iRobot Education

CODE|BREAK

with the Root Coding Robot

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You'll Need: Activity Packet, a Root Robot, Root's Fold-out Whiteboard Grid, Dry-Erase Markers and a pencil.

Ideal for Grades 5-8

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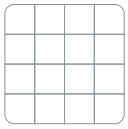
You Need:

Activity Packet


Root Coding App


Root Coding Robot


Dry Erase Markers


Fold-Out Whiteboard Grid


Pen/ Pencil

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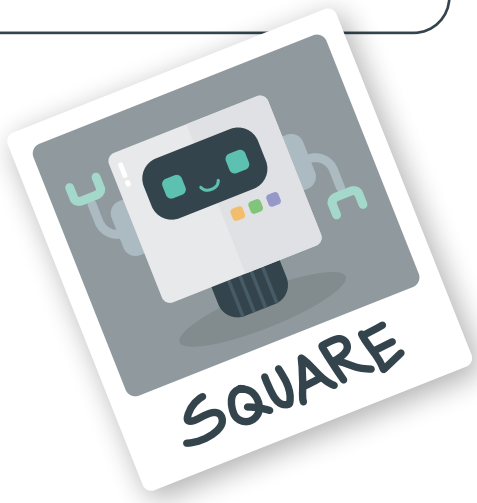
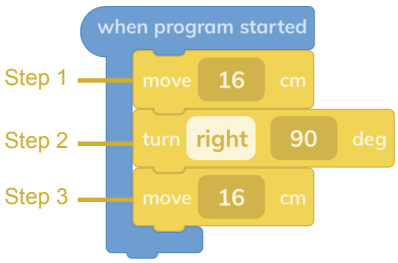


How to Read Root Code

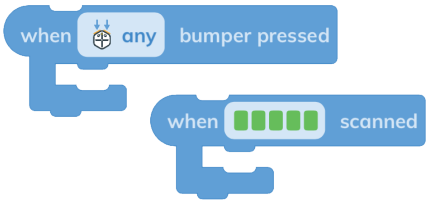
Reading Root Code is a lot like following step-by-step instructions.



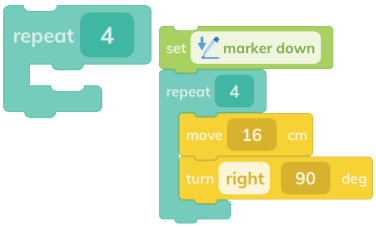
Some code tells Root to move or turn.

Other code tells Root to start drawing lines to everywhere it drives.

These pieces of code tell Root which instructions to follow when something happens.

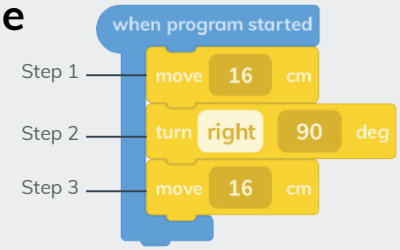


This code tells Root how many times to repeat the instructions inside.



This code helps Root remember numbers that change when something happens, like somebody scoring a point in a game.

Example Code:



Read the code from top to bottom to follow Root's instructions.

You'll use Root Code to solve the puzzles in this packet and crack the code to where in the world Root is hiding!

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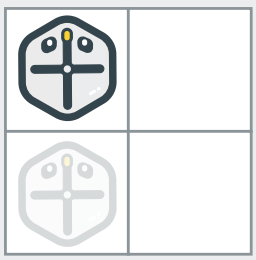

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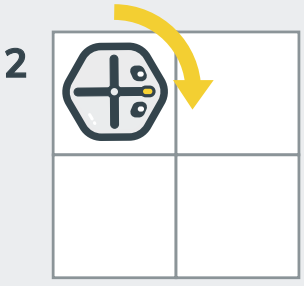

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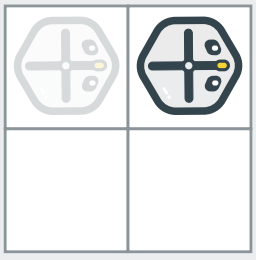


Challenge: Treasure Map

You'll Need:

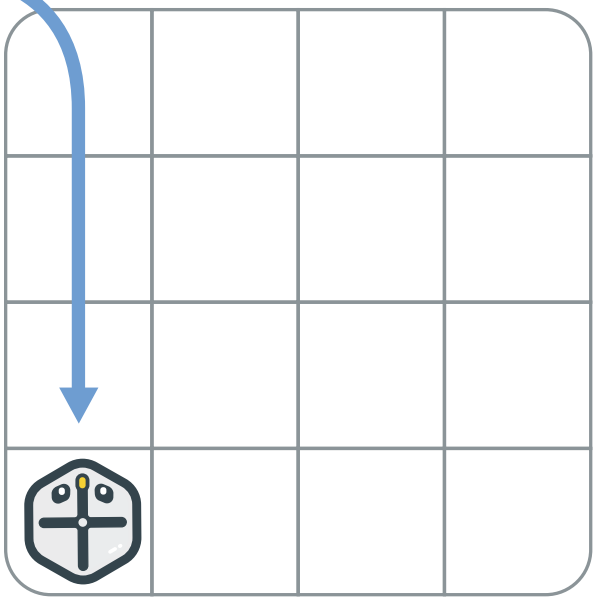
Can you follow the code to see where Root ends?

