# **Coding with Scratch: Learning Loops:** Repetition Loops (Drawing Regular Polygons)

National CurriculumUse sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variable output.AimTo use a loop to repeat a sequence of instructions for a specific task.		Lesson Duration This lesson will last approximately 60 minutes.
Success Criteria I can identify where in an algorithm repetition will be useful. I can customise a repeat block for a specific purpose. I can write algorithms to draw regular polygons. I can use loops for repetition in order to improve code.	Key Vocabulary Loop, regular polygon, repeat, repetition, customise, nested.	
Resources Lesson Pack PC devices, such as laptops, Chromebooks and/or tablets Scratch Online version accessed via	Preparation What Am I? Activity Sheet - one p Differentiated Drawing Regular Po child as required. Please access Lesson 3 (Example	lygons Activity Sheet - one per

**Prior Learning:** Children will already be familiar with the idea of loops in coding and should be able to explain the advantages of using them. In the previous lesson, children looked in more detail at using a count-controlled loop to repeat actions a specific number of times. They should also be able to customise repeat blocks in order to make their code more efficient.

#### Learning Sequence

<b>Remember It:</b> Use the Lesson Presentation to remind children what an algorithm is. Ask children to think about examples of algorithms in everyday life. Use the on-screen examples to help children recognise common types of algorithms used in everyday life. Compare algorithms with and without loops and remind children about how loops provide a quicker and easier way to write sets of repeated instructions.	
What Is a Regular Polygon?: Ask children to think about what a regular polygon is before looking at the examples in the Lesson Presentation. Ensure that children understand the definition of a regular polygon and that they can identify regular 2D polygons. In pairs or small groups, children can complete the What Am I? Activity Sheet to ensure that they can identify a range of regular polygons and describe the number of sides and angles.	
<b>Drawing a Square in Scratch:</b> The Lesson Presentation guides children through writing an algorithm in Scratch to draw a square. The steps to draw a square can be introduced using just the lesson slides or alternatively you may prefer your children to log into Scratch and try out the code as it is presented. Ensure that children know how to find the pen tool from the Add Extension icon, as they will need to draw their shapes in order to see them. It is important that children see the code written with a number of repeated steps and then in shorter form using a repeat loop. Draw attention to the white area in the repeat block and how the number in this needs to change to tell the computer how many times to repeat the instructions. Why has the number in the repeat block been changed to a four? The number inputted into the white area will match the number of sides and angles in the shape. For a square the block is customised with a four because the square has four sides and four angles.	
When using the pen in the down position, children will need to know how to clear the screen and reset the sprite to the centre of the Stage. Use the Lesson Presentation to discuss the steps in this algorithm. Finally, take the opportunity to ensure that children know how to name and save their work.	

<b>Drawing Regular Polygons:</b> Use the Lesson Presentation to introduce children to their coding task. The task challenges them to write algorithms in Scratch to draw a range of regular polygons. Children can work individually or in pairs using the appropriate differentiated Drawing Regular Polygons Activity Sheet. Encourage children to test their algorithms and debug the instructions if they find an error.	
Children draw simple 2D shapes using the algorithms provided.	
<b>Perfect Patterns:</b> Use the Lesson Presentation to show children how their learning about loops and regular polygons can be utilised to create complex patterns. Look in more depth at the code provided on the slide for a spiral pattern based on an octagon. Ensure that children understand that two loops are used within the algorithm and introduce the term nested to show how one loop sits inside another. Can the children predict what this algorithm might create? Encourage children to reflect on the importance of using loops within code. Why is it better to use loops to carry out long or complex tasks?	
After exploring the algorithm, use the Scratch file to see the code in action. Click on the Green flag to run.	
You can run the code and show children the pattern that is created. Children may like to explore creating their own	

Animateit: Provide children with a copy of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ They can use the worksheet for support as they explore using loops to create and animate the letters of their name in Scratch.

