

Learning by Making

UNIT 1

TurtleLogo

Starting TurtleLogo Project

Starting a new TurtleLogo project

Answer each question as shown below. If you do not see a black full screen window with questions, (1) click on the **black icon** at the bottom of your screen, (2) type **start** and (3) hit the **enter** key.

```
Terminal
Would you like to load an existing experiment? (y/n)
> n

Would you like to create a new experiment (y/n)
> y

Please select an experiment by typing its complete name
(eg BasicBoard.tar)
> TurtleLogo.tar

Provide a name for the new experiment folder
(eg. MyBasicBoard)
> TurtleLogo-YourName
```

This will open three windows:

- The command center (white),
- The drawing field (blue), and
- A text editor (white behind the other two windows)

Starting a previously created TurtleLogo project

Answer each question as shown below. If you do not see a black full screen window with questions, (1) click on the **black icon** at the bottom of your screen, (2) type **start** and (3) hit the **enter** key.

```
Terminal
Would you like to load an existing
experiment? (y/n)
> y

Which experiment would you like to
load?
> TurtleLogo-YourName
```

This will open three windows:

- The command center (white),
- The drawing field (blue), and
- A text editor (white behind the other two windows)

1.1 Introducing TurtleLogo



Learning Objectives:

- Students will be able to identify the three different windows used by **TurtleLogo**
- Students will learn how to clean the drawing field window using the command **clean**.
- Students will learn to drive the turtle using the commands: **fd**, **bk**, **rt** and **lt**.
- Students will learn how to draw specific geometric shapes using the turtle.

Materials

For each group of 2 students

- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet
- Graph paper

Vocabulary:

- Command Center window
- Drawing Field window
- Degree
- Polygon
- Text Editor window

 **Tasks you need to perform**

 **Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets**

 On your worksheet, write down the names of the two remaining windows.

Getting Started

Imagine a turtle walking around on a sheet of paper with a pen in its mouth. Now imagine you could control that turtle's mind and drive it around. **TurtleLogo** is a computer program that does just that.



Type a command that the turtle *understands* and it will draw a picture on your screen.

Type in something the turtle *doesn't understand* and it will tell you what's wrong.

What words does the turtle understand? What can you draw with **TurtleLogo**?

Instructions

STEP 1. Start TurtleLogo Project



Turn on your computer. Create and launch your own personal **TurtleLogo** project following the instructions "Starting **TurtleLogo** Project" on p.3.



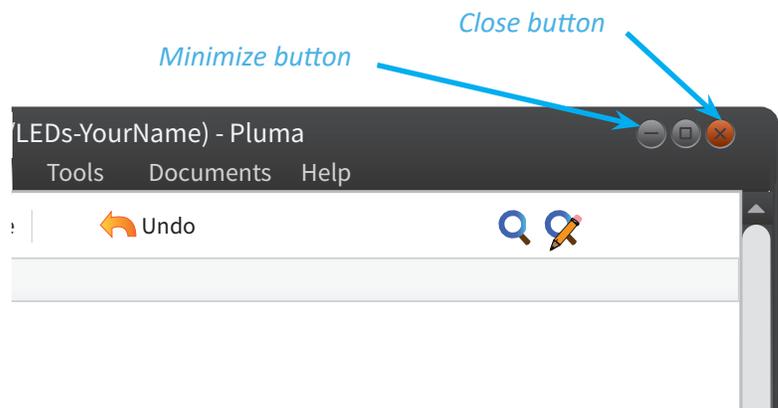
On your worksheet, write the words you see in the white **command center window** and describe what you see in the blue **drawing field window**, when **TurtleLogo** first starts.

STEP 2. Close TurtleWords.txt in the text editor window



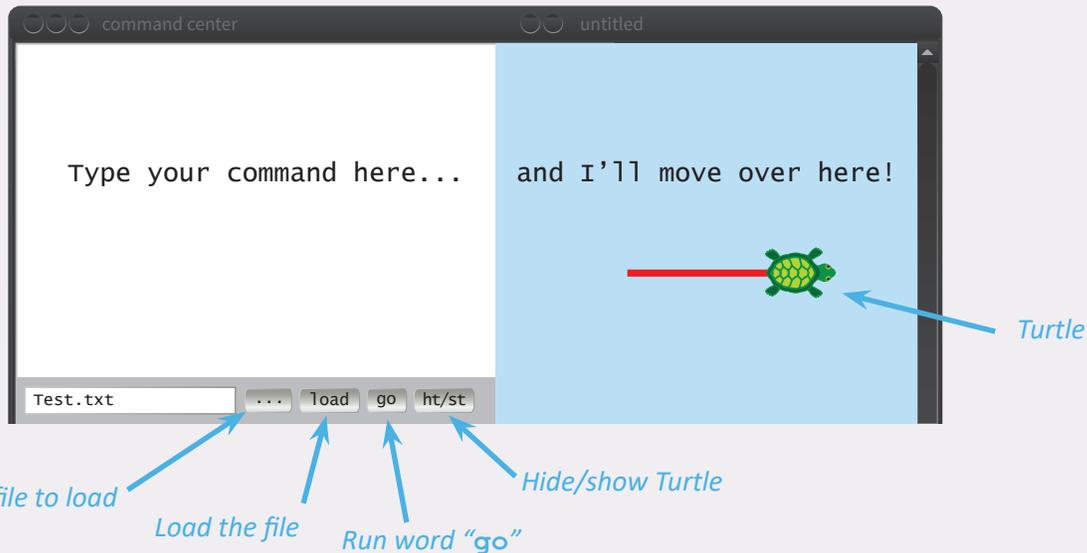
Behind the command center and the drawing field is a white window showing the file **TurtleWords.txt**. This is the **text editor window**.

Minimize the command center and drawing field windows by clicking the  button in each window's title bar. Then close the remaining window with **TurtleWords.txt** by clicking the  button.



STEP 3. Reopen the minimized windows

 Click on the penguin icon at the bottom of the screen.



 On your worksheet, describe what happened.

STEP 4. Moving the turtle forward

 Start over with a clean drawing field by typing **clean** and hitting the **enter** key. Move the turtle forward 200 steps by typing **fd 200** and hitting the **enter** key.

 On your worksheet, write the direction that the turtle is facing after it is done moving.



Embrace error messages. You cannot break the turtle. If something doesn't work, try typing a new line.

If you get an error message, see if you can figure out what you did wrong by asking a classmate for help. If all else fails, ask your teacher.

STEP 5. Making the turtle move

 In the command center window, type the following commands one at a time, and hit enter after each one. Then observe what happens.



 Fill in the table on your worksheet. [Note that the first two entries are completed, and you can use these as an example for the other command in the table.]

STEP 6. Turn the turtle

 Clean the drawing field again. In the command center window, type the following commands one at a time and hit enter after each one. Then observe what happens.