1. Open your fold-out whiteboard grid and place Root on the bottom-left corner as pictured

2. Copy the **code** on the right into your Root Coding app.

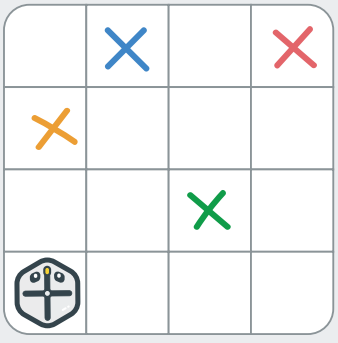
3. Connect to Root and press Play to watch Root follow the code.

4. Draw an "X" on the grid square where Root stops.



5. Use the Root Map below to find the correct clue. When you are finished, write the clue's letters in the Answer Box.

Root Map



If Root landed on grid spot shown on the left with the red "X", the answer is "J K P"

If Root landed on grid spot shown on the left with the orange "X", the answer is "M W Q"

If Root landed on grid spot shown on the left with the green "X", the answer is "S R I"

If Root landed on grid spot shown on the left with the blue "X", the answer is "A H R"

Code #1

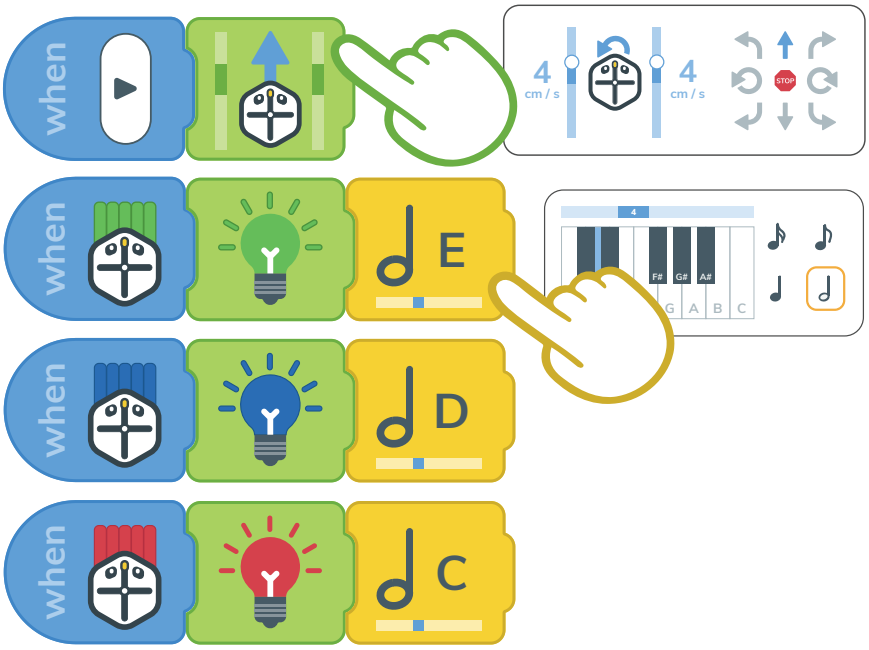
1 2 3

Have you found the letters? Turn to page 11 to write the code in the spaces beside Code #1.

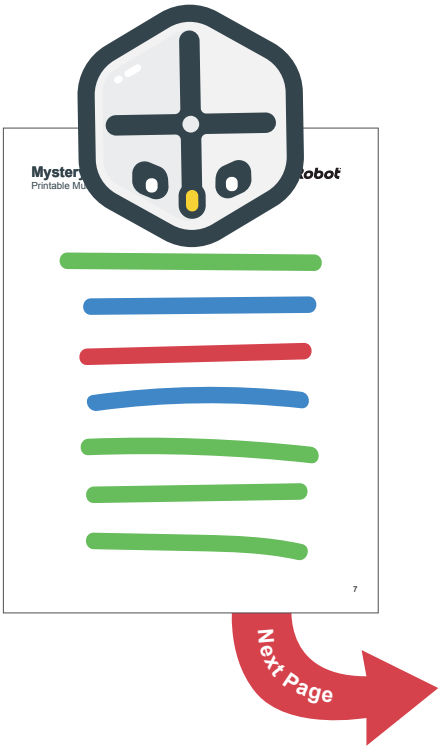
Mystery Melody

You'll Need:

1. COPY the code below into a blank coding project.



2. PLACE Root on the Mystery Melody Printable Music Sheet.



3. Press PLAY and LISTEN.

4. (Circle) the song's name in the Melody Machine. WRITE its letters in the Code Key.

Melody Machine

Which song was Root playing?

