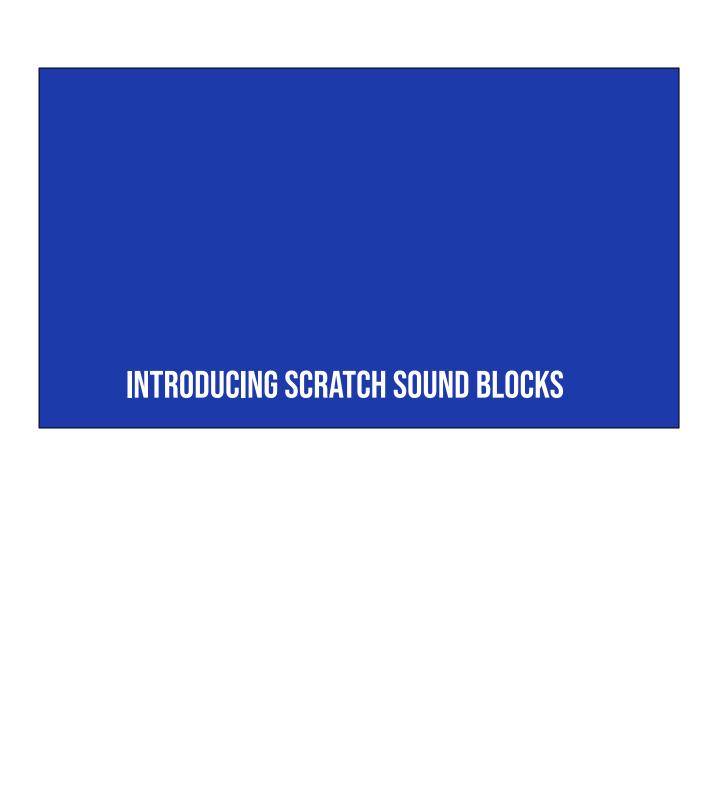
Check to see if your answers were correct.

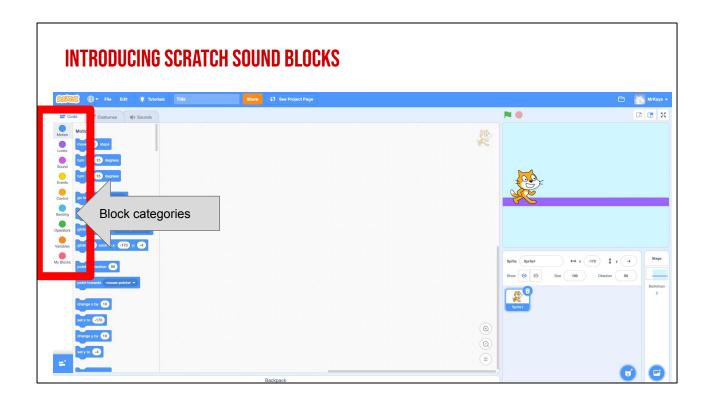
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Remember that on the far lefthand side of our page, we see a color palette. Each color corresponds to a different type of block. Today, we'll focus on sound blocks, which are PINK.

SOUND BLOCKS

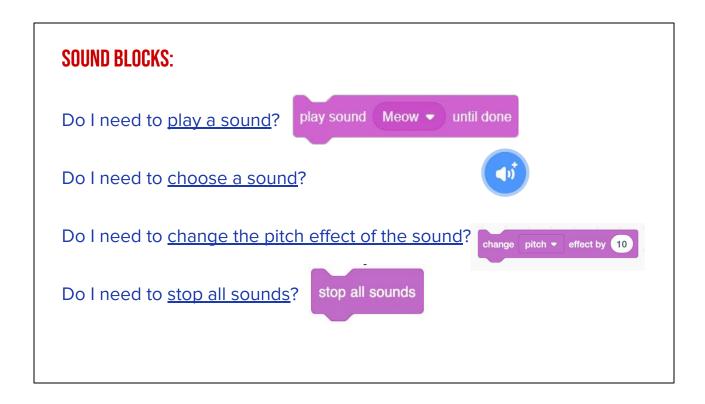
Do I need to play a sound?

Do I need to choose a sound?