Assessment Notes:

#### Disclaimers

#### **External Links:**

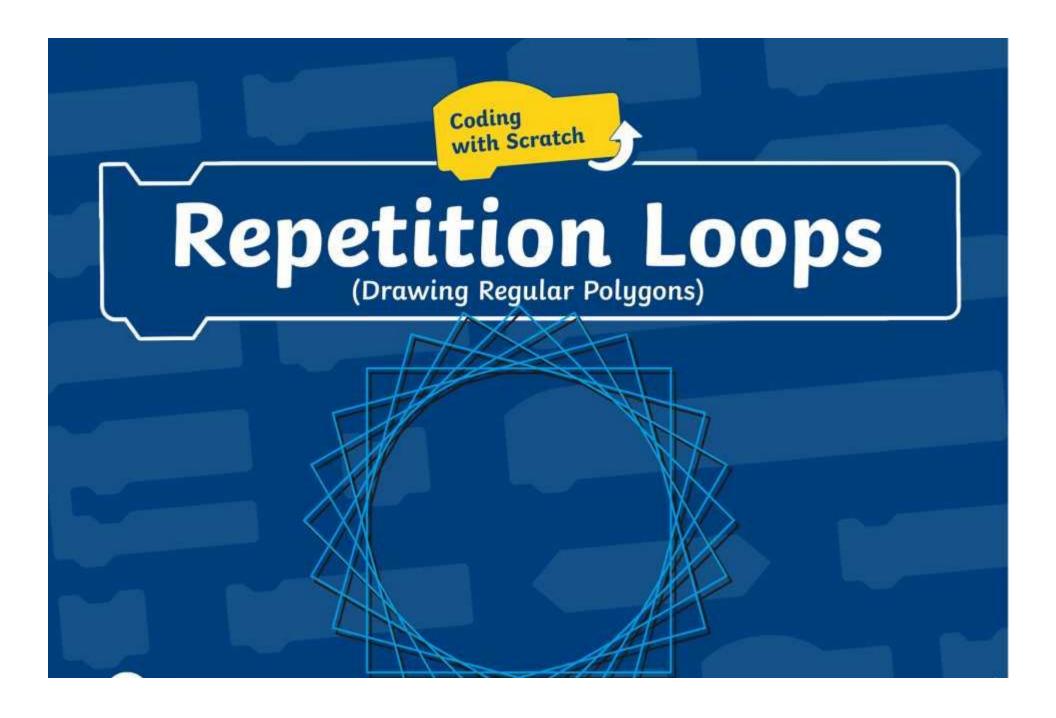
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#### Scratch Safety:

Showing or creating the flashing sprite effect could be problematic for children with conditions such as epilepsy. Discretion is advised.

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## **Question Marks**

This is Quizby. He is a question mark who loves to ask questions.



When you see a question mark icon like this in the **Lesson Presentation**, it can be clicked on to reveal one of Quizby's questions.



The questions that appear next to these question marks will help you to think about the key learning throughout the lesson.

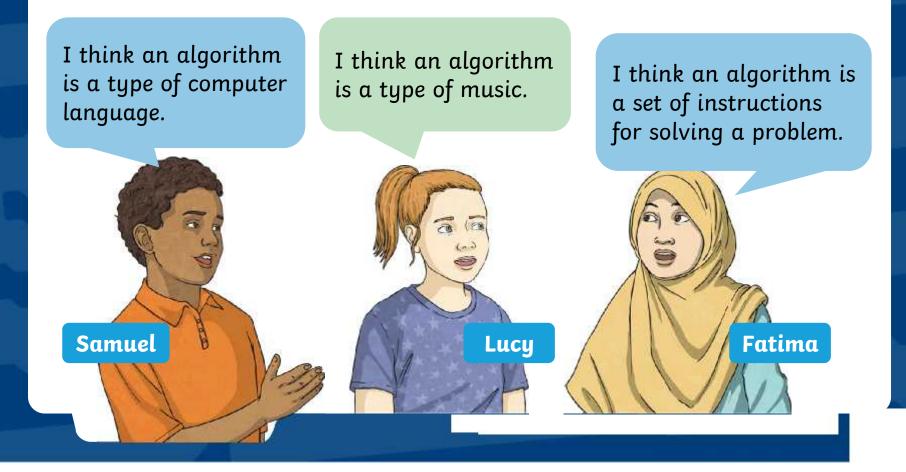
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Fatima, Lucy and Samuel are talking about algorithms. They all have different ideas about what an algorithm is. Have a look at what each child says and then decide who you think might be right.



Fatima is correct. An algorithm is a set of instructions or rules for solving a problem or completing a task.

A recipe is an example of an algorithm. It is a set of steps to produce something nice to eat.

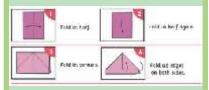
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Directions to travel from one place to another is an algorithm. The instructions need to be in the correct order.