A A S. Mary Had a Little Lamb

W O O . Old Macdonald

S E Y. The Star-Spangled Banner

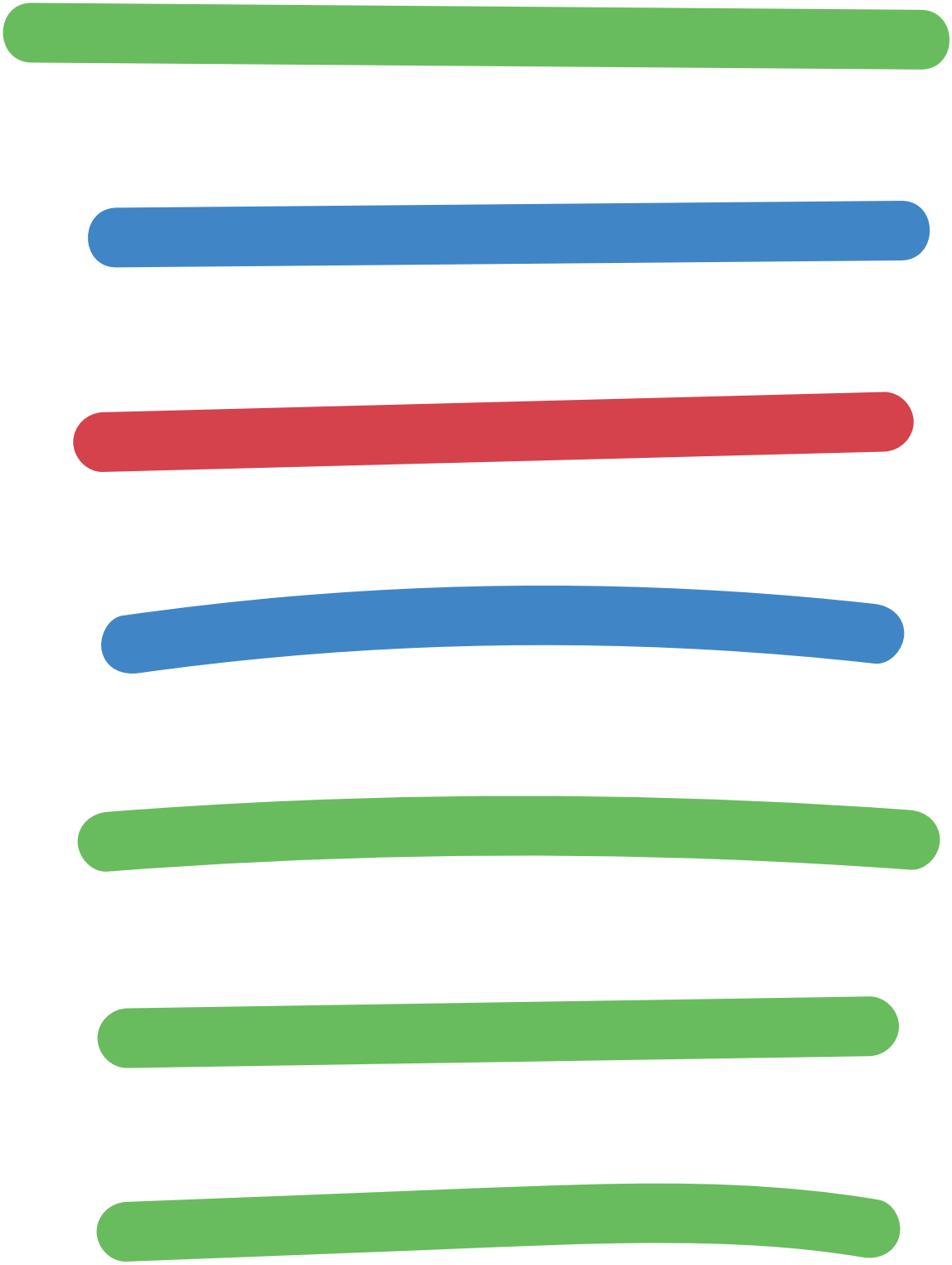
Code #2

___ ___ ___

Have you found the letters? Turn to page 8 to write the code in the spaces beside Code #2.

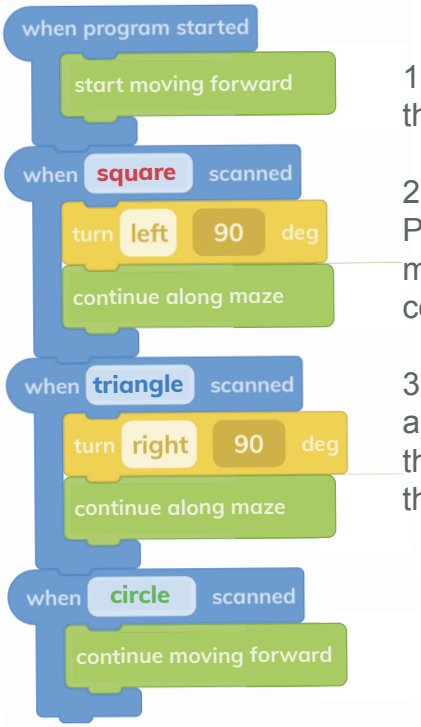
Mystery Melody:

