

Direct Instruction Summary

Intro to Color Codes 05: Skills Check 1 (Gr 3-5)



1. Introduction

Students need both Activity Sheets: the story and the maze. Read one event at a time and use the Color Codes Key to fill in the missing Color Codes.

2. Read the First Event and Determine the Missing Color Codes

First event: *Ozobot was hungry, so it went to the kitchen and gobbled down some cookies.* The first code will program the bot to move toward the cookies, Left at Intersection. The second code will simulate gobbling cookies, and is a special move. Spin or Tornado will work here.

3. Read the Second Event and Determine the Missing Color Codes

Second event: *After eating the cookies, Ozobot was thirsty. It got a refreshing drink of milk.* The third code is Left at Intersection. Fourth is U-Turn, fifth is Straight at Intersection.

Note that after the bot turns left at the intersection, it will travel over the Straight at Intersection before coming to the U-Turn. Since the bot is reading the code backward, it will not recognize it as a code, but just colors on a line. After the U-Turn, it will read the code going the correct direction to program it to go straight.

4. Read the Third Event and Determine the Missing Color Codes

Third event: *Then, Ozobot heard its favorite song playing in the living room. It couldn't help but dance and started to backwalk.* The next code has 4 color spaces, it is Backwalk.

5. Complete the Maze on Your Own

Read the next event. Then, find the missing Color Code to move Ozobot to the correct object. If there are four boxes, a Special Move Color Code is missing.

6. Check Your Color Codes and Run Your Bot

Color Code 7: Right at Intersection

Color Code 8: Left at Intersection

Color Code 9: Zigzag

Color Code 10: Nitro Boost

Color Code 11: Any Special Move

Color Code 12: Straight at Intersection

Color Code 13: Win/Exit (Play Again)

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7. Lesson Wrap-Up

Have students explain to a partner, in writing, or in a group discussion:

1. the Color Codes they used and why
2. a problem they encountered and how they attempted to solve it
3. how their bot behaved based on the Color Codes used and if the bot demonstrated the correct outcome