Travel 100 metres along Twinkl Road. Turn right onto Twinkl Lane. Go straight over the mini-roundabout. Arrive at your destination. A set of instructions for a craft activity is an algorithm. If you follow the algorithm correctly you will build a model.

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#### **Talk About It:**

What do you notice about this algorithm?

Talk to your partner about it.



Did you notice that the instructions are repeated three times? Is there a better way to write this code?

A loop can be used to repeat a set of instructions over and over again. It is a quicker and easier way to write code.

Click on the algorithm below to see how it changes when a loop is used instead.

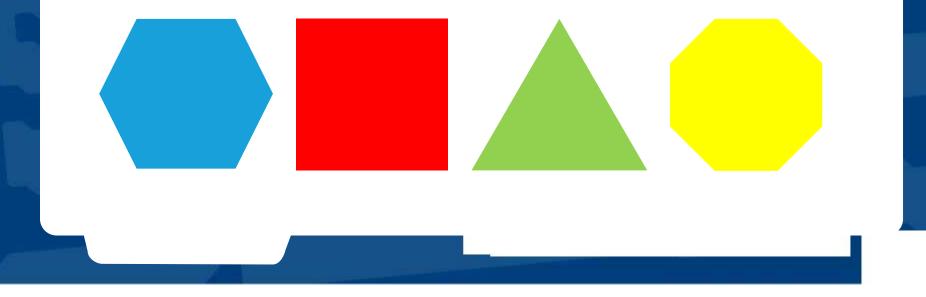


## What Is a Regular Polygon?

In this lesson, you will explore repeat loops further through drawing some regular polygons in Scratch.

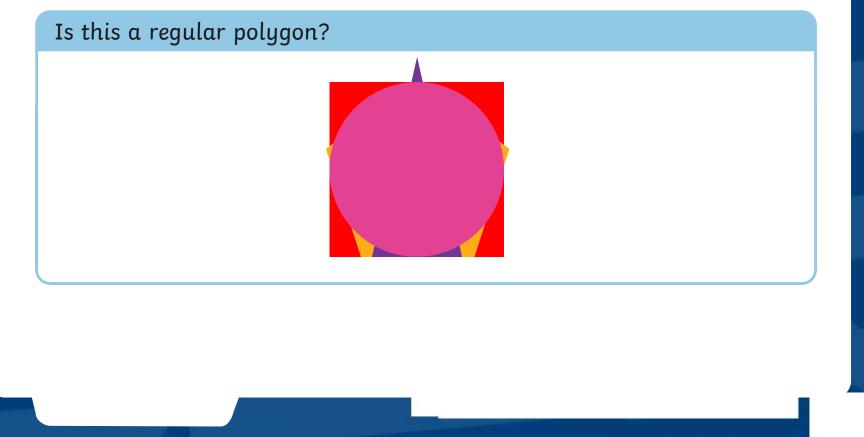
#### Talk About It:

Look at these examples of regular polygons. What do you notice about them? How are they the same and how are they different? Can you explain what you think a regular polygon is?



## What Is a Regular Polygon?

A polygon is a 2D closed shape with straight sides. A regular polygon is a polygon in which all the sides are equal in length and all the angles are equal in size.



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Can you identify these regular polygons? Write the correct name inside each shape. Use the word bank to help you. How many sides and how many angles does each regular polygon have? Number of sides Number of sides Number of sides Number of angles Number of angles Number of angles Number of sides Number of sides Number of sides Number of angles Number of angles Number of angles decagon triangle hexagon octagon pentagon square