Printable Music Sheet



Learn: Navigate by Shape

Root Game Piece



1. Use scissors to cut out the Root Game Piece.

2. Guide the Root Game Piece through the color maze by following the color-turn code on the left.

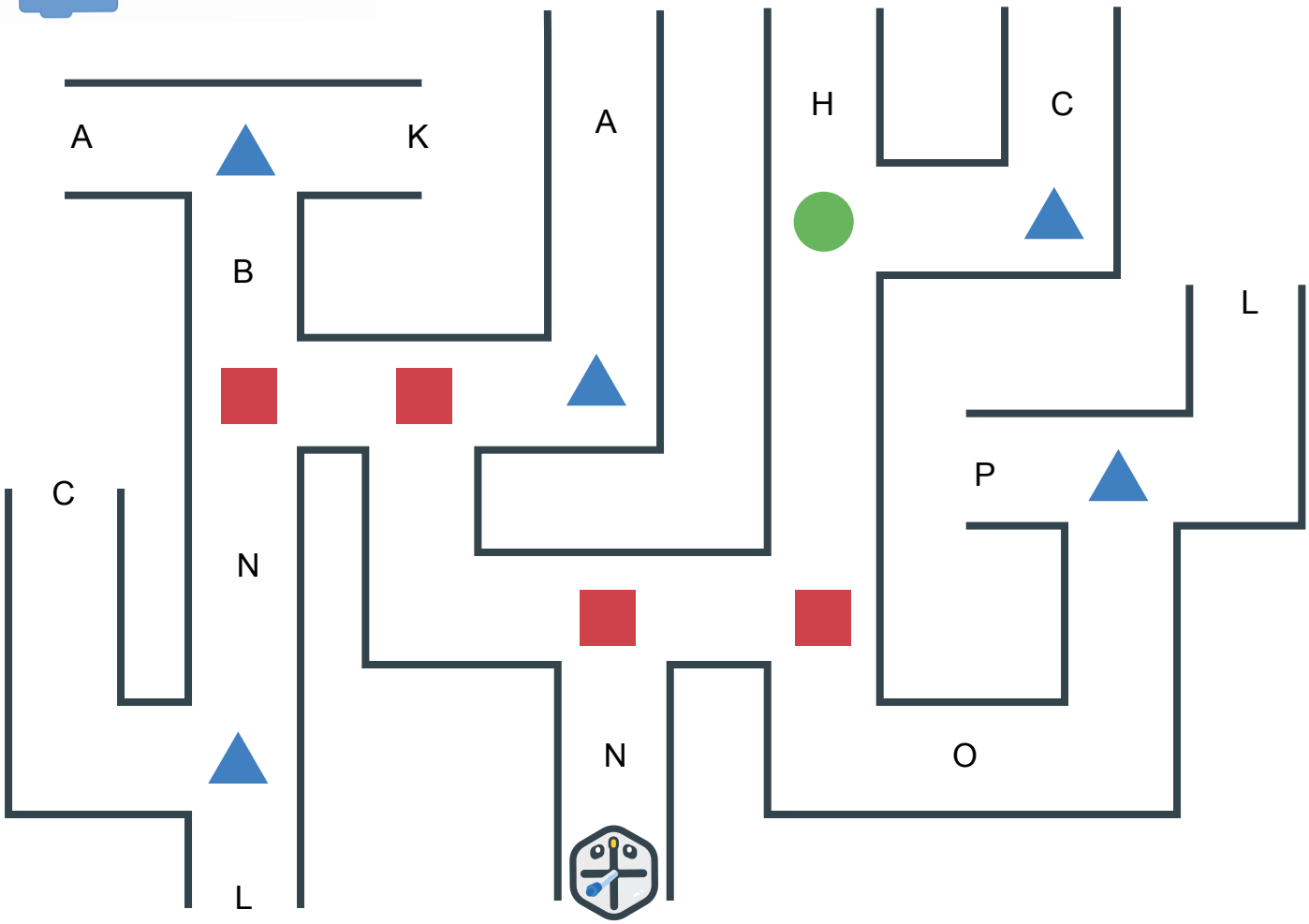
3. If your Root drives over any letters, write them into the Code Key in the order that you find them.

UNPLUGGED: No Robot, No Device

Code #3

1 2 3

Have you found the letters? Turn to page 11 to write the code in the spaces beside Code #3.



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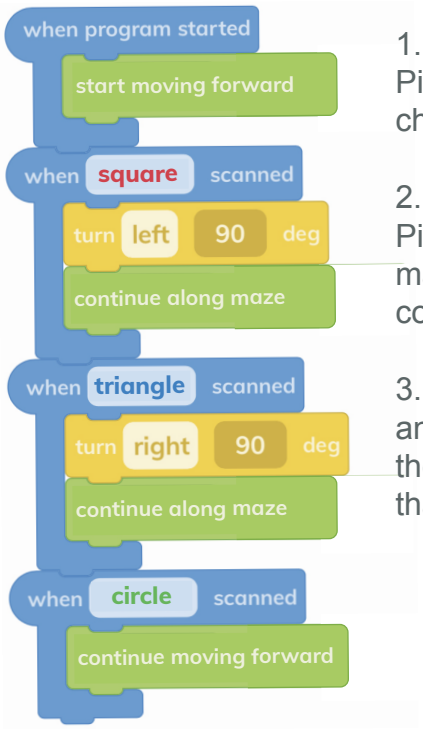
Challenge: Shape Maze