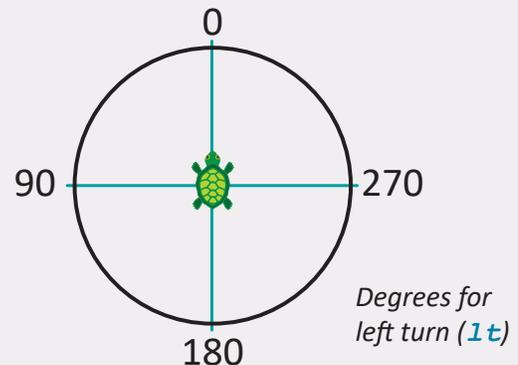
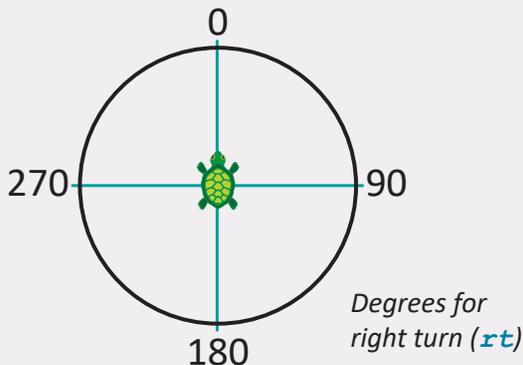
```
Command Center  
  
clean  
fd 100  
rt 90
```

 On your worksheet, write the direction that the turtle is facing after it is done moving (up, down, left, right)?

 You can copy, paste, and delete any lines in the command center at any time.
If you mess up your drawing screen, type `clean` to start over

STEP 7. Discover other ways to move the turtle

 The words `fd` and `bk` take input numbers that tell the turtle how many steps to take. The words `lt` and `rt` tell the turtle how many **degrees** to turn, starting from the initial direction that the turtle is facing.
Clean the drawing field again. Then experiment with the words `fd`, `bk`, `lt` and `rt` to make the turtle move in different directions.



 On your worksheet, fill out the table with at least five words that you used. Be sure to explain what the turtle did and also sketch a small picture of what the turtle drew.

 You cannot erase lines. You can only start over using `clean`. If you use the up arrow key on your keyboard, you will find commands you typed earlier.

STEP 8. Draw a line that changes directions

 Clean the drawing field again. Now, experiment with all four commands: `fd`, `bk`, `lt` and `rt`. The goal is to draw a line that turns and goes in a different direction.

 On your worksheet, write down the sequence of commands that you used to draw a line that changes direction. Also sketch the results.

STEP 9. Complete the challenges

 Congratulations! You have now learned the basics of turtle driving. Continue on to complete the challenges for this lesson



1.1 Worksheet

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 Names: _____

 **STEP 1** Write the words you see in the white command center window and describe what you see in the blue drawing field window.

 **STEP 2** Write down the names of the two remaining windows.

 **STEP 3** Describe what happened when you clicked on the penguin icon.

 **STEP 4** What direction is the turtle facing after it is done moving (up, down, left or right)?



1.1 Worksheet *Continued*

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Name: _____

STEP 5 Fill in the table below.

If I use the command...	The turtle will...	Examples and notes
<code>clean</code>	Erase the drawing field and return to the center	This command is handy when I've driven the turtle somewhere off screen or when I make a mistake and want to start over.
<code>fd 100</code>	Move forward 100 steps	Change 100 to a different number to move the turtle forward by a different number of steps
<code>bk 100</code>		

STEP 6 What direction is the turtle facing after it is done moving (up, down, left or right)?

STEP 7 Fill out the table with at least five words that you used. Be sure to explain what the turtle did and also draw a small picture of what the turtle drew.

Command	What did the turtle did?	Your drawing

STEP 8 Write down the sequence of commands that you used to draw a line that changes direction. Also sketch the results.



1.1 Challenges



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Name: _____

For each Challenge, write the code you used to accomplish the task.

C-1

Draw a square with sides that are 75 steps long. Record the list of commands.

C-2

Draw a rectangle. Record the list of commands.

C-3

Complete the Geometry worksheet.



1.1 Geometry Worksheet

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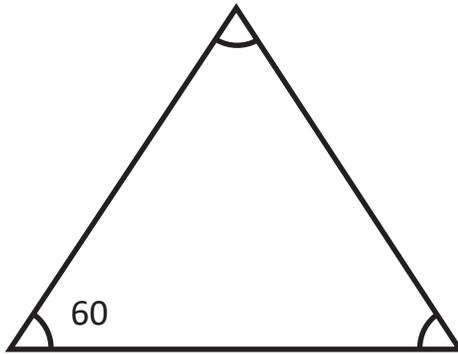
 Names: _____

To draw using a turtle, it is helpful to review the geometry of simple **polygons** (shapes made of straight line segments)

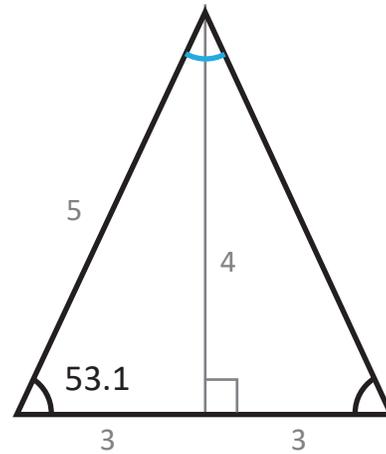
 **Triangles:** The sum of the 3 internal angles adds to 180 degrees.

- Equilateral triangle: each side is the same length, and all 3 angles are equal.
- Isosceles triangle: 2 sides are the same length and one side is different. The angles opposite the 2 equal sides are equal.
- Right triangle: one internal angle is 90°

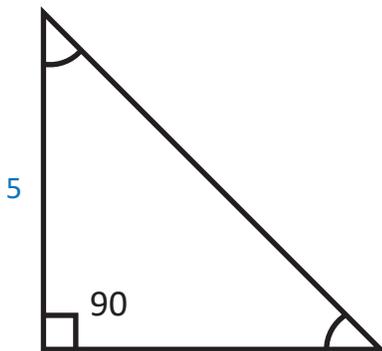
Fill in the missing angles on the drawings below:



