

# UNIT 1 LESSON 4

## PLANNING AND WRITING WITH COCO LEVEL 2

3RD & 4TH GRADE



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## **SUMMARY AND STANDARDS**

### **Summary:**

In this lesson, students will add their instructions for making a drink to CoCo and revise their writing based on peer feedback.

### **ELA Standards:**

The student will:

- Use organizational strategies to structure writing according to type
- Use transition words to vary sentence structure

### **CS Standards:**

The student will construct sets of step-by-step instructions (algorithms), both independently and collaboratively

- a) using sequencing;
- b) using events.

## **MATERIALS AND RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THIS LESSON:**

- Teacher slide deck
- Student [slides](#)
- Chromebook/Laptop
- Internet Access
- Link to CoCo:  
<https://wego.gmu.edu/scratchgo/login.php>
- Link to Scratch: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

### **Reminder:**

In this lesson, every student should be assigned a story in CoCo using Level 2.

The story should be titled "Unit 1 Drink Recipe"

Each student should save their work using this naming strategy: "Student Name + Unit # + Descriptor", for example, "Johnny Unit 1 Drink Recipe"

# WARM UP: SCRATCH SCAVENGER HUNT

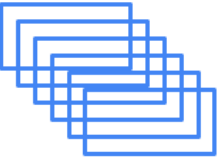
Let's warm-up with a scavenger hunt in Scratch to remember some things in scratch. You will use your student slide deck to work on this while you are looking for things in scratch.

## **WARM UP**

1. Open your slide deck and navigate to the last slide.
2. Visit [scratch.mit.edu](https://scratch.mit.edu) 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



**Supercoders, move the blue boxes to the right answer.**

Which one of these is the **start** block?

when clicked    think for secs    Costumes

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Which one of these is the **wait** block?

Costumes    wait seconds    [ ]

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Is the **think** block purple?

True    False

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Which one of these is the **choose a sprite** block?

[ ]    [ ]    say for secs

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Is the **move** block colored yellow, purple, or blue?

yellow    purple    blue

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Which block allows you to switch to a new **costume**?

think for secs    wait seconds    switch costume to [ ]

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 [CS+Fables](#)

### Answer Key:

Which one of these is the <b>start</b> block?			
Which one of these is the <b>wait</b> block?			
Is the <b>think</b> block purple?	True	False	
Which one of these is the <b>choose a sprite</b> block?			
Is the <b>move</b> block colored yellow, purple, or blue?	yellow	purple	blue
Which block allows you to switch to a new <b>costume</b> ?			

Check to see if your answers were correct.

## **LESSON OBJECTIVES**

- Review planning tools (graphic organizers) and their purpose
- Locate features in Coco Level 2
- Review my writing with a partner and revise my writing, as needed



# GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS FOR WRITING

Beginning Graphic Organizer

Title: How to Build a Sandcastle	
First	
Next	
Then	
Last	
Finally	

*The graphic organizers you have used before helped you brainstorm and eventually write. But now you are going to use a graphic organizer to help take your writing one step further to the final step of the writing process: to present and publish your writing with Scratch! Using Scratch to animate your writing is one way to publish, or share, your work.*

**COCO HELPS US PLAN OUR  
WRITING & OUR CODE**



**COCO**  
COMPOSE & CODE

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1. *Today you are going to be using CoCo again to help plan your writing and your code.*

## INTRODUCING COCO LEVEL 2



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# WHAT'S IN LEVEL 2?