1. Use the Root Game Piece from the previous challenge.

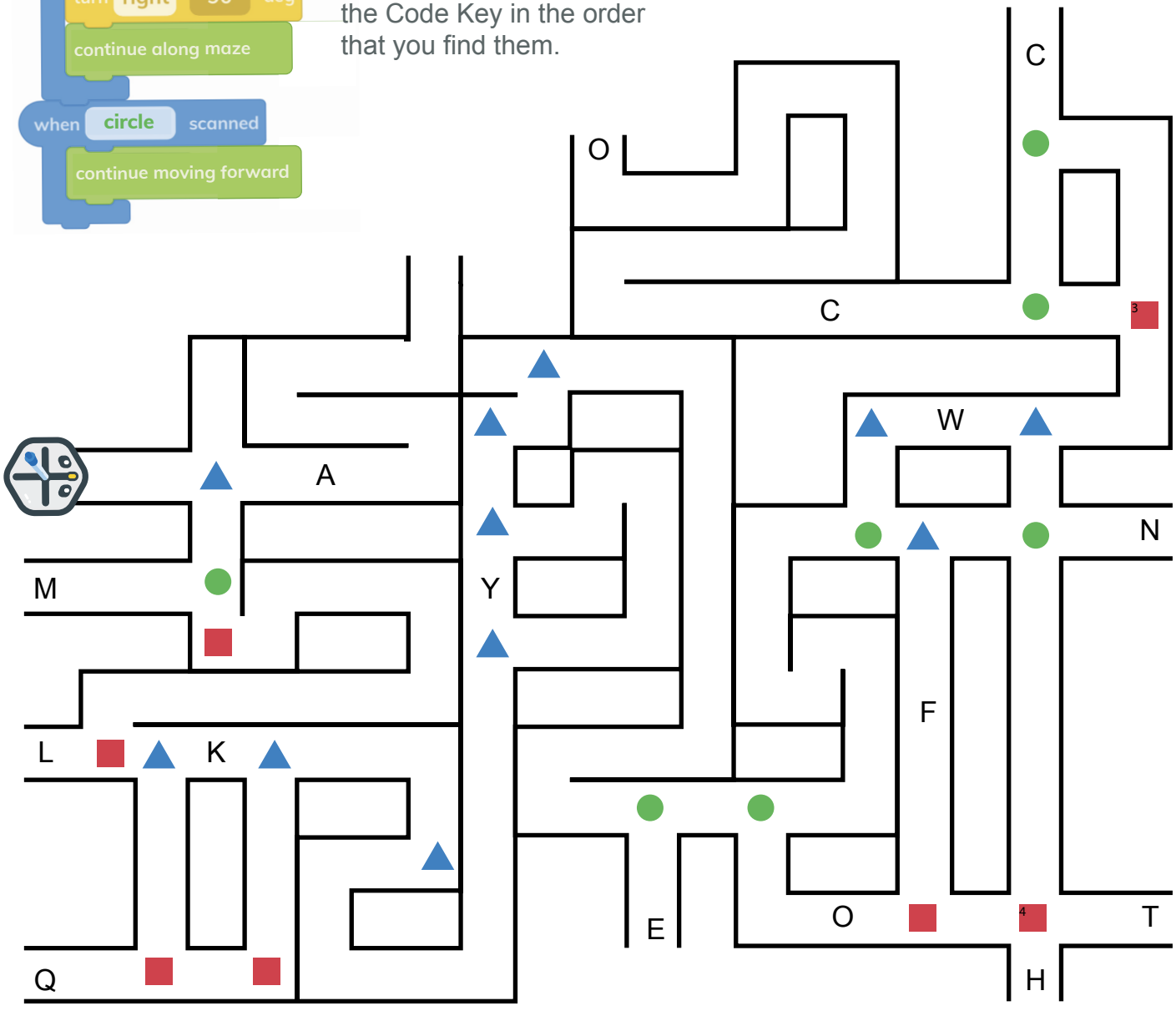
2. Guide the Root Game Piece through the color maze by following the color-turn code on the left.

3. If your Root drives over any letters, write them into the Code Key in the order that you find them.

Code #4

___ ___ ___
1 2 3

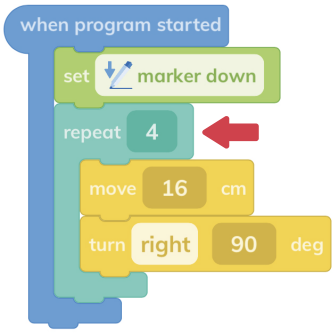
Have you found all three letters? Turn to page 11 to write the code in the spaces beside Code #4.

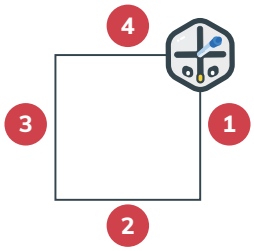


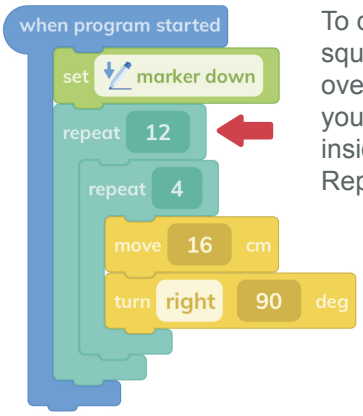
Learn: Coding Shape Wheels

Use this guide to help you with the Shape Wheel Challenges.

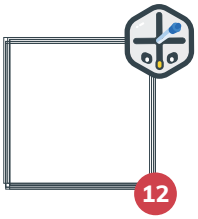
This code draws a square by putting a pen down and then moving forward and turning again and again four times.

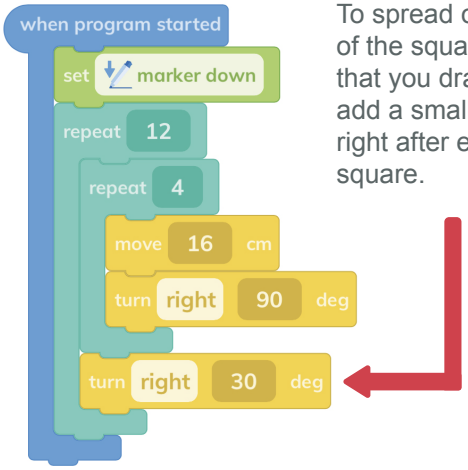




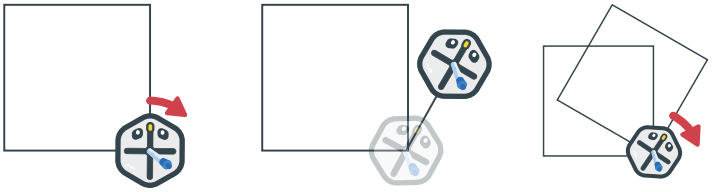


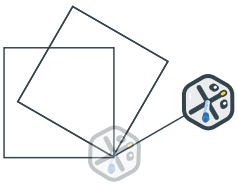
To draw lots of squares over and over, you can place your Repeat Loop inside another Repeat Loop!



