


Coding Critters™



Dart's Big Race!



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It's the day of the big race,
and Dart is feeling fast.

"Ok, Dart, this is your chance,"
he thinks as the flag drops.
"On your mark, get set... go!"

START

Activity

Dart wants to dart past Terrence the Tiger. Build a path using 3 tiles to pass Terrence!




What is Coding?

CODING is a set of instructions that make a computer (or robot) perform a task!



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A colorful illustration of a jungle scene. In the foreground, a smiling orange tiger with black stripes is walking towards the right. To its right, a green frog with a large eye and a fan-like tail is sitting on the ground. In the background, a toucan with a large yellow and red beak is perched on a tree branch. The scene is decorated with various flowers and vines. The text is placed in the upper left area of the illustration.

Dart sprints past a crowd of bigger animals. “Wow, you’re fast!” says Terrence the Tiger.

“Thanks!” Dart says. “I’ve been practicing. Check this out!”


Activity

To get past Tallulah the Toucan, Dart needs to swing on the springy vines. Which card is missing from his path?

Did You Know?

A **SEQUENCE** is a series of steps arranged in order.





With a flip, Dart flies through the air and lands near the front of the race.

“Whew!” says Dart. “All this running is making me thirsty. I need a break!”

Activity

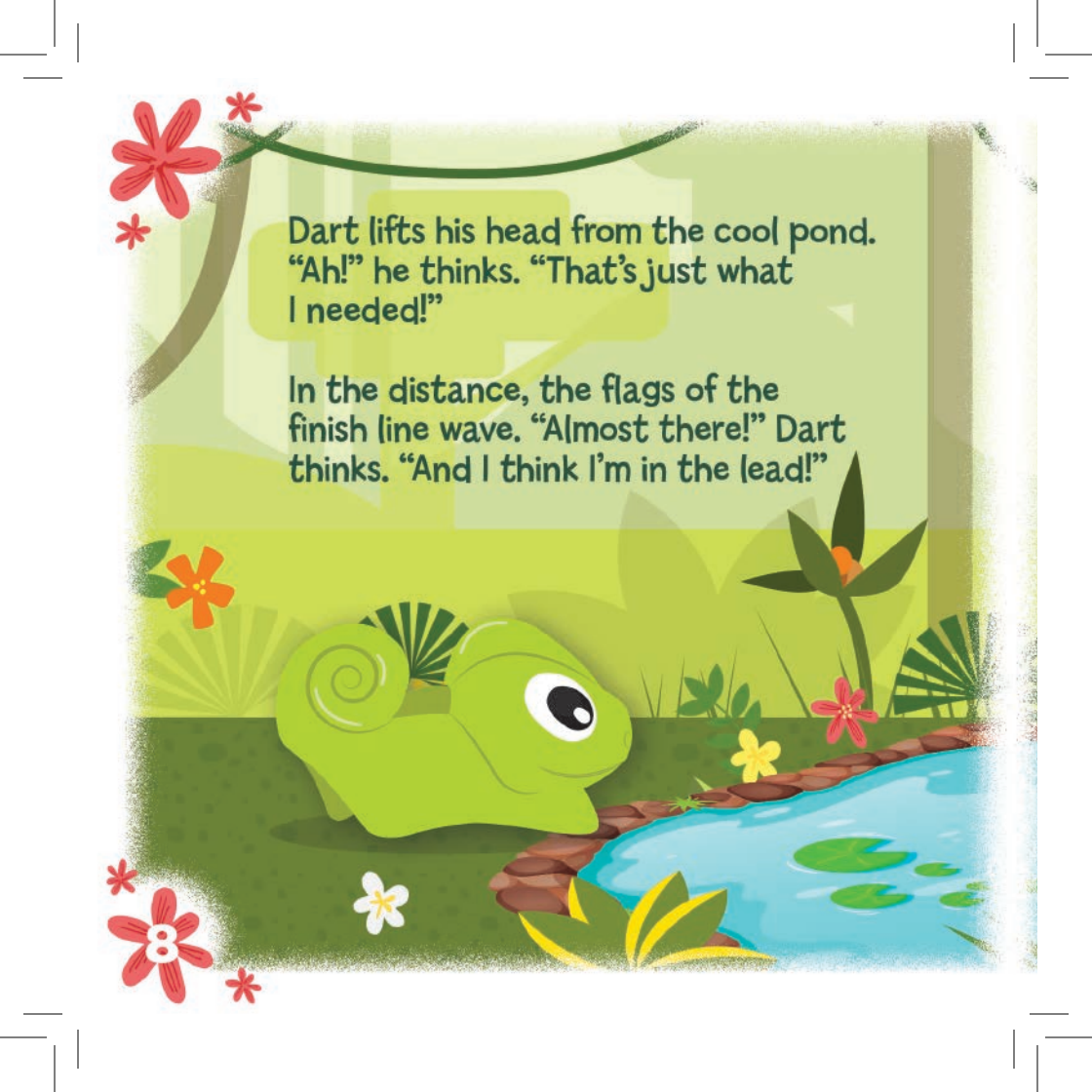
Dart needs to move fast and arrange the tiles in sequence.

- **First**, pass Mikey the Monkey.
- **Then**, pass Ella the Elephant.
- **Finally**, stop at the pond for a drink.

Now
Try This!

Add two more
circle tiles to
keep Dart
moving!





Dart lifts his head from the cool pond.
“Ah!” he thinks. “That’s just what
I needed!”

In the distance, the flags of the
finish line wave. “Almost there!” Dart
thinks. “And I think I’m in the lead!”


Activity

Arrange these tiles so Dart can meet his chameleon friends at the finish line. Start on the pond!

Fun Fact

A chameleon's tongue is longer than its whole body!





Dart crosses the finish line first.
The race is over! He's the winner!

"What a great race!" Dart says to
his friends. "Let's all take a victory
lap together!"



Activity

Can you arrange these tiles in a path so that Dart can visit all of his friends again and again?

Did You Know?

A **LOOP** is a set of repeated instructions.





Build these fun paths and watch me go, **Whee!!**



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