## Programming Turtle Logo and Scratch: Regular Polygons in Scratch


#### Abstract

\section*{Aim:}

Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts.

Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. This unit continues the learning from the Year 2 Turtle Logo units and links well to shape and direction in Maths.

I can create and debug algorithms that draw regular polygons.


## Success Criteria:

I can use commands in the correct order.
I can use a variable value where required.
I can correct any mistakes.
I can create algorithms that draw regular polygons.

## Key/New Words:

Sprite, block, command, background or backdrop, algorithm, move, turn, green flag, key press, pen, repeat.

## Resources:

Lesson Pack
Desktop computer /laptops
Scratch v2 installed or use online application. Alternatively, use Pyonkee on iPads.

## Preparation:

Ensure application is installed on the computers, or available online.
It will help if teachers work through the unit prior to teaching the children to ensure familiarity.

Prior Learning: It would be helpful if children are able to write simple algorithms with blocks in Scratch and save files.

## Learning Sequence

What Can You Do? Children draw a regular hexagon using blocks, remembering how they did it with
Turtle Logo and applying the same ideas to a different way of programming. Try other polygons and use

the repeat command. | Using Repeat: Demonstrate how to use the repeat command to create algorithms for different regular |
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| polygons. |
| How Could You Start? Show how to add the key press block to start the algorithm. |

## Taskit

Polygonit: If the children have access to computers, laptops or tablets, the children could continue to create their own algorithms for regular polygons and patterns.


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## What Can You Do?

Create an algorithm that will draw a regular hexagon.

Think about the algorithm that you used in Turtle Logo.

What turn do you need?

Try other regular polygons using the repeat command.


## Possible Algorithms

Compare the 2 algorithms with and without repeat.

```
pen down
move (100 steps
turn 60) degrees
move 100 steps
turn }960\mathrm{ degrees
move (100 steps
turn \cap60 degrees
move (10) steps
turn }90\mathrm{ degrees
move 100 steps
turn }\cap60\mathrm{ degrees
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## Using Repeat

The repeat block can be used to draw regular polygons by wrapping the move and turn.


## How Could You Start?

Add a key press block to start the algorithm. Choose which letter or number you want to start with.


## Saving Projects

Select file, then save.
If your working online, save if you have registered or download to your computer.

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## Algorithms for Regular Polygons $\because$

Create algorithms for regular polygons.

How many sides?
What angles will you turn?


Remember to use pen down.


## Share

Share your algorithm with your partner.


Test and debug it if you need to.

## Have Another Go!



Can you make an algorithm for this pattern?


Click the cat to reveal the answer.

## Which Algorithm?

Which algorithm will make this pattern?


Click on each algorithm to reveal the answer.

## Correct

Click on the algorithm to run online.


1. Start by pressing " 0 "
2. Pen down
3. Repeats the octagon 36 times
4. Turns $10^{\circ}$ after each octagon
5. Pen up at the end


## Incorrect

Click on the algorithm to run online.


1. Start by pressing " 0 "
2. Pen down
3. Repeats the octagon $\mathbf{1 0}$ times
4. Turns $36^{\circ}$ after all of the octagons
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Before you begin each algorithm remember to clear your screen.

Create the following algorithms in Scratch. Start each shape with the key press block, using the first letter from the name of the shape.

3. Draw a regular octogon using the following algorithm.


Don't forget to save your projects! Now draw the following shapes:


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1. Using the blocks below draw a regular hexagon. Save your project.

2. Using the blocks below draw a regular pentagon. Save your project.

3. Draw a regular octagon using the blocks above. The turn for the octagon is $45^{\circ}$, you will need to work out how many sides are needed. Don't forget to save your projects!

Now draw the following shapes:


## Challenge

Try drawing different patterns by repeating regular polygons and turning after each one.

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Create the following algorithms in Scratch. Start each shape with the key press block, think about what the best letter to use for each shape would be. Before you begin each algorithm remember to clear your screen.


## Challenge

Try drawing different patterns by repeating regular polygons and turning after each one.
Now try creating the pattern using a single algorithm. Save your work.

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