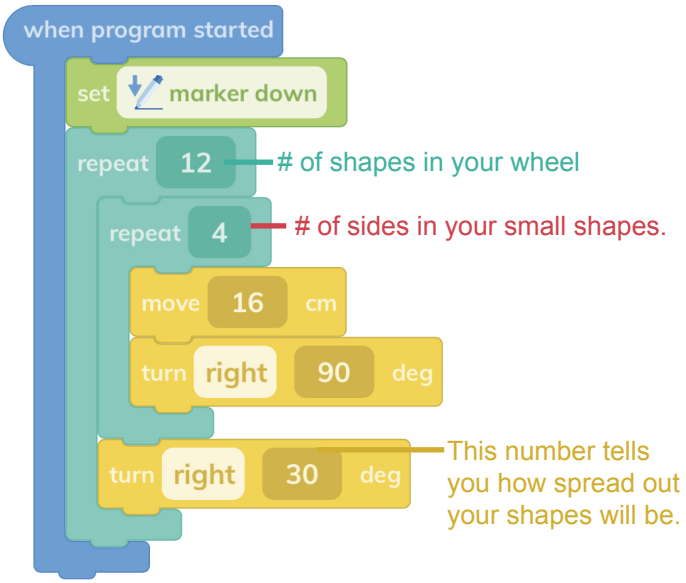


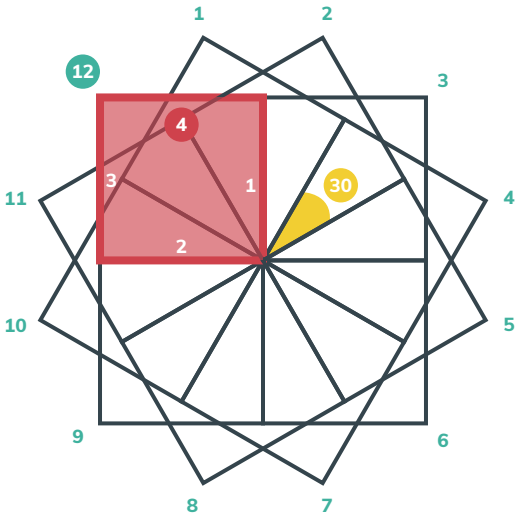
To spread out all of the squares that you draw, add a small turn right after each square.





Looks like Root finished its shape wheel!

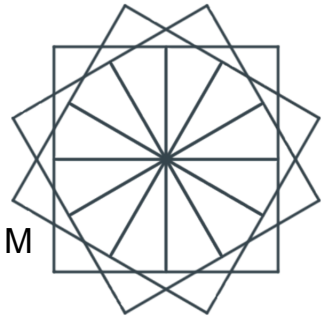


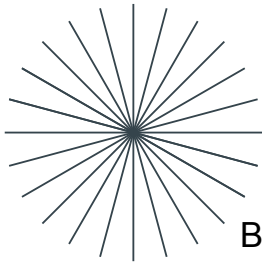


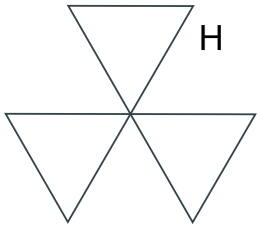
Challenge: Shape Match

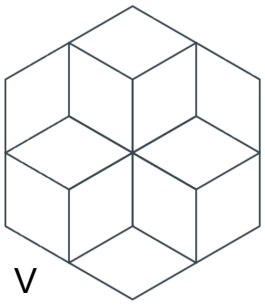
You'll Need:

1. Place a marker in Root's center.
2. Place Root in the center of the whiteboard grid.
3. Copy the code next to #1 into the Root Coding app. Press play and watch Root draw.
5. Write the letter of the matching shape below into the Cross Off bank at the bottom of the page.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 for all three sets of code.









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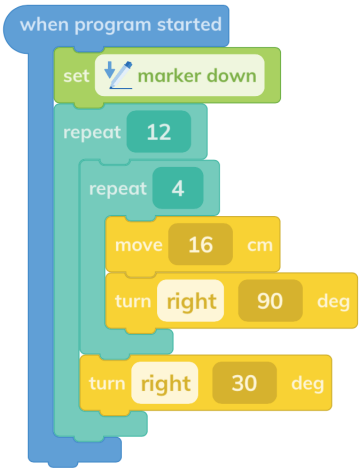

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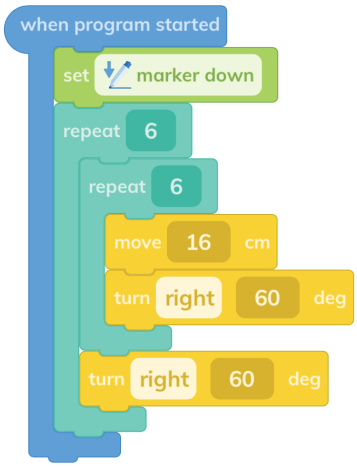

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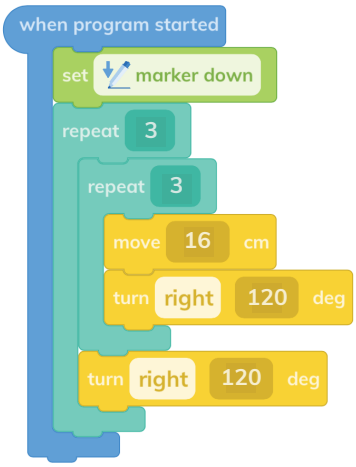
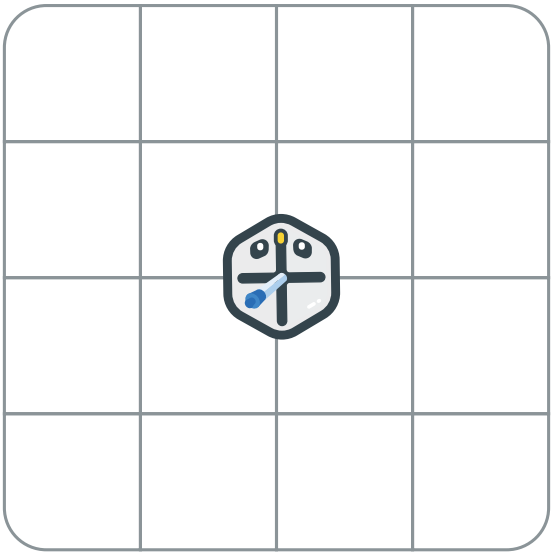




