UP IN THE CLOUDS

In this game, you get to fly a biplane. The plane is controlled by rotating it, in a similar way to the car in *Drive Me Crazy* on page 18. Every time the plane flies through a cloud, the score goes up by one point. But to make the game harder, as the score goes up, the plane gets faster and faster. We will use animation to make the propeller turn.



Start a new Scratch file.
Delete the cat sprite first:



Click Backdrops
and draw the sky
and ground using
the Rectangle tool.



Start the plane by clicking the Paint new sprite button.



Choose the **Rectangle** tool.



At the bottom of the screen, click the shaded rectangle. Click red.



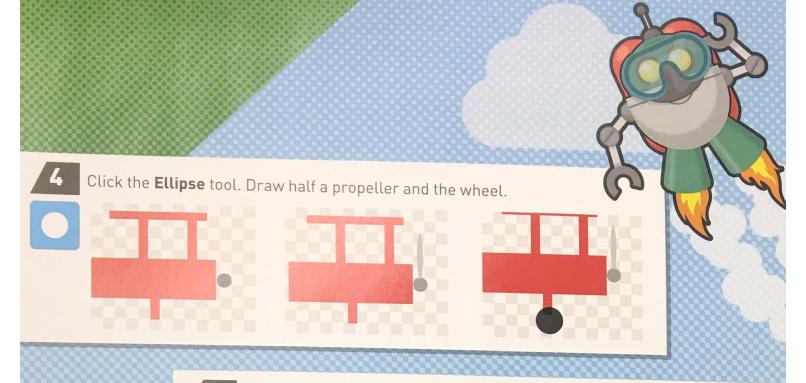
Don't