Equilateral



Isosceles



Right Isosceles



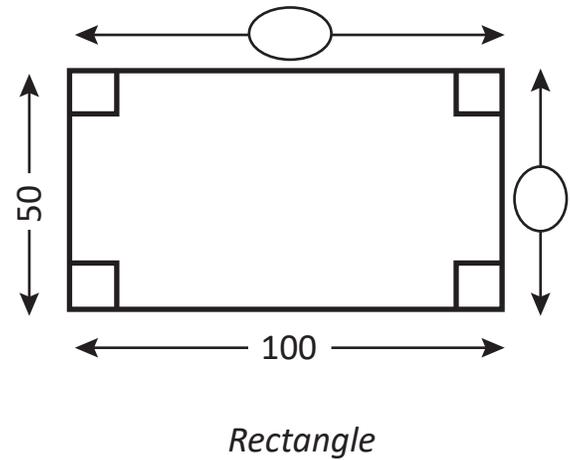
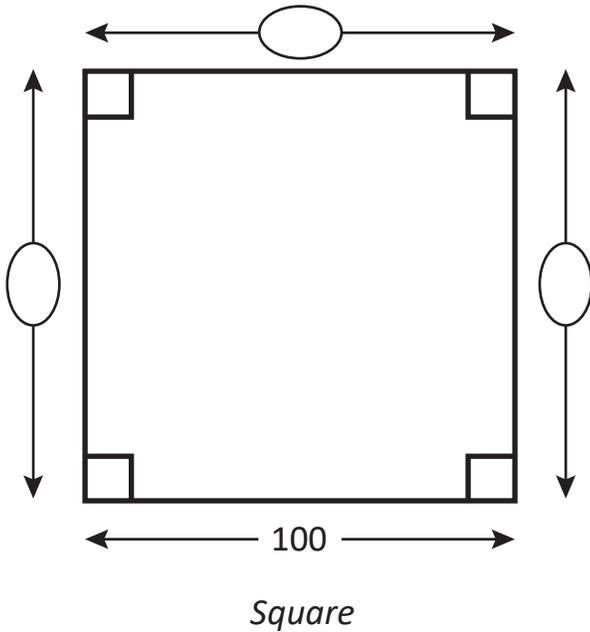
1.1 Geometry Continued

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N Names: _____

N **Rectangles:** A rectangle has 4 sides, each at a 90° (right) angle. A square has 4 equal length sides.
Fill in the missing side lengths on the drawings below:



N **Regular polygons:** Regular polygons have at least 3 sides, and all the sides have the same length.
To draw a regular polygon, turn the turtle by an angle equal to $\frac{360}{\text{number of sides}}$ before drawing the next line segment.
Fill in the missing commands to make the turtle draw a square:

Code	
<code>fd</code>	<code>100</code>
<code>rt</code>	<code>90</code>
<code>fd</code>	
	<code>90</code>
	<code>100</code>
<code>rt</code>	



1.1 Double Dare Challenges

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Name: _____

List the commands you used and draw a sketch of the results for each double dare.
Feel free to use graph paper to plan your commands.

D-1

Draw any triangle.

D-4

Draw a right triangle (one 90° angle)

D-2

Draw an equilateral triangle (all sides equal length)

D-5

Draw a polygon with more than 4 sides

D-3

Draw an isosceles triangle (two sides equal length)

D-6

Draw any regular polygon with more than 4 sides

1.2 TurtleLogo Drawings



Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to fill the screen with a single color using `fillscreen`
- Students will learn how to change the colors drawn by the turtle using `setcolor`
- Students will learn how to change the width of the lines using `setpensize`
- Students will learn how to move the turtle to specified screen locations using `setxy`
- Students will learn how to start and stop the turtle from drawing lines using `pendown` and `penup`

Materials

For each group of 2 students

- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet
- Graph paper

Vocabulary:

- Argument
- Hue
- Pixel
- Saturation

Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

On your worksheet, fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

Getting Started

In *Lesson 1.1*, you learned how to move the turtle around the screen in straight lines, each of which was colored red. What if you wanted to change the line color or draw a line of different thickness? What if you wanted to move the turtle to a different location without drawing a connecting line?

It turns out the turtle knows how to do these things and much more! In this lesson, you will be introduced to other turtle commands that will allow you to draw shapes that are much more colorful.



You do not need to remake your personal **TurtleLogo** project from scratch as you did previously

Instructions

STEP 1. Reload your TurtleLogo project



Reload your **TurtleLogo** project from *Lesson 1.1* using the instructions on the bottom of page 3 “Starting a previously created **TurtleLogo** project”. As in *Lesson 1.1*, close the text editor window (white window behind the command center window) by clicking the X in the red circle in the upper right hand corner.

STEP 2. Change the background color



Enter the following commands into the command center window:

Command Center		Colors available in TurtleLogo	
		Color-Code	Color
<code>fillscreen 70 0</code>		0	Red
<code>fillscreen 70 50</code>		10	Orange
<code>fillscreen 70 99</code>		20	Yellow
<code>fillscreen 30 0</code>		30	Lime Green
<code>fillscreen 30 50</code>		40	Blue Green
<code>fillscreen 30 99</code>		50	Sky Blue
		60	Light Blue
		70	Navy Blue
		80	Purple
		90	Pink
		100	red

The `fillscreen` command takes two **arguments** (input numbers): the first input number specifies the color (or **hue**) and the second number specifies the shade (or **saturation**) for that hue.

Here is a table of colors that the turtle knows. You can use any number between 0 and 99 to specify the color and the shade. Shades vary from 0 (darkest) to 99 (lightest).

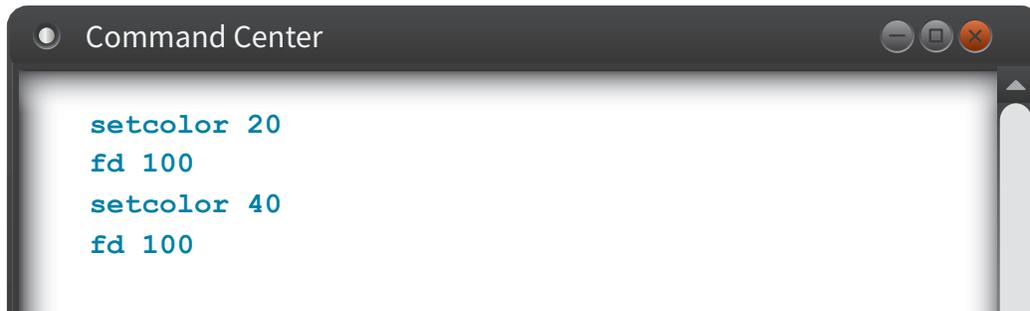
STEP 3. Experimenting with colors

 Use the `fillscreen` command to experiment with at least five other color and shade values.

 On your worksheet, write down each command you tried and describe what you observed.

STEP 4. Drawing lines of different colors

 You can use the same color codes to draw lines of different colors using the `setcolor` command. Clean the screen first, then type in the following commands:



```
Command Center

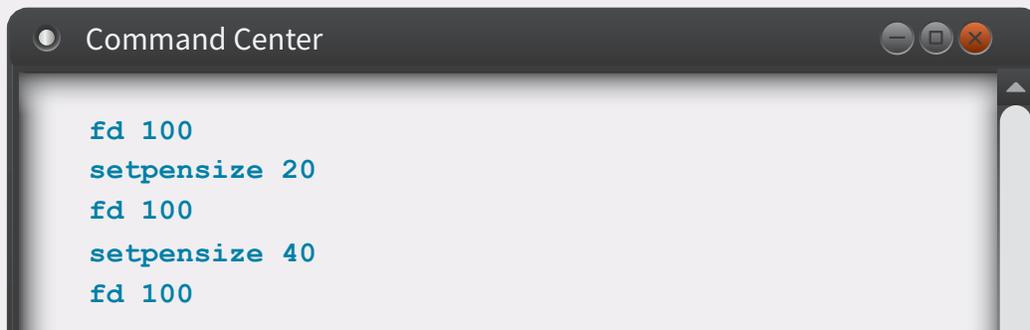
setcolor 20
fd 100
setcolor 40
fd 100
```

 On your worksheet, fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

STEP 5. Drawing lines of different widths

 You can change the width of the pen that the turtle uses with the command `setpensize`. This command takes one argument, which is the width of the pen in **pixels**. Note that the default `pensize` is 5 pixels.

