

2D Shape Drawings -Using logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms

Principal partners











Recommended for ages 7-11

Today we are learning about...



Logical reasoning and algorithms

• I can use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in an algorithm

Algorithm for drawing a house

Algorithm

Desired outcome of algorithm

- 1. Draw a blue square in the centre of your page
- 2. Draw an orange equilateral triangle with one edge aligned with the top of the square
- 3. Draw two blue triangles inside the square
- 4. Draw a yellow square with sides half the length of the first square, inside the first square
- 5. Draw a green regular hexagon to the left of the square. The bottom of this shape should be inline with the bottom of the square
- 6. Draw a purple regular pentagon to the right of the square



Main task

Task 1 (10 mins)

- Fill in a simple drawing made from 2D shapes in the right hand part of the table and write the algorithm for this drawing in the left hand box
- Include 3 deliberate mistakes in your algorithm

Task 2 (10 mins)

• Sketch out each step of your partners algorithm and use logical reasoning to detect and correct the errors (Identify, Think, Change)

• Make changes to the algorithm using a coloured pencil

Extension

• Can you spot any patterns in the information needed in each step of the algorithm?



Plenary

Feedback to your partner

- Take turns to feedback to your partner the errors you found in their algorithm. For each error, explain:
 - What error you identified
 - How you knew it was an error
 - How you have corrected the error
 - How you know your correction will work
 - Did your partner find all the errors you'd purposefully made?
- Did they detect and correct any unintentional errors?