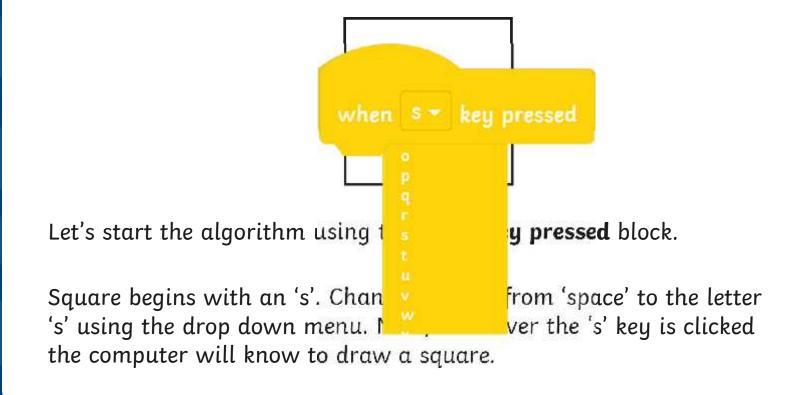
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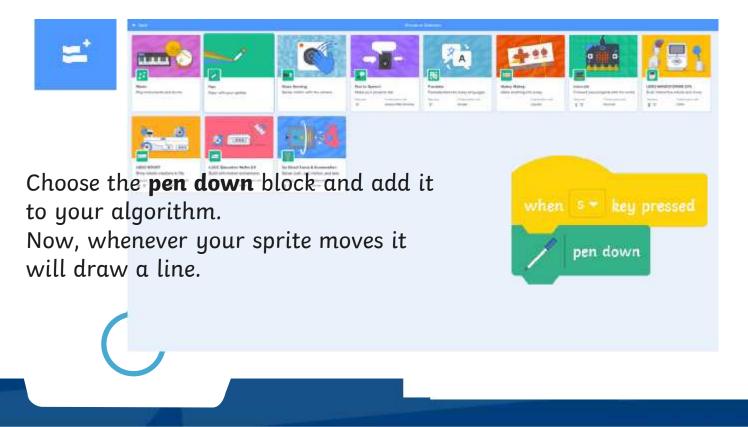
How many regular polygons can you name?

Use the **What Am I? Activity Sheet** to identify as many of the regular polygons as you can. Count the number of sides and the number of angles that each regular polygon has.

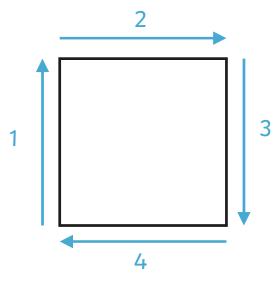
Now, let's try drawing some regular polygons in Scratch. We will start with a square.



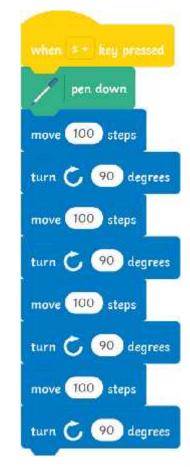
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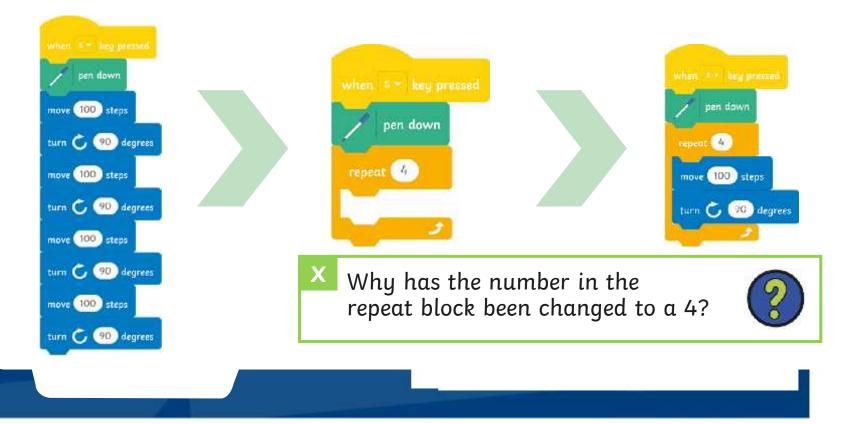
Here is the algorithm to draw the square in Scratch. Can you spot the code for each side and each angle in the square? How many times are the they repeated?





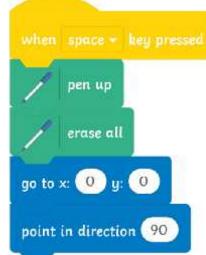
There are lots of blocks used in this algorithm. This makes the code very long.

Click on the algorithm each time to see how the code can be improved by using a loop.



The square should look like this.

Look at this algorithm. It will be important in your work today. What do you think this algorithm will instruct the computer to do?



This algorithm can be used to erase all the pen marks and reset **Sprite** back to the centre of the **Stage** ready to draw again.

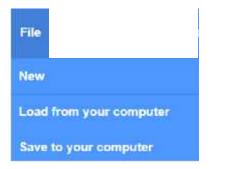


sprite





Don't forget to give your code a suitable file name and save it if you want to keep it. What would be a good name for the algorithm to draw a square?