To try out this word, clean the screen, then type in the following commands:



```
Command Center

fd 100
setpensize 20
fd 100
setpensize 40
fd 100
```

 On your worksheet, fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

STEP 6. Moving around the screen

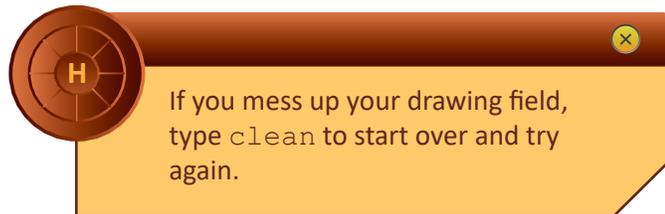
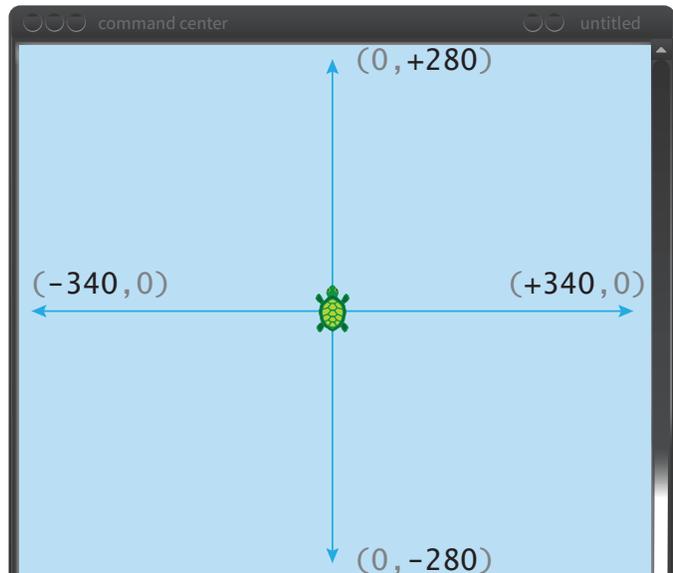


In STEP 5 you learned how to change the width of the pen, by specifying the pen width in pixels. Each pixel corresponds to an individual position on the drawing field. The default position of the turtle is defined as the origin (0,0) in x-y coordinates. The turtle drawing field has pixels numbered from -340 to +340 in the x-direction and from -280 to 280 in the y-direction.

You can use the command `setxy` to tell the Turtle to move to a different position in the drawing field. However, the turtle will remember the state of the pen when it moves. If the pen was down, the turtle will draw a line connecting its old location to the new location. To avoid this problem, use the command `penup` before moving the turtle.

Clean the screen, and then type in the following sequence of commands:

```
Command Center  
  
penup  
setxy 200 70  
pendown  
fd 100  
penup  
setxy -200 70  
pendown  
fd 100  
rt 90  
fd 400
```



On your worksheet, sketch the shape that has resulted from this command sequence. Then figure out how to complete the missing side of the rectangle, using the `setxy` command and any other commands that may be needed. Write these commands on your worksheet.

STEP 7. Complete the challenges



Now that you have learned more turtle commands, continue on to the challenges for this lesson.



1.2 Worksheet



 Name: _____

 **STEP 2** Fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

Code	What happens?
<code>fillscreen 70 0</code>	
<code>fillscreen 70 50</code>	
<code>fillscreen 70 99</code>	
<code>fillscreen 30 0</code>	
<code>fillscreen 30 50</code>	
<code>fillscreen 30 99</code>	

 **STEP 3** Write down each command you tried and describe what you observed.

Code	What happens?

 **STEP 4** Fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

Code	What happens?
<code>setcolor 20</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	
<code>setcolor 40</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	



1.2 Worksheet *Continued*



 Name: _____

 **STEP 5** Fill out the table to describe what happened to the drawing field window.

Code	What happens?
<code>fd 100</code>	
<code>setpensize 20</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	
<code>setpensize 40</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	

 **STEP 6** Sketch the shape that has resulted from this command sequence. Then figure out how to complete the missing side of the rectangle, using the `setxy` command and any other commands that may be needed. Write these commands below.

Code	What happens?



1.2 Challenges



Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results in the space provided for each challenge.

C-1

Draw a square that uses a different color on each side.

C-2

Draw a rectangle that uses a different pen size on each side.

C-3

Change the color of the screen and draw a square that has one corner located at $(x,y) = (100, 100)$. Do not draw any other lines on the screen except for the square.



1.2 Double Dare Challenges

TurtleLogo Drawings



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results in the space provided for each double dare.

D-1

Use `penup`, `pendown` and `setxy` to create squares in each of the four quadrants of the screen. Make each square a different size.

D-2

Use `penup`, `pendown` and `setxy` to create two squares, each having a different pensize.

D-3

Change the color of the screen and draw 8 lines of different colors. Each line should start at (0,0) and go outwards for 100 steps. The 8 lines should be evenly spaced around the origin.



1.3 TurtleLogo Words



Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to create loops using the **repeat** command
- Students will learn how to use the text editor to modify commands and add new ones
- Students will learn how to control the speed of the turtle using the **wait** command

Materials

For each group of 2 students

- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet
- Graph paper

Vocabulary:

- Procedure
- Debug

Getting Started

Wouldn't it be nice if you could shorten a long list of **TurtleLogo** commands for a complex drawing?

TurtleLogo can do that!

In this lesson, instead of typing repetitive words, you will learn how to create loops and learn how to save and load **TurtleLogo** programs.

Instructions

STEP 1. Reload your TurtleLogo project



Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3.



You do not need to remake your personal **TurtleLogo** project from scratch as you did previously.

STEP 2. Code Comparison



Consider the following three **TurtleLogo** procedures. Try each option, cleaning the drawing window in between your experiments.

Option A

```
fd 100
rt 90
```

Option B

```
fd 100 rt 90
fd 100 rt 90
fd 100 rt 90
fd 100 rt 90
```

Option C

```
repeat 4 [ fd 100 rt 90 ]
```



On your worksheet, compare the code for each option. Were the drawings the same or did they differ? Explain your results by discussing the code.

Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

STEP 3. Understanding the `repeat` command

 In STEP 2, you used a new command: `repeat`. This command takes an argument – in this case, the number of times that some action should repeat. The action that is repeated is everything inside the square brackets `[]`.

Number of times to repeat the action ↓
`repeat 4 [fd 100 rt 90]`
↑ Action that is repeated

Use the `repeat` word to draw an equilateral triangle with sides that are 100 steps long.