Story

My topic:

My Ideas:	What I Want to Do:	Blocks & icons I will need:	Self-monitoring:
<p><b>First</b></p> <p>First, get all your materials. You will need - list your materials here.</p>	<p>Do I need to add a start block? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to add a sprite or object? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to add or change a background? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite talk? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Scratch icons: </p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I added a start block.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I added a sprite or object.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I added or change a background.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I made my sprite talk.</p>
<p><b>Then</b></p> <p>Then, list the first step in your process.</p>	<p>Do I need to add or change a background? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite think something? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to create a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to switch a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p><b>Next</b></p> <p>Next, list the next step in your process.</p>	<p>Do I need to add or change a background? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite talk? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite think something? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to create a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to switch a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p><b>Last</b></p> <p>Last, list the last step in your process.</p>	<p>Do I need to add or change a background? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite talk? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to make my sprite think something? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to create a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do I need to switch a costume? <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

**Note: Just start typing in the white text boxes! No need to delete anything, the grey text will disappear when you start to type.**

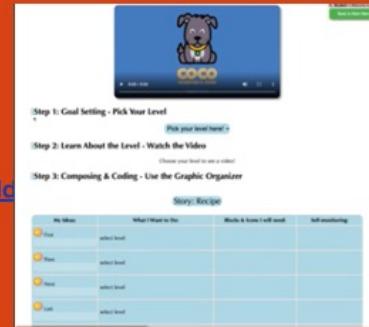
In level 2 of CoCo, you are able to fill in column 1 with your OWN writing. You also have more options in the middle for choosing your Scratch blocks. We'll learn more about each of these.

Also, when you are ready to add your text. You do not need to delete the grey text. It will go away once you begin typing.

Let's start by watching a video on how we can fill in column one with our own writing.

# VIDEO MODEL

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/2lyttzijwncb5n3/Adding%20Our%20Text%20to%20Coco.webm?dl=0>



Play video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vnsxt5jedaudl79/Adding%20Our%20Text%20to%20Coco.webm?dl=0>

## MODELING COCO

Today, you will use CoCo to animate your drink recipe you wrote last time.

Our first step is to fill in CoCo level two with the text of our recipe.



**CO CO**  
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You will need your recipe from last time for our next step. If you are not sure where your recipe is from last time, pause here to get it ready.

[CoCo link: https://wego.gmu.edu/scratchgo/login.php](https://wego.gmu.edu/scratchgo/login.php)

## ADD YOUR WRITING TO COCO

### Steps:

1. Log In to CoCo
2. Select "level 2" from the drop-down menu
3. Type your recipe into the text boxes provided under First, Then, Next, Last. Don't forget to start with a topic sentence!

**How to make lemonade**

Fill in the boxes below with your instructions for how to make lemonade.  
We may use the award based on your student ideas if you get stuck.

**My topic:** Introduce the reader to your topic.  
Today, I will tell you about \_\_\_\_\_

**First,**  
First, get all your materials. You will need \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

**Then,** list the first step in your process.  
Then, \_\_\_\_\_

**Next,** list the next step in your process.  
Next, \_\_\_\_\_

**Last,** list the last step in your process.  
Last, \_\_\_\_\_



**My Ideas**

**1 First**  
First, get all your materials. You will need - list your materials here.  
background  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re

**2 Then**  
Then, list the first step in your process.  
background  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
something!

**3 Next**  
Next, list the next step in your process.  
background  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
something!

**4 Last**  
Last, list the last step in your process.  
background  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
Do I re  
something!

Now you will log into CoCo and select Level 2 from the drop-down menu. Then, type your recipe into the text boxes.

**REMEMBER!**

**Recipes are a type of explanatory writing.**

**Pay close attention to your transition words:**

- First
- Then
- Next
- Last
- Finally

**Make sure your directions are in the correct sequence.**

1. Remind students of explanatory writing and the sequence of transition words we have used



**PAUSE HERE AND ADD YOUR RECIPE  
INSTRUCTIONS IN COCO LEVEL 2.**

**TURN & TALK:**

**READ YOUR INSTRUCTIONS OUT LOUD TO A PARTNER. IS ANYTHING UNCLEAR? REVISE IF NECESSARY.**

**NEXT TIME...**

Great job today! Next time, we will go back into Coco and Scratch to finish animating our drink recipe instructions. Thanks for learning with me today!