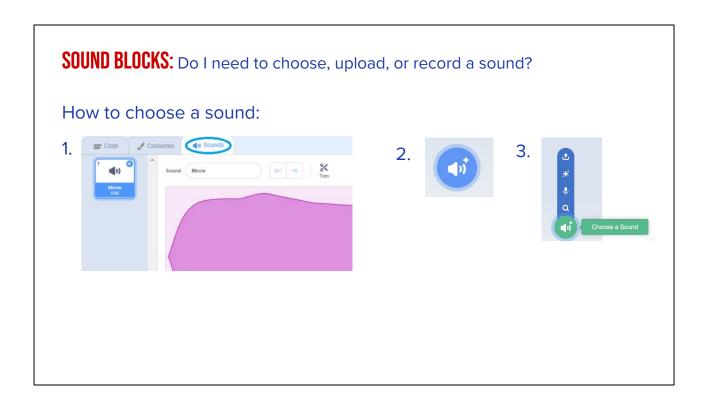
Do I need to change the pitch effect of the sound?

Do I need to stop all sounds?

For today, I am going to show you how to use two types of blocks you will see in level 4. You will see these questions in Coco{Read questions}. These are all related to the pink sound blocks in scratch. Let me show you how to use these blocks!

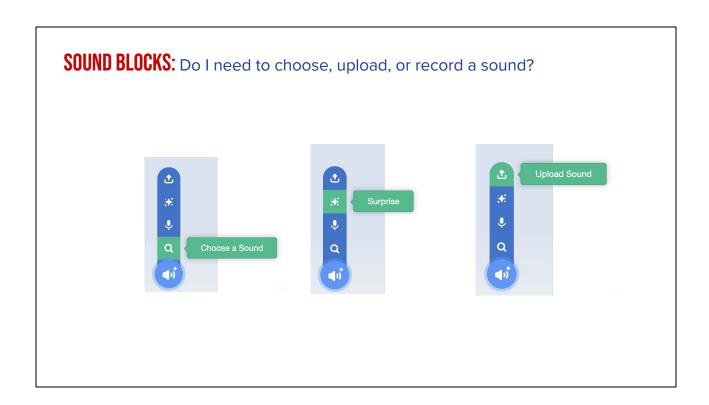


For these questions, you will use these blocks...read slide.



But for this question, you will need to choose WHAT sound you are using. You can choose one from Scratch or upload or record your own sound!

In Scratch you will click on the Sounds tab at the top, then click the blue speaker with a plus sign, this will allow you to choose a sound.



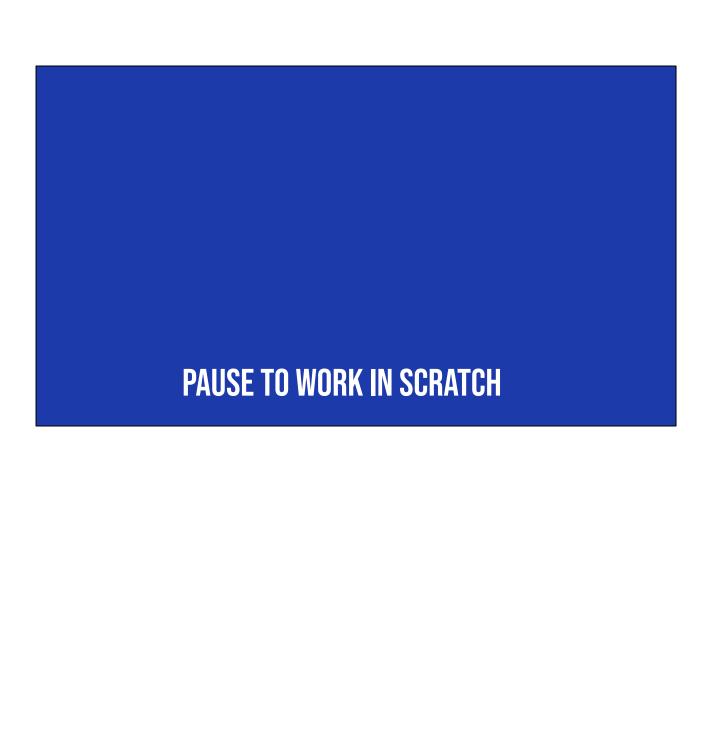
Then you can decide how you want to choose your sound. Choose from the options in Scratch, record your own, let scratch choose, randomly, or you can upload a sound. Let me show you!