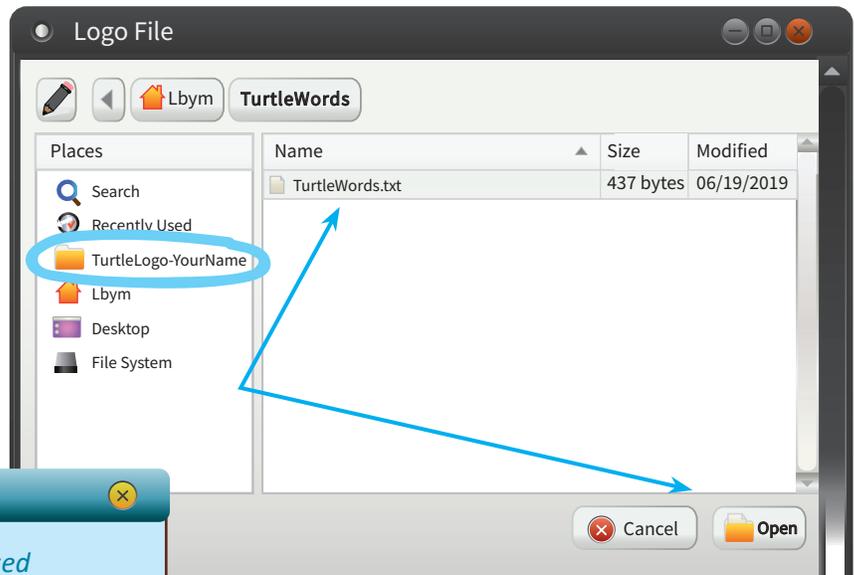
 On your worksheet, write the steps you used to draw a triangle with sides that are 100 steps long.

 The spaces are useful to read the code. The square brackets are necessary for the `repeat` word to execute correctly.

STEP 4. Finding the `TurtleWords.txt` file

 Near the bottom of the command center, you will see an icon with three dots. Clicking on this icon will bring up a new window that will show you the names of files that you can open.

- Click on “icon with three dots” 
- Click on the folder with your project name
- Click on `TurtleWords.txt` as the file to load
- Click Open

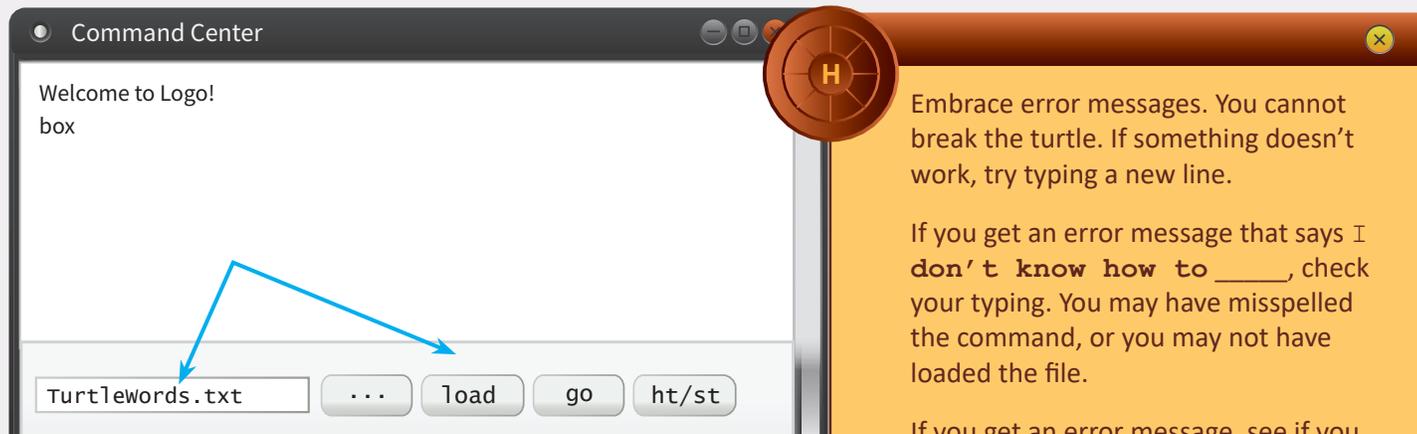


 Do NOT click on *Recently Used*
Do NOT double click on the *file name*

 On your worksheet, write down the name of the other file in your project folder (that is not `TurtleWords.txt`).

STEP 5. Loading the TurtleWords . txt file

 **TurtleLogo** should now open the file. You will see its name in the space to the left of the icon with the three dots. Now click the load button to load the code in the **TurtleWords . txt** file. The file should also be open in the Pluma editor. Once the file is loaded, all the words in the file can be used to drive the turtle.



Type the command **box** in the command center.

 On your worksheet, describe what happens in the drawing field after typing the command **box**.

STEP 6. Looking at the words in the TurtleWords . txt file

 If it isn't already open, use the instructions in STEP 4 or the hint below to open the **TurtleWords . txt** file in the Pluma text editor. Find the place in the file where the word **box** is defined. It should look like this:

```
to box ; sample line comment
  repeat 4 [ fd 100 rt 90 ]
end
```

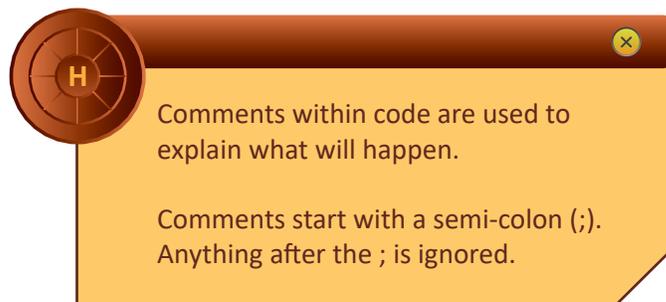
A word must be sandwiched between **to** and **end**

Give your word a useful descriptive name

Indent your commands to make the code human readable

 On your worksheet answer:

1. On what line in the text editor do you see the code for this command?
2. After you've cleaned your drawing field and typed the command **box** what shape and color appears in the drawing field?





Do NOT delete any code in **TurtleWords.txt**. All changes to this file should be additions only.



The text editor window may be hiding behind the command center window. If so, drag command center down and then click in the Pluma window to bring it to the front.

Another way to open the **TurtleWords.txt** file is to find the Filing Cabinet icon at the bottom of the screen and click on it. Find the folder named **TurtleLogo-YourName** and double click on it. Find the icon labeled **TurtleWords.txt** and double click on it. The file should now be open in the Pluma text editor window.

STEP 7. Create a new word in **TurtleWords.txt**

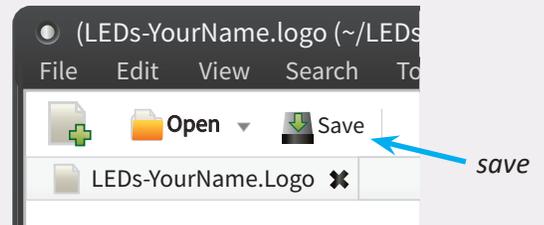
-  Add the following piece of code to **TurtleWords.txt**. The word **wait** tells the turtle how many tenths of a second it should pause. The command, **wait 10**, means pause for 1 second (10 tenths of a second).

```
to turtle-wait
  repeat 10 [ fd 20 wait 10 ]
end
```

After you have typed in the code, save your file by clicking the save icon in the editor window.