If you do not have an account, you can choose to **Save to your computer**. This will download a copy to your computer.



If you have an account, you can choose **Save now** and a copy will be saved to your Scratch account.

## **Drawing Regular Polygons**



Now you know how to use a repetitic to move onto some other regular poly What other shapes could you draw? polygon all the sides are the same ler streneheiz **Drawing Regular Polygons Activity Sheet** to write algorithms for each shape in Scratch. Remember to test your algorithms and debug them if you find any errors.

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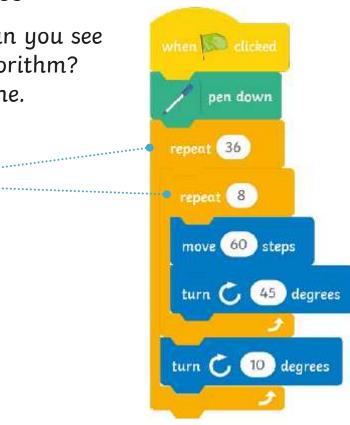
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Now you are such a whizz with loops, you can create some pretty amazing patterns using regular polygons.

Look carefully at this algorithm. Can you see that there are two loops in this algorithm? One loop is **nested** inside another one.

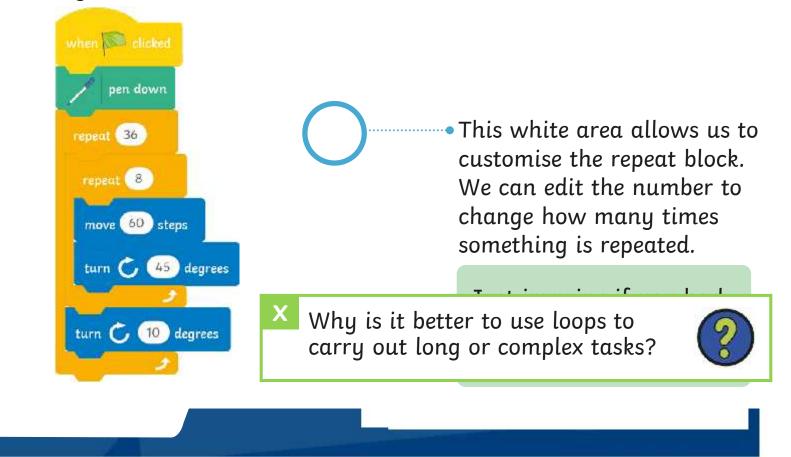
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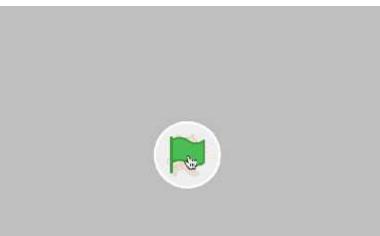
Did you work it out? The nested loop is instructing the computer to draw an octagon by repeating the same steps eight times.



The second loop is instructing the computer to repeat the shape and make a turn. The white area has been changed to 36 so the computer will carry out these instructions 36 times.



When you are ready to see what the pattern looks like, click on the algorithm. What a perfect pattern!



Why don't you have a go at using loops with different shapes to create some patterns of your own? Can you think of a way to change the pen colour to create a rainbow effect? Don't forget to debug the algorithms if you spot any errors.

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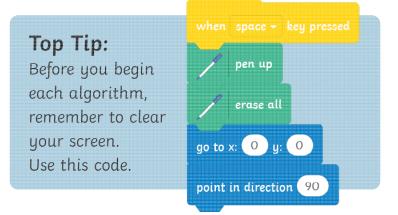