Cross Off

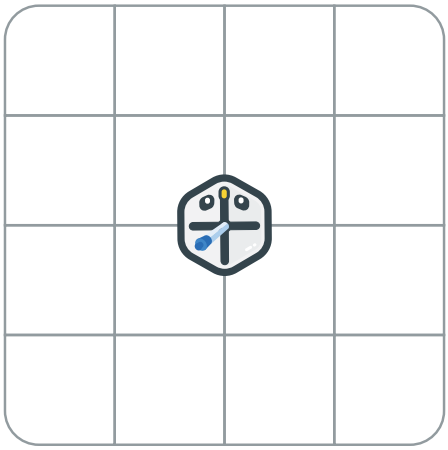
*Root's WHY answer does **NOT CONTAIN** these letters. Turn to the Letter Bank on page 11 and **CROSS THEM OFF** of the list.*

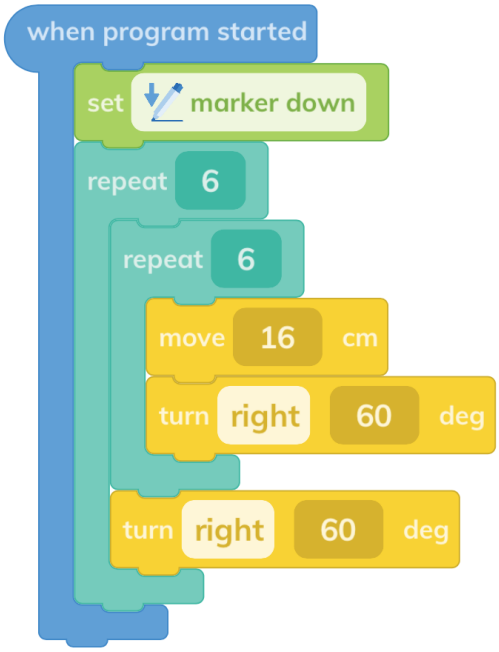
Spirograph Math

You'll Need:

You'll need your Root Robot, fold-out whiteboard grid, and the Root Coding App for this activity.

1. First, copy the **code** on the right into a blank coding project.
2. Place a marker in Root and move Root to the center of your fold-out whiteboard grid.
3. Press Play and watch Root draw the programmed spirograph.
4. When Root is finished drawing, follow the directions in the Super-Secret Lie Detector.





Super-Secret Lie Detector

Read the statements to the right. If a statement is **false**, cross it out. If it is **true**, circle it. When you are finished, write the remaining letters in the Answer Box.

F. The final shape contains 12 diamond shapes.

T. The spirograph contains 24 circles.

G. The outside border is shaped like a hexagon.

X. The final shape contains 7 hexagons total.

W. The entire shape contains 16 triangles.

O. The entire shape is smaller than Root.

Cross Off

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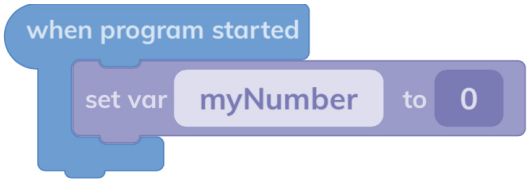
___ ___ ___

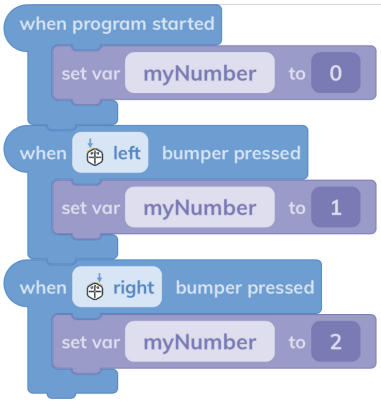
Learn: Using Variables

Use this guide to help you with the Variable Challenge.

A variable is a piece of code that helps your robot remember and change numbers.



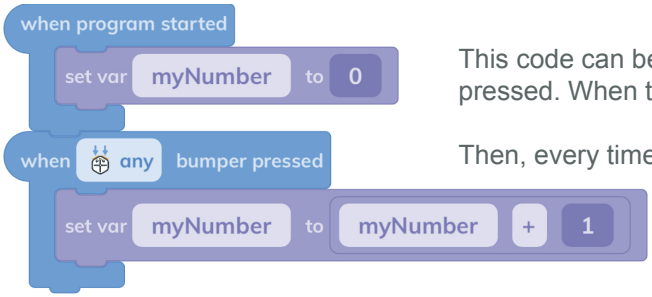
This code's variable is called "myNumber." Right now, the variable is equal to 0.



This code tells Root to change myNumber every time a bumper is pressed.

When Root's left bumper is pressed, myNumber will equal 1.

When Root's right bumper is pressed, myNumber will equal 1.



This code can be used to count how many times Root's bumpers are pressed. When the program starts, we tell Root that myNumber is 0.