YOUR TURN: PRACTICE USING SCRATCH SOUND BLOCKS

Steps:

- 1. Choose a new sprite (any animal that is not a cat!)
- 2. Choose a sound for your sprite
- 3. Use a purple look block to make your sprite to say at least one line of your written instructions

Now it's your turn! (Read slide)



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GUIDED INSTRUCTION

CODE:THE LANGUAGE THAT COMPUTER SCIENTISTS CREATE AND USE TO TELL A COMPUTER WHAT TO DO.

Remember: code is the language that computer scientists create and use to tell a computer what to do. Code is how we can give instructions to a computer.

BUT WHAT IF....

Ok, but what happens if we miss a step or make a mistake in writing our algorithm? Well, the computer or the human who is reading the instructions will not be able to accomplish the task! These mistakes are called....

Bugs: An error in a code that prevents the program from running as expected.

"Bugs...but not the creepy, crawly critter that you might think of at first when you hear the word "bug." "Bugs" in computer science are errors in a code...." A bug is an error or mistake in your code that prevents the program from running as expected. It is like when you write something incorrect in your instructions and someone else can't follow them because they are confused. When this happens in your writing you have to fix your mistake.

Debugging: looking for and fixing the errors in your code

When you need to fix your error in your code we call that debugging. This means you are looking for your mistake and then fixing it. Everyone makes mistakes, even professionals!

TO DEBUG AN ALGORITHM, WE...

- Describe your problem.
- ☐ Hunt for bugs (what is it in your code causing the problem).
- ☐ Try out some solutions and test.
- Remember what you learned from the bug.



Whenever we realize that we have a bug, here are the steps for debugging. We [read slide]. Debugging happens all the time while we are coding! Let's practice this process with some debugging challenges.

Debugging Recipe from Code.org: https://code.org/curriculum/docs/k-5/DebuggingTeacher.pdf

Let's try this out!

DEBUGGING CHALLENGE 1: STUDENTS OPEN THE STUDENT SLIDE DECK

To debug, download the .sb3 file from the following <u>link: https://bit.ly/3RcpLyo</u>
Next, go to the following CS First Scratch <u>Link</u> and sign in!: <u>https://bit.ly/3PexYzB</u>

Click Sign in and Choose "I'm a student"

Click "File" menu and Choose "Load from your computer"

Now you can start debugging!!! Have fun!!!

Challenge: In this project, when the green flag is clicked, firstly Coco should say "Hello, World! I'm Coco." in a speech bubble and next Pascal should say "Hello, World! I'm Pascal." in a speech bubble. However, both Coco and Pascal's speech bubbles appear at the same time. How can we debug this?

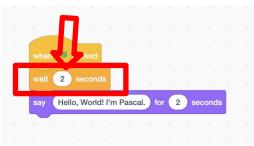


DEBUGGING CHALLENGE 1 ANSWER KEY

After you have tried to debug this challenge, check out this project for a sample solution using https://bit.ly/3Lm6Ey7 You will need to download the file and upload it to CS First to view it.



Possible Solution:



DEBUGGING CHALLENGE 2:

To debug, download the .sb3 file from the following link: https://bit.ly/460mk1Y

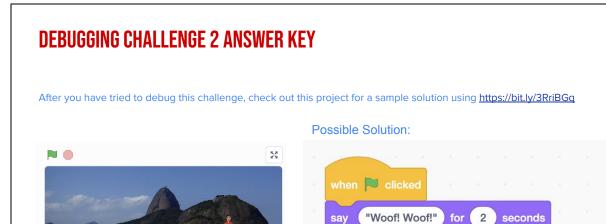
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Challenge: In this project, when the green flag is clicked, Coco firstly should say "Woof! Woof!" in a speech bubble and next as a sound. But the sound happens before the speech bubble- and Coco only makes one 'Woof!' sound! How can we debug this?



Debug .sb3 file dropbox link:

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Dropbox link:

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DEBUGGING CHALLENGE 3:

To debug, download the .sb3 file from the following link: https://bit.ly/3RfWliX
Next, go to the following CS First Scratch Link: https://bit.ly/3PexYzB
Click Sign in and Choose "I'm a student"
Click "File" menu and Choose "Load from your computer"
Now you can start debugging!!! Have fun!!!

Challenge: When the green flag is clicked, both Coco and Pascal should respond to Pearl and say "Hi, Pearl!". But only Pascal responds and says "Hi, Pearl!". How do we fix the program?