Then minimize the editor window, click the load button in the command center window and run the new word by typing **turtle-wait**. If you see an error message, **debug** your code by looking for a typo in **TurtleWords.txt**.

-  On your worksheet answer: how did the turtle move in the drawing field after you ran the **turtle-wait** command?




If you mess up your drawing screen, type **clean** to start over.

You can copy, paste, and delete any lines in the command center at any time.

STEP 8. Add a comment to your code

-  Add at least one comment to the code for **turtle-wait** that describes what happens when you run it.
-  On your worksheet, write down the comment that you added to **turtle-wait**.

STEP 9. Complete the challenges

-  Continue on to the challenges, where you will practice creating and debugging words that are typed into your **TurtleWords.txt** file.



1.3 Worksheet



 Name: _____

 **STEP 2** Compare the code for each option. Were the drawings the same or did they differ?
Explain your results by discussing the code.

 **STEP 3** Write the steps you used to draw a triangle with sides that are 100 steps long.

 **STEP 4** Write down the name of the other file in your project folder (that is not `TurtleWords.txt`).



1.3 Worksheet *continued*



 Name: _____

 **STEP 5** Describe what happens in the drawing field after typing the command `box` in the command center.

 **STEP 6** 1. On what line in the text editor do you see the code for this command?
2. After you've cleaned your drawing field and typed the command `box` what shape and color appears in the drawing field?

 **STEP 7** How did the turtle move in the drawing field after you ran the `turtle-wait` command?

 **STEP 8** Write down the comment that you added to `turtle-wait`.



1.3 Challenges



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results in the space provided for each challenge.

C-1
Draw a square with sides that are 200 steps long using the `repeat` command.

C-2
Draw a triangle using the `repeat` command.

C-3
Draw any geometric shape using `repeat` and `wait`.



1.3 Challenges *Continued*



 Name: _____

For each Challenge, write the code you used to accomplish the task.

C-4

What other words can you find in the `TurtleWords.txt` file? Remember, word definitions start with `"to"` and end with `"end"`. Try running the other words you find and describe what happens in the drawing field for each one.

C-5

Edit the `TurtleWords.txt` file to change the size of the square drawn by `box` to have sides with length 200.

1. Make sure the file is open in the text editor window
2. Change the `box` word so that the sides are now 200 steps
3. Click **save** at the top of the text editor window
4. From the command center, click the **load** icon to reload your new code
5. Type `box` in the command center to try your new word
6. Write down the new code for the word `box`



1.3 Double Dare Challenges



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results in the space provided for each double dare.

D-1

Draw multiple squares using the repeat command.

D-2

Create a drawing using the repeat command and at least two geometric shapes.

D-3

Draw a 4-, 5-, or 6-pointed star using the repeat command.

1.4 Words Within Words



Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to use the **go** icon in the command center window
- Students will learn how to make new commands out of simpler ones
- Students will gain familiarity with the text editor and will use it to edit the **TurtleWords.txt** file to modify old words and to create new words

Materials

For each group of 2 students

- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet

Vocabulary:

- Default

 Tasks you need to perform

 Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

Getting Started

Wouldn't it be nice if you could combine **TurtleLogo** commands for a complex drawing so that you could pull them up with ease?

TurtleLogo can do that!

In this lesson, you will learn how to edit a file so that you can create more complicated commands based on previously defined words.

Instructions

STEP 1. Reload your TurtleLogo project



Reload your **TurtleLogo** project. Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3.



Embrace error messages. You cannot break the turtle. If something doesn't work, try typing a new line.



If you are trying to open an existing project, make sure to use the instructions on the **bottom** of page 3

STEP 2. Loading the TurtleWords.txt file



Near the bottom of the command center, you will see an icon with three dots. Clicking on this icon will bring up a new window that will show you the names of files that you can open.

- Click on "icon with three dots" 
- Click on the folder with your project name
- Click on **TurtleWords.txt** as the file to load
- Click Open

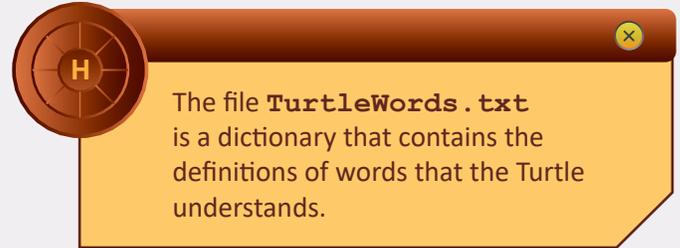
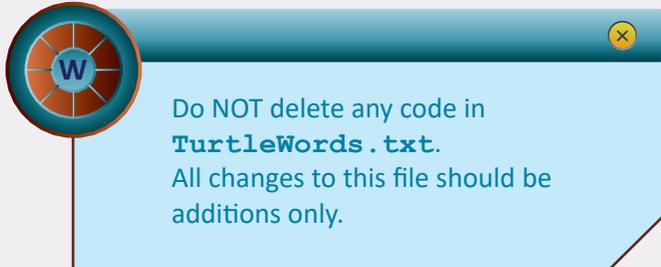


Do NOT click on *Recently Used*
Do NOT double click on the *file name*

STEP 3. Running the word go

 After you have reloaded `TurtleWords.txt`, click on the **go** button.

 On your worksheet, write a description of what happened to the drawing field window when you clicked the **go** icon.



STEP 4. What does go do?

 Read the `TurtleWords.txt` file to find the definition of the word **go**. This word has a special connection to the icon buttons at the bottom of the command center window. When you click the **go** icon, the computer will execute the words and instructions that are part of the definition of **go** in the `TurtleWords.txt` file.

 On your worksheet, write down the **default** actions that take place when you click the **go** icon. Modify these actions by editing the `TurtleWords.txt` file. For example, you can choose to change either the pen color or the pen size, or to insert a new command to change the background color. Then save the file by clicking the save icon at the top of the editor window. Then click the **load** and **go** buttons in the command center window.

Did the turtle follow your new instructions? Write a description of what happened on your worksheet.

STEP 5. Code Comparison

 Compare the definition of the two words **box** and **box-stack**, given below or in `TurtleWords.txt`. Once you create a new word for the Logo language and enter it in a dictionary file like `TurtleWords.txt`, it becomes part of the language and can be used inside more complex **procedures**. (A procedure is just a collection of command words to be executed.)

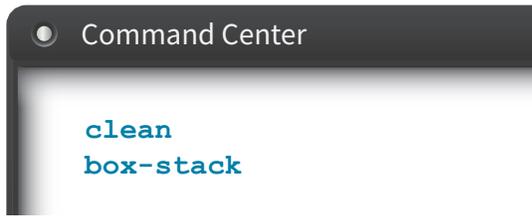
```
to box
  repeat 4 [ fd 100 rt 90 ]
end
```

```
to box-stack
  repeat 2 [ box fd 100 ]
end
```

 On your worksheet, sketch what you think the turtle will do for each word (**box** and **box-stack**).