Then, every time Root's bumpers are pressed, we tell Root to add 1 to whatever myNumber currently is. That means, if we pressed Root's bumpers three times, we would do the following math:

myNumber = 0

myNumber starts out at 0.

myNumber = myNumber + 1

When a bumper is pressed, we add 1 to myNumber.

Now myNumber = 1

myNumber = myNumber + 1

When a bumper is pressed again, we add another 1 to myNumber. Before this bump, myNumber was 1.

Now myNumber = 2

myNumber = myNumber + 1

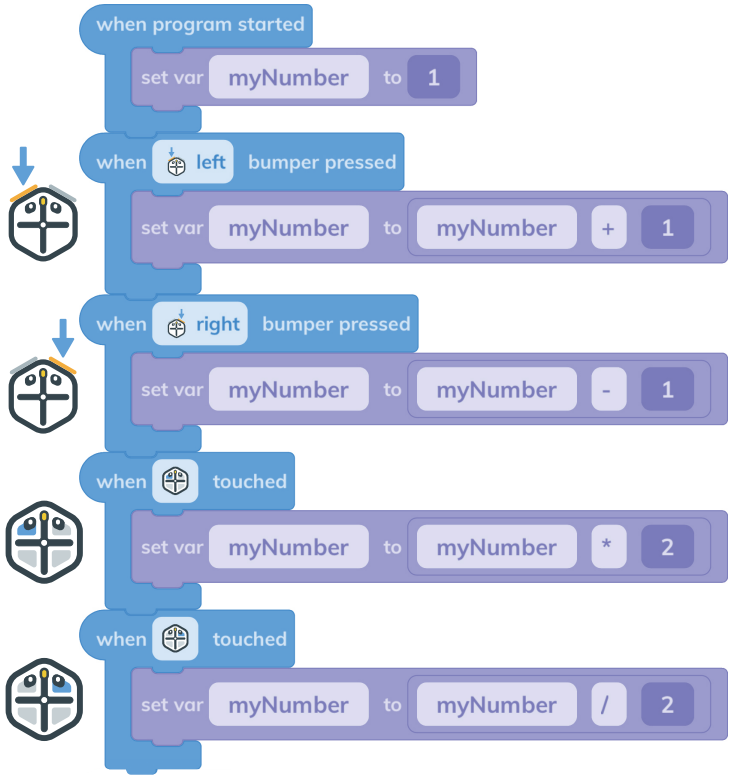
When a bumper is pressed again, we add another 1 to myNumber. Before this bump, myNumber was 1.

Now myNumber = 3

Variable Math String

You'll Need:

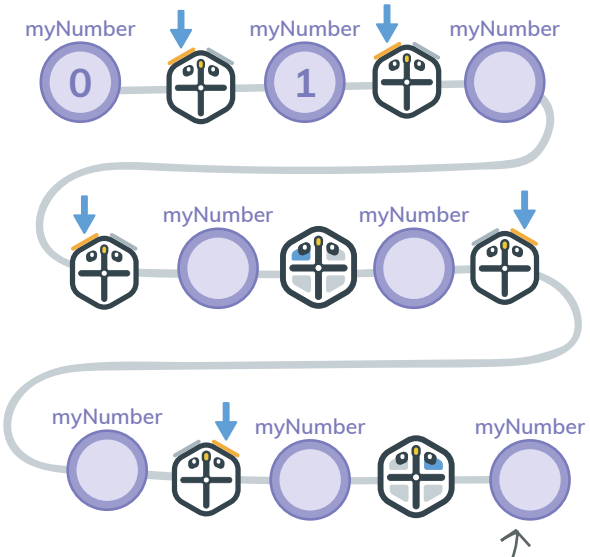
1. First, read the code instructions below.



2. Next, read the example sequence below. myNumber starts as 0. We add 1 to myNumber every time the right bumper is pressed.

3. Follow the sequence below. Keep track of what myNumber equals by doing the math in your head (like a robot) or on a piece of scrap paper.

   When you reach the end, write the final number that myNumber equals in the blank circle.



4. Circle the number in the last circle, then follow the instructions in the Variable Math Decoder below.

Variable Math Decoder

Circle the TRUE statement and write its letters in the Answer Box.

- *If the final number is 1, your answer is "B V E"*
- *If the final number is 2, your answer is " K N P"*
- *If the final number is 3, your answer is "W W L"*
- *If the number is 0, your answer is "A T S"*

Cross Off

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Crack the Code!

Where?

To figure out where Root's friend Square is hiding, you must solve the puzzles on **pages 2-5**.

When you complete each puzzle, write the letters in the correct spaces on the right.

Code #1 *(from page 2)* ___ ___ ___ (1 2 3)

Code #2 *(from page 3)* ___ ___ ___ (1 2 3)

Code #3 *(from page 4)* ___ ___ ___ (1 2 3)

Code #4 *(from page 5)* ___ ___ ___ (1 2 3)

When you have filled in all of the spaces above, it's time to crack the code!
Follow the directions below for how to fill in the letters in the spaces below from left to right.

1. Start at the top of the column of letters in the "1" spaces. Write all of the letters going down from top to bottom.
2. Now go to the top of the "2" column. Write all the letters going down from top to bottom.
3. Now go to the top of the "3" column. Write all the letters going down from top to bottom.
4. You're finished! Now read the secret message.

Where is Root hiding?

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Why?

To figure out what Square went to go see, you must solve the puzzles on **pages 7-10**.

When you complete each puzzle, **CROSS OUT** the letters you find in the Letter Bank on the right.

When you have solved all the puzzles, write the remaining letters from the Location Decoder in order from left to right in WHY box.

C M A B H L K N E V
C G P A X R F S

Why is Root there?

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___