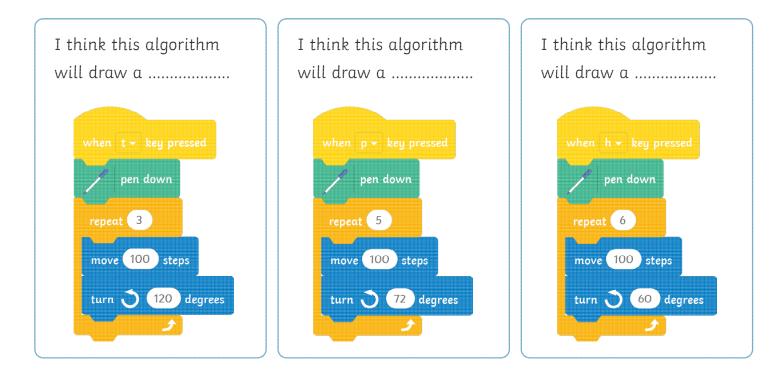
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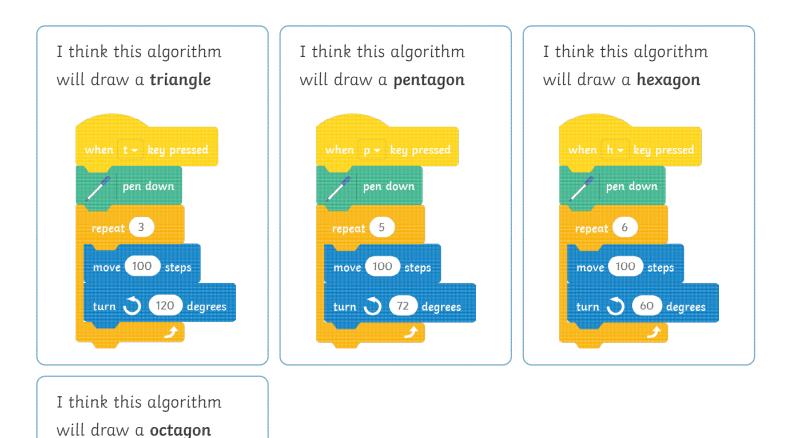
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## Drawing Regular Polygons Answers

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pen down

repeat 8

move 50 steps

turn 🔿 (45) degrees

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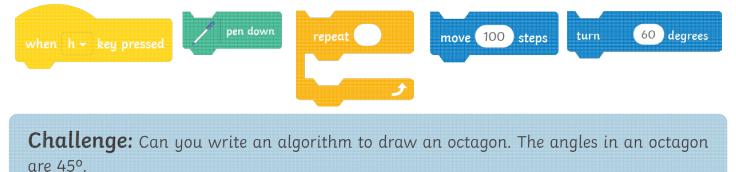
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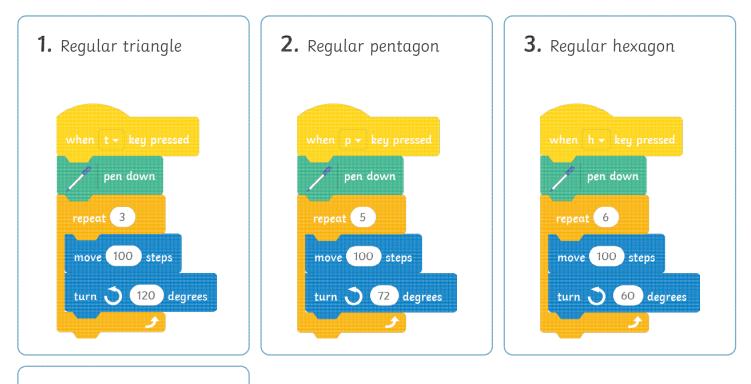


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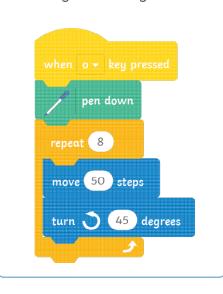
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**4.** Challenge: Regular octagon



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pen up

erase all

point in direction 90

go to x: 🜔 y:

#### **Top Tips:**

Before you begin each algorithm, remember to clear your screen. Use this code. Remember to save your work.

Write algorithms to draw the following regular polygons. Start each algorithm with the **when key pressed** block and use the letter that starts the shape name.

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pentagon	$\bigcirc$	5		turn in each shape by dividing 360
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octagon		8		
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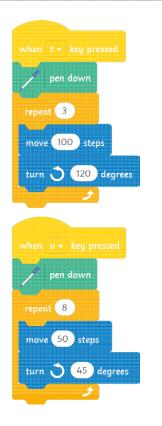
**Challenge:** Find out how many sides a dodecagon has. Can you write an algorithm to draw this shape?