STEP 6. Running the words

-  Now clean the screen and then run the `box-stack` word through the command center window.



You can copy, paste, and delete any lines in the command center at any time.

If you mess up your drawing screen, type `clean` to start over.

-  On your worksheet, indicate what `box-stack` actually did and compare it to your sketch in STEP 5.

STEP 7. Create your own word

-  Edit `TurtleWords.txt` to create your own word. Think of a name for your word, and make sure that your new word draws at least one square box. Save the `TurtleWords.txt` file, load it and run your new word in the command center window.

-  On your worksheet, write the code for your new word and sketch the results.



Don't forget that new words always start with "to" and end with "end"

STEP 8. Complete the challenges

-  If you can easily use the text editor, please move on to the challenges in the next section. If not, spend some more time editing words in `TurtleWords.txt` and running them.



1.4 Worksheet



 Name: _____

 **STEP 3** Write a description of what happened to the drawing field window when you clicked the go icon.

 **STEP 4** Write down the **default** actions that take place when you click the **go** icon. Modify these actions by editing the **TurtleWords.txt** file. For example, you can choose to change either the pen color or the pen size, or to insert a new command to change the background color. Then save the file by clicking the save icon at the top of the editor window. Then click the **load** and **go** buttons in the command center window.
Did the turtle follow your new instructions? Write a description of what happened.

 **STEP 5** Sketch what you think the turtle will do for each word (**box** and **box-stack**).



1.4 Worksheet *continued*

Words Within Words



 Name: _____

 **STEP 6** Indicate what **box-stack** actually did and compare it to your sketch in STEP 5.

 **STEP 7** Write the code for your new word and sketch the results.



1.4 Challenges



 Name: _____

For each Challenge, write the code you used to accomplish the task.

C-1

Edit the **go** word in **TurtleWords.txt** so that clicking on the **go** icon makes the turtle draw two stacked boxes.

Hint: what existing word knows to draw 2 stacked boxes?

C-2

Edit the **go** word so that clicking on the **go** icon will run every word that is defined in **TurtleWords.txt**.

C-3

Create a new **TurtleLogo** word that uses at least two words that were previously defined in **TurtleWords.txt**. Write your new word below.



1.4 Double Dare Challenges



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results in the space provided for each double dare.

D-1

Use at least five existing words from `TurtleWords.txt` to draw an interesting pattern.

D-2

Create a word that uses `box` to draw squares in all four corners of the drawing field.

Hint: don't forget to use `penup` and `pendown` commands.

D-3

Draw any object by creating a word that uses at least two other words and also uses the `repeat` command.

1.5 Variable Inputs to Words



Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to use variable inputs to words in **TurtleLogo**
- Students will learn how to run **TurtleLogo** commands that require inputs

Materials

For each group of 2 students

- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet
- Graph paper

Vocabulary:

- Input
- Variable



Tasks you need to perform



Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

Getting Started

What if you can't decide how big of a box to draw?

What if you want to draw boxes in different colors without editing, saving and reloading your code?

The size of the box and the color of the turtle's ink can each be specified with a number. This number can be used as **input** to a Turtle word.

Running the word with different input numbers will produce different drawings on the screen.

In this lesson, you will learn how to write **Turtle** words that accept **variable** input numbers.

Instructions

STEP 1. Reload your TurtleLogo project and your TurtleWords.txt file



Near the bottom of the command center, you will see an icon with three dots. Clicking on this icon will bring up a new window that will show you the names of files that you can open.

- Click on "icon with three dots" 
- Click on the folder with your project name
- Click on **TurtleWords.txt** as the file to load
- Click Open



The text editor window may be hiding underneath the command center window. Move the command center window out of the way so that you can edit the **TurtleLogo.txt** file when needed.

STEP 2. Code Comparison



Compare the two words **box** and **draw-box** below. The new piece, **:n**, is called a **variable**. In the Logo computer language, variable names always start with a colon (:). Variables are used to hold input numbers. Add this new word, **draw-box**, to your **TurtleLogo.txt** then save the file and load it.

```
to box
  repeat 4 [ fd 100 rt 90 ]
end
```

```
to draw-box :n
  repeat 4 [ fd :n rt 90 ]
end
```

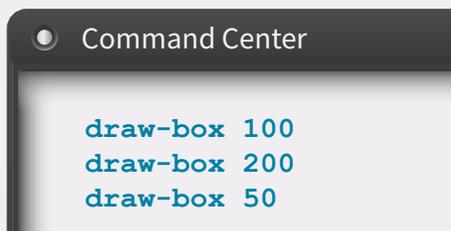


On your worksheet, answer:

1. In **box**, what is the size of the box that the turtle draws?
2. Do you know the box size in **draw-box**? Explain.

STEP 3. Running draw-box with variable input

-  From the command center, type `draw-box 100` and hit enter. Type `draw-box 200` and hit enter. Type `draw-box 50` and hit enter.



```
Command Center  
  
draw-box 100  
draw-box 200  
draw-box 50
```



If you get an error _____ needs more inputs, you have forgotten to provide the numerical value of your variable.

Don't forget that new words always start with "to" and end with "end"

-  On your worksheet, write a few sentences that explain the difference between `box` and `draw-box`. Your explanation must include a discussion of how variables work.

STEP 4. Modify words for input

-  `draw-box` is similar to `box` but it allows the user to change the box size when the word is run.

Find two other words in `TurtleWords.txt` that you can modify to add input variables. Copy each word, give it a new name and change it so that it takes a variable input. For example, you could decide to vary the size of one side of a box in the `box` command. Or you could decide to vary the number of boxes that are stacked up in `box-stack`.

-  On your worksheet, write the new code definitions that you wrote for each word and sketch the resulting drawings.



A variable can be more than one letter. A word can also accept multiple variables. The following variable names are valid -

<code>:size</code>	<code>:length</code>
<code>:width</code>	<code>:apple</code>

STEP 5. Running a word with more than one variable input

-  There is no limit to how many input variables you can define for a given word. To use more than one input variable, you need to name each variable with a different letter or description. For example, you could use `:size` instead of `:n` to represent the number of steps in one side of a box, while using `:nbox` to represent how many boxes to draw. In this case, `:nbox` would be used as the number which tells the repeat command how many times to draw another box.

Write code for a new word that will take two or more input variables. Type it into `TurtleWords.txt`, save the file, load it and then run the new word in the command center window.

-  On your worksheet, write the new code that you have created and explain the role of each variable in your code. Also sketch the result.



If you get an error message that says `I don't know how to _____`, check your typing. You may have misspelled the command.

You can't define new words with the `to ... end` format within the command center. These must be in TurtleLogo files that you need to save, load, and run.

STEP 6. Complete the challenges

-  If you successfully created your own words with variable inputs, please move on to the challenges in the next section. If not, spend some more time creating your own variable-input words and running them.



1.5 Worksheet



 Name: _____

 **STEP 2** 1. In **box**, what is the size of the box that the turtle draws?
2. Do you know the box size in **draw-box**? Explain.