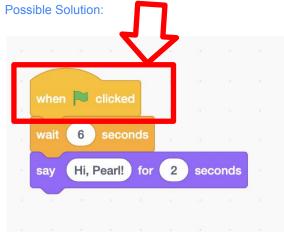
Dropbox link:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8kv373sx0d6g9xm827srm/Coco-Pascal-Pearl-Debugging-Hi.sb3?rlkev=03secq4nslcg2uxs0jizv7er4&dl=0

DEBUGGING CHALLENGE 3 ANSWER KEY

After you have tried to debug this challenge, check out this project for a sample solution using https://bit.ly/3RmSINw





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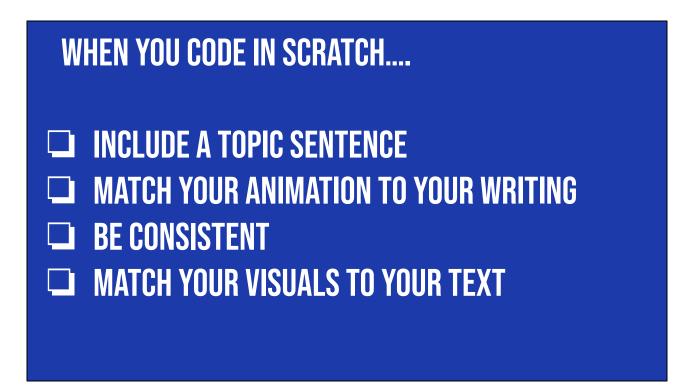
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TODAY'S OBJECTIVE

Plan and code an animation to illustrate our writing using CoCo and Scratch.

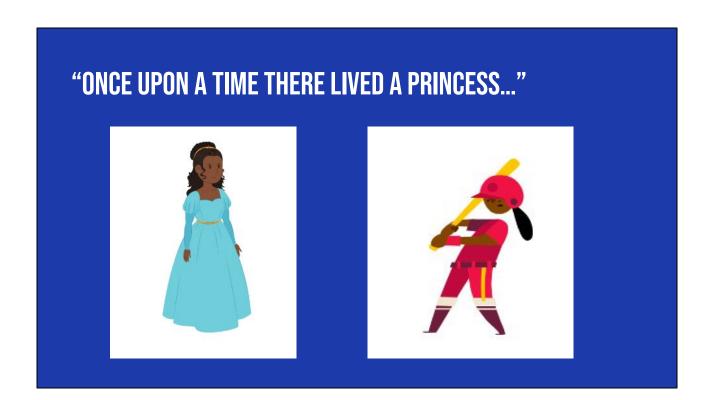
Discuss: what makes a good animation?

We've covered how to write and code algorithms in CoCo and Scratch; and we've discussed how to fix our mistakes. Before we jump into animating, let's discuss as a class: "what makes a good animation?"



I've got a few tips to share with you as you're coding in Scratch.

You want to a) match your animation to your writing, b) be consistent, and c) make sure all the visuals in the frame make sense given what you have written in your text.



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For example, if I was writing a story about "Once upon a time there lived a princess...." which one of these sprites would make more sense? Probably this one. Although, if our princess played baseball later in the story, you could switch it up!

"ONCE UPON A TIME THERE LIVED A PRINCESS IN A CASTLE."

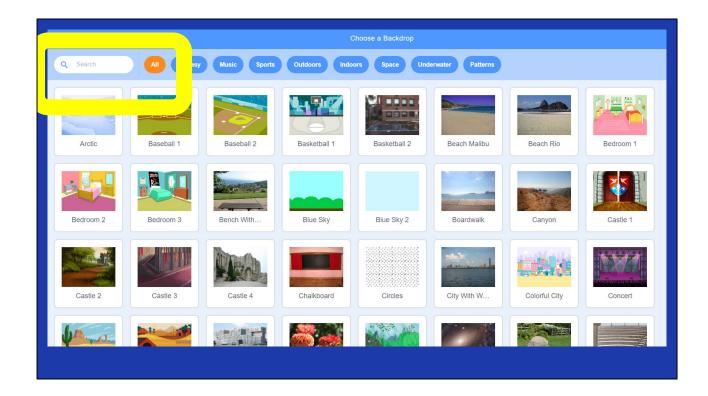




Now, if I was writing a story about a princess who lived in a castle, this backdrop would make more sense.



But if I wrote about a princess who played baseball, this one could also work!



Here's another Scratch tip: when looking for sprites and backdrops, you can enter words into the "search" bar and see if any of the results match what you're looking for.