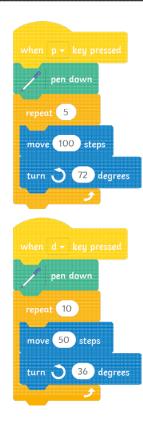
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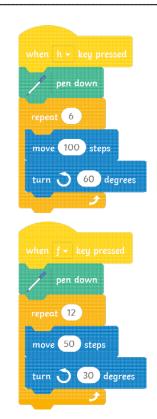
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triangle	3	360° ÷ 3 = 120°
pentagon	5	360° ÷ 5 = 72°
hexagon	6	360° ÷ 6 = 60°
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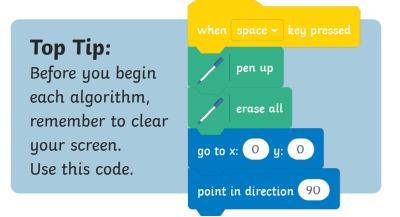


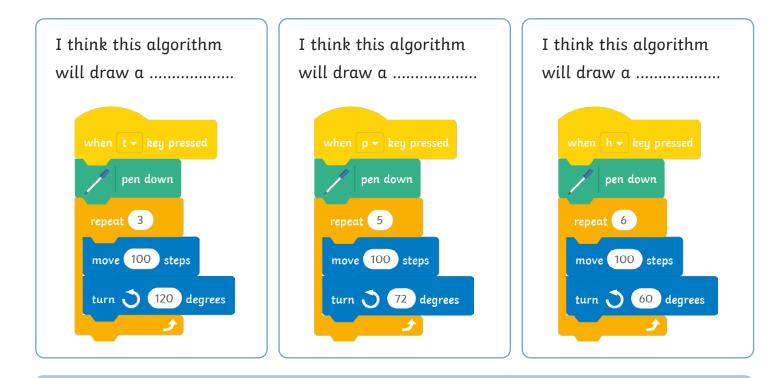
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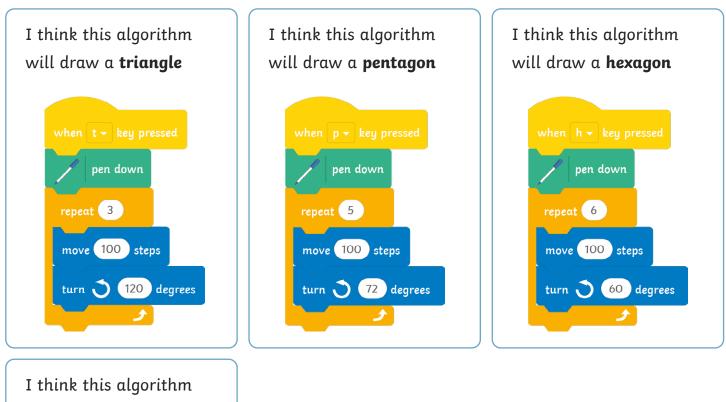
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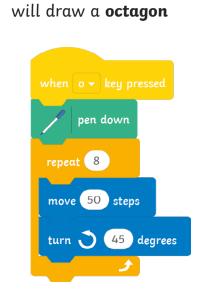
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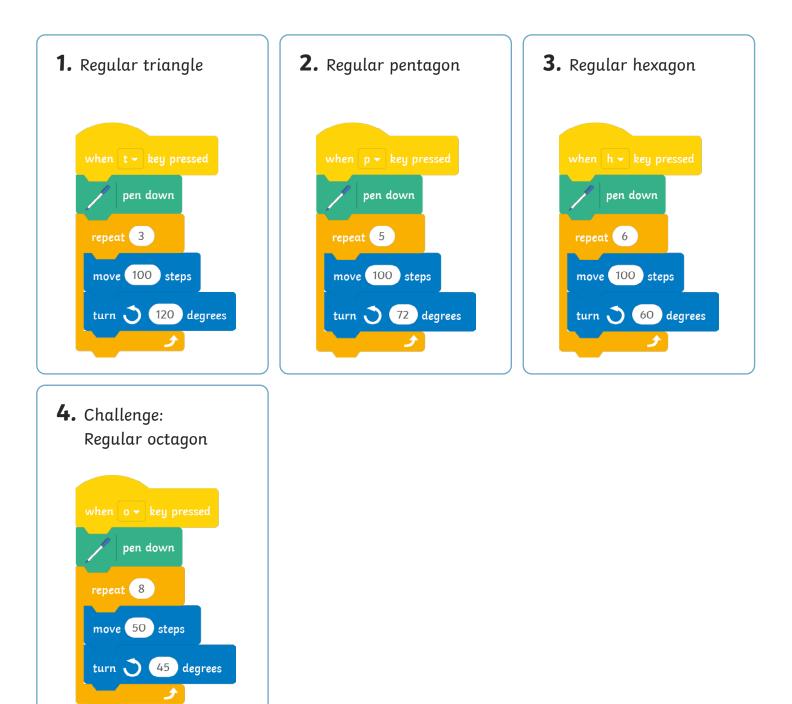
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#### **Top Tips:**