 **STEP 3** Write a few sentences that explain the difference between **box** and **draw-box**. Your explanation must include a discussion of how variables work.

 **STEP 4** Write the new code definitions that you wrote for each word and sketch the resulting drawings.

 **STEP 5** Write the new code that you have created and explain the role of each variable in your code. Also sketch the result.



1.5 Challenges



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results when appropriate for each Challenge.

C-1

Create a TurtleLogo word **draw-triangle** that uses a variable to define the size of one side of an equilateral triangle. Run the word a few times with different inputs and describe the results.

C-2

Modify the **draw-box** word (that you previously typed into **TurtleLogo.txt**) so that you can change the color of the box by using a variable input number. Run the word a few times with different inputs and describe the results.

C-3

Modify either the **draw-triangle** or the **draw-box** word to use a second input variable. Run the word a few times with different inputs and describe the results.



1.5 Double Dare Challenges

Variable Inputs to Words



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results when appropriate for each Double Dare. Also, show your teacher the drawing field after completion.

D-1

Create a word that can change the size, color, and pen size of a square using input variables.

D-2

Create a word that uses a variable amount of time to wait between drawing each side of a box, and a second variable that changes the size of each side of the box.



1.5 Double Dare *continued*

Variable Inputs to Words



Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results when appropriate for each Double Dare. Also, show your teacher the drawing field after completion.

D-3

Create a word that uses three variables as input to draw any regular geometric shape (such as a square or an equilateral triangle). The variables should describe the color, size and number of sides of the object. *Hint: the angle to turn the turtle before drawing the next side is equal to $360/(\text{number of sides})$.*

1.6 Turtle Art

Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to use the `arc` and `setshade` commands
- Students will use a variety of **TurtleLogo** words to create a unique work of art that incorporates geometric shapes

Materials

For each group of 2 students

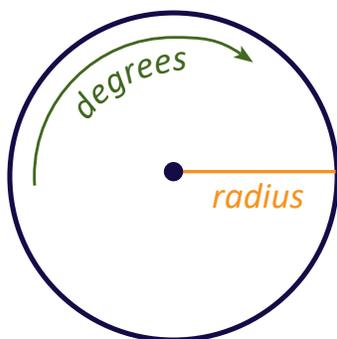
- Computer
- Turtle Logo guide
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare sheet
- Graph paper

Vocabulary:

- arc

 **Tasks you need to perform**

 **Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets**



Getting Started

In this final exercise, you will use a variety of **TurtleLogo** words to create a geometric art project.

Instructions

STEP 1. Reload your TurtleLogo project and your TurtleWords.txt file



Use the instructions at the bottom of page 2 to reload your project, and then click on this icon to see a list of files that you can load. Choose `TurtleWords.txt` by clicking on it. Then click on the load icon at the bottom of the command center window. Make sure that the `TurtleWords.txt` file is open in a text editor window.



The text editor window may be hiding underneath the command center window. Move the command center window out of the way so that you can edit the `TurtleLogo.txt` file when needed.

STEP 2. Using the arc word



`arc` is a word that is very useful for creating Turtle Art. The `arc` word takes two inputs: the number of degrees in the arc, and the number of steps that make up the radius of a circle.

Type the following into the command center to see how `arc` works. Clean the screen between each trial.

```
Command Center
arc 360 100
arc 360 50
arc 180 100
```



On your worksheet, fill in the table with a description of what happened when you typed in the words. When the turtle draws a complete circle, on what side of the turtle is the circle (left or right?)

STEP 3. Using the `setshade` word

 `setshade` is another word that can be useful in creating Turtle Art. It is similar to `setcolor`, but the shades that are available vary from 0 (black) to 100 (white) for each color. Type the following into the command center to see how `setshade` works. If needed, clean the screen between each trial.

 On your worksheet, fill in the table with a description of what happened when you typed in the words.

```
Command Center

setcolor 50
fd 100
setshade 10
fd 100
setshade 90
fd 100
```

STEP 4. Practice Art

 Use the `arc` word and other **TurtleLogo** words to draw three letters in a single color and pensize. For example: the letters can be your initials or those of a friend. Do not let the letters touch each other.

 On your worksheet, write the new code that you have created, and show your output to your instructor.



Remember to use `penup`, `pendown` and `setxy`. Graph paper may help you plan out your drawings.

STEP 5. Complete the challenges

 Please complete the art challenge. If needed, spend some more time practicing and reviewing the different word choices.



1.6 Worksheet



 Name: _____

 **STEP 2** Fill in the table with a description of what happened when you typed in the words.
When the turtle draws a complete circle, on what side of the turtle is the circle (left or right?)

Code	What happens?
<code>arc 360 100</code>	
<code>arc 360 50</code>	
<code>arc 180 100</code>	

 **STEP 3** Fill in the table with a description of what happened when you typed in the words.

Code	What happens?
<code>setcolor 50</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	
<code>setshade 10</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	
<code>setshade 90</code>	
<code>fd 100</code>	

 **STEP 4** Write the new code that you have created, and show your output to your instructor.



1.6 Challenges



Name: _____

Code Requirements:

1. Your code must contain at least three unique words of your own creation. These can be anything that gives the turtle a series of directions to draw a shape, perform an action, or follow any kind of direction you choose.
2. You must use at least one repeat somewhere in your code.
3. You must include at least one geometric shape in your drawing.
4. You must change either the color of the pen, the width of the pen or the color of the background at least once.
5. You must have at least one word that requires a variable input.
6. Your entire project should display when you type its name into the command center or when you click the **go** icon

C-1

Create a **TurtleLogo** art project including each of the requirements listed above.

Present your **TurtleLogo** art project to the class.

Presentation Instructions:

1. Connect your Computer to the projector and demonstrate your final product to the class.
2. Display your code and point out the specific parts of code that fulfill the requirements listed above.
3. You will describe the parts of code and explain how they affect the outcome or actions of the turtle.
4. Answer questions from the class about your project.



1.6 Double Dare Challenges



Turtle Art



 Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results when appropriate for each Double Dare. Also, show your teacher the drawing field after completion. Graph paper may be helpful.

D-1

Write a word that draws your name or another word on the screen

D-2

Write a word that draws a dashed line where the number of dashes and the size of the dashes are both variables.



1.6 Double Dare *Continued*



Turtle Art



Name: _____

Write the commands you used and sketch the results when appropriate for each Double Dare. Also, show your teacher the drawing field after completion. Graph paper may be helpful.

D-3

Write a word that draws a smiley face on the screen

D-4

Write a word that draws a spiral on the screen

D-5

Be creative! Make an amazing Turtle Art drawing.



Appendix A - Glossary



Use this glossary to write down the definitions of all the Vocabulary words for each lesson.
Feel free to add additional words that you have learned.

A Arc:

Argument:

B

C Command Center window:

D Debug:

Default:

Degree:

Drawing Field window:

E

F

G

H Hue:

I Input:

J

K

L

M

N

O

P Pixel:

Procedure:

Polygon:

R

S Saturation:

T Text Editor window:

V Variable:

W

X

Y

Z