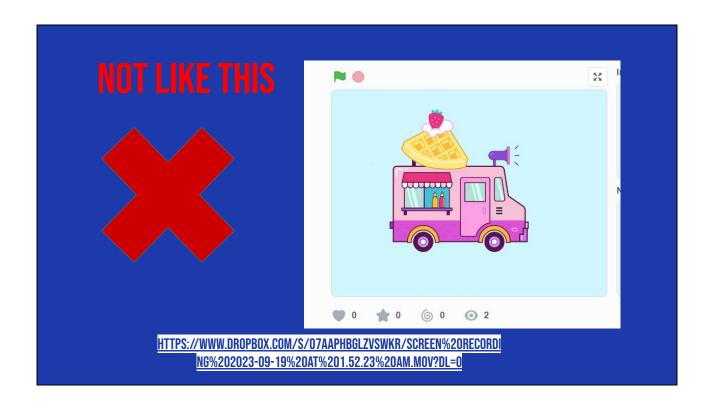




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Let's look at this example of a scratch project that is consistent, matches its text, and whose visuals make sense. This is using the "how to make hot chocolate" recipe we've seen before.

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Now, let's look at the same video but where the visuals don't match the text. Hmm, what went wrong

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Turn and talk with a neighbor, discuss how you will animate your lemonade or tea recipes in Scratch. What visuals will you use? How will you select a backdrop? Why?

COCO CONTINUES TO HELP US!

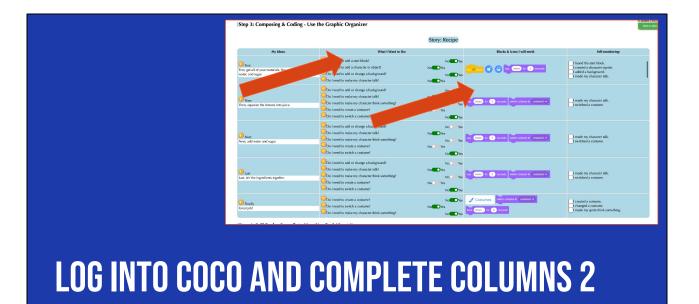
Today, you will use Coco to help you code your instructional animation in Scratch!

- 1. Open a tab with Coco
- 2. Open a tab with Scratch
- 3. Use column 3 of Coco to find the blocks in Scratch we need for each step.
- 4. After you've found the blocks in Scratch, check off each row's self-monitoring before moving to the next step.



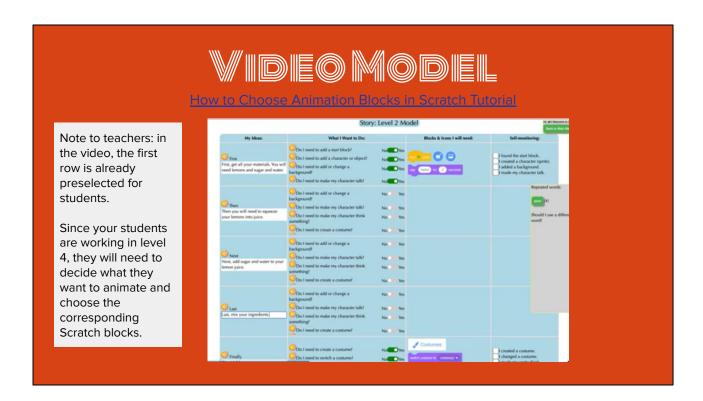
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Don't worry, CoCo is here to support you. Let's open CoCo and Scratch to finish planning our animations. [read slide]



Pause while students work in CoCo and Scratch.

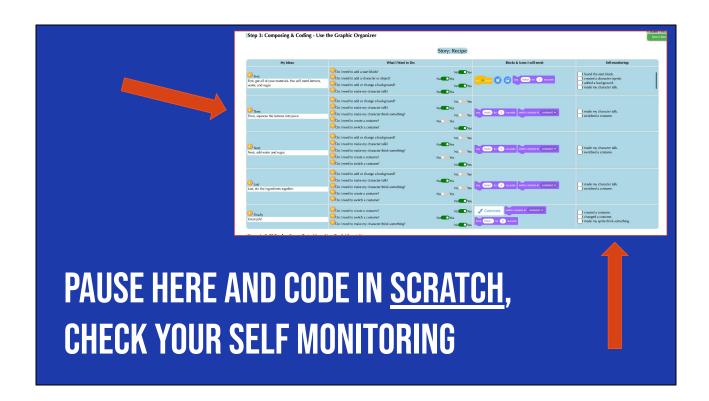
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Optional video on how to choose animation blocks

Note to teachers: in the video, the first row is already preselected for students.