Shape

triangle

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Number of sides

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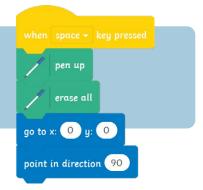
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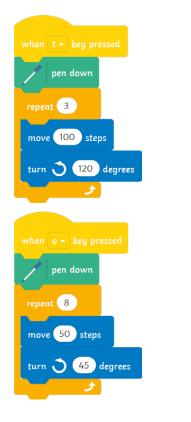
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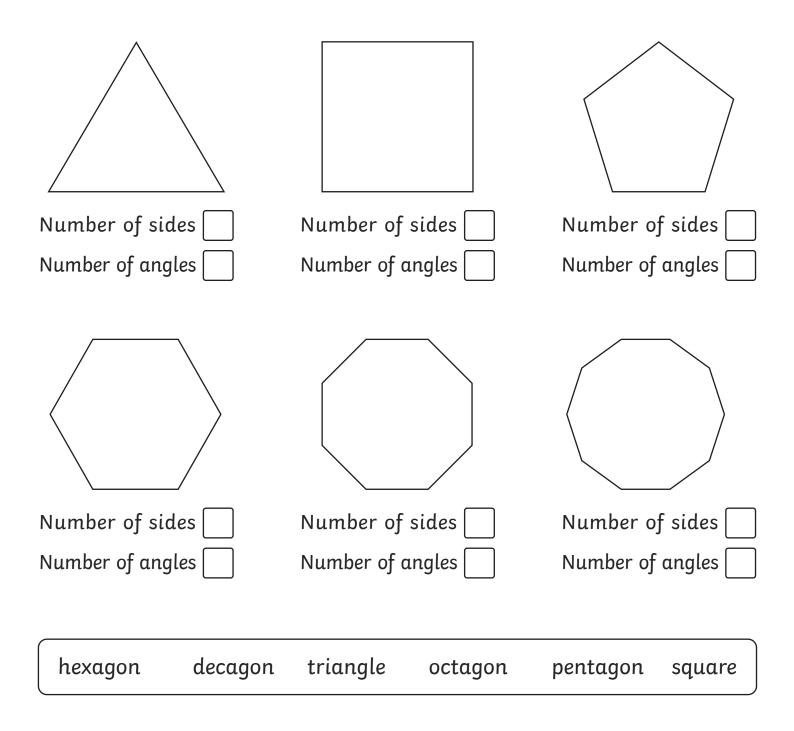




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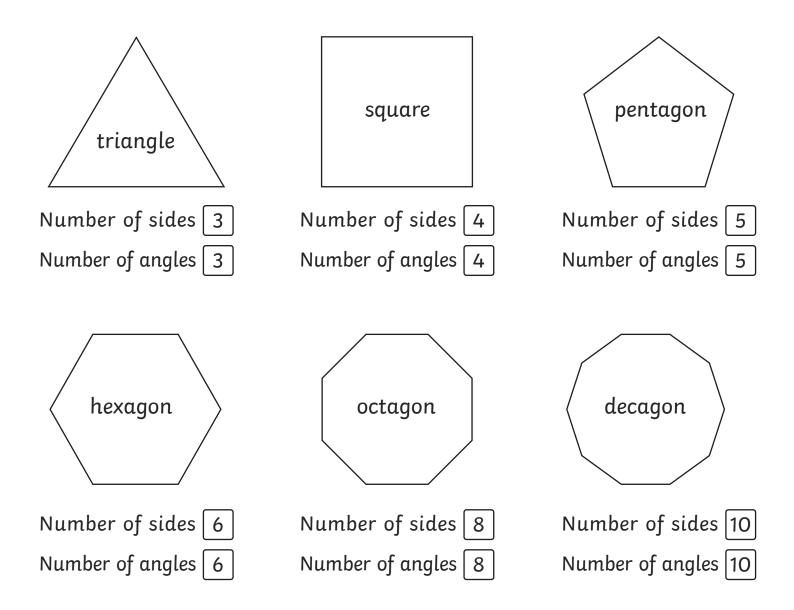
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