

Unfortunate Events

Introduction

Choose someone to read aloud to the group:

“We’re going to help Dot look for events. An event is an action that causes something to happen. It is like a cause and effect, or an action and reaction. For example: “When a traffic light turns green, the cars go.” Can you think of any more examples? Write them down, or share them verbally with the group.”

Hints:

- When the recess bell rings, it causes students to leave the classroom and play outside.
- When you say “Hello!” to your friend, it causes your friend to say, “Hello!”
- When you smell fresh pizza, you get hungry and your stomach grumbles.

1. Choose someone to read aloud to the group:

“Sometimes, you have to wait for an event to occur. What are some situations where you wait for an event to happen? Write down some real-life examples, or share them verbally with the group.”

Hints:

- Waiting for someone to blow out the candles of a birthday cake. When the candles are blown out, then you can eat the cake!
- Waiting for a movie to start. When the movie starts, then you stop talking and look at the screen.
- Waiting for your friends at lunch. When your friends arrive, then you can all start eating lunch and talking to each other.

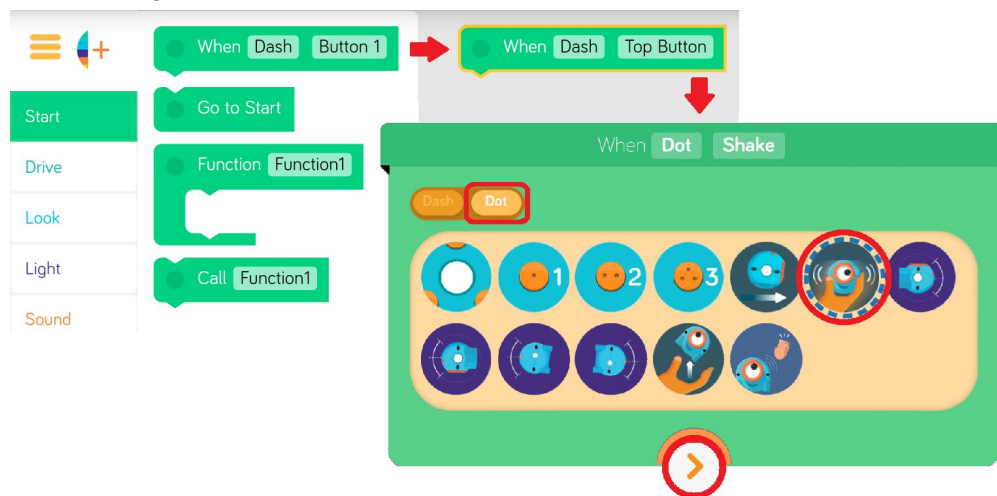
2. Choose someone to read aloud to the group:

“Dot can react to events as well. For example if someone shakes Dot, she can make a sound. If someone tosses Dot in the air, she can change colour. In the next section we will follow the steps to learn how to create a simple event in Blockly, and have Dot make a sound as a result of the event happening.”

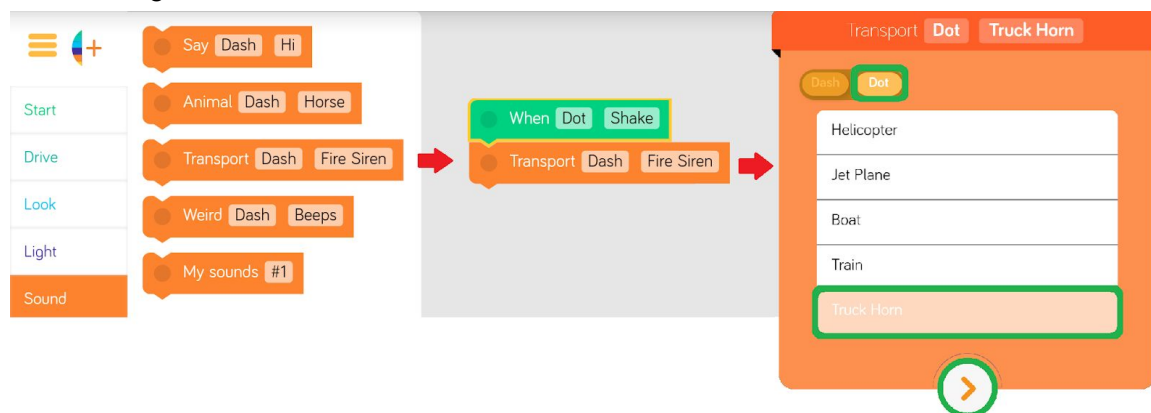


Guided Practice

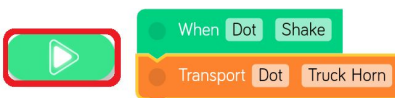
1. Drag out a “When” block. Click to edit.



2. Drag out a “Sound” block. Click to edit.



3. Press “Play”. Shake Dot. What happens?



Independent Practice

1. How many different “Events” can you create?
2. How many “Sounds” can you add to the events?
3. Try “Lights” instead of sounds.
4. Try the “My Sounds” block to record your own voice.

Curriculum Connections

1. Plan a story where Dot goes on an adventure. The story will be called “A Series of Unfortunate Events” with the main actor as Dot. (Remember: a story has a beginning middle and end, also a setting, characters, a plot and a climax).