Since your students are working in level 4, they will need to decide what they want to animate and choose the corresponding Scratch blocks.

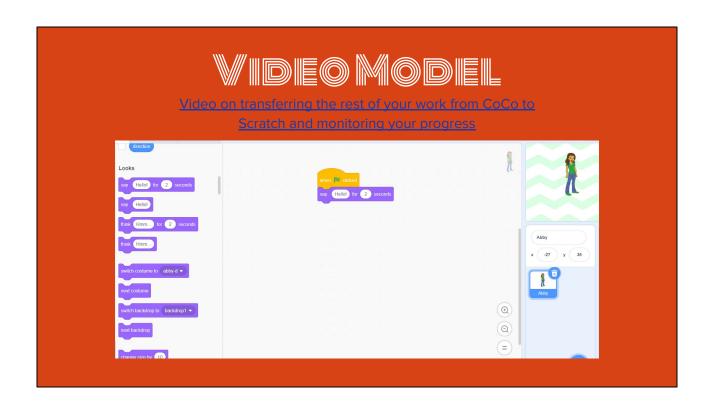


Remember to check off your self-monitoring column as you work!

Note: to jump straight to toggling between WIDEOMODEL Scratch and CoCo, skip to 2:35 Story: Recipe What I Want to Do: Blocks & Icons I will need: Do I need to add a start block! Do I need to add a character or Wy Clair is 2 seconds Do I need to add or change a back (1000) for 2 seconds rewitch contains to contains? • Do I need to make my character talk? (left) for 2 seconds seach Do I need to create a costume? Head for 2 secureds seek.hi Finally Finally Finally Do I need to switch a costume

If you need it, here is a short video on how to move between CoCo and Scratch. Remember we will be toggling back and forth!

For students who benefit from additional scaffolding: Let's make sure we all get the hang of it by starting with adding the blocks from ONLY OUR FIRST ROW into Scratch. Pause and look at me when you're done.



Once you get the hang of it, transfer the content from the rest of your rows to Scratch.

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BUT WAIT!

Did you debug any errors?

Does your Scratch animation match what you planned and wrote in CoCo?

Either in pairs or by yourself, review and debug your code. Make sure the animation matches what you planned and wrote in CoCo! [read slide]

ASK YOURSELF:				
	Does my animation in Scratch convey what I planned? Does it match my writing?			
	Have I enhanced my writing in any way in Scratch?			
	Is there anything distracting or unnecessary in my animation that I should remove?			
	Is there anything in my animation that would make it harder for a viewer to understand my purpose?			

Additional questions that can help you assess your animation include [read slide]

LAST STEP, SELF EVALUATION

And remember, self-evaluation is a crucial last step!

WIDEO MODEL Self-Evaluation Tutorial				
Step 4: Self-Evaluation - Rate How You Feel About It				
How do I feel about my written story today?	unhappy	neutral	happy	
How do I feel about using CoCo today?	unhappy	neutral	happy	
How do I feel about coding today?	unhappy	neutral	happy	
How do I feel about my Scratch project today?	unhappy	neutral	happy	

Here's a tutorial on how to complete that portion of CoCo (if needed)

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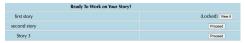


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SHARING YOUR .SB3 FILE FROM CS FIRST TO COCO

- 1. Create the file in CS First
- 2. In the Scratch editor, find the word "File" in the top-left corner.
- 3. Click on "File" menu and you'll see some choices pop down.
- 4. Choose "Save to your computer." This will download your Scratch project.
- 5. Look in your "Downloads" folder. That's where your saved project might be.
- 6. Go to the CoCo website and log in to your account. https://wego.gmu.edu/scratchgo/login.php
- 7. Click proceed on the correct story in CoCo.



8. Navigate to the section of CoCo where you can upload your project. (only sb3 type and 10Mb max).

||Uploading your coding file (only sb3 type and 10Mb max):

Choose File No file chosen Save Uploaded file: n/a

9. Click "Save".

Save

Model how students can share sb3 file from CS First to CoCo

SHARE YOUR WORK:

- Find a partner and share your animation.
- Share what you learned and something you might want to try differently.

PAUSE AND SHARE

To wrap up, share your animation with a partner. Is there anything you learned or want to do differently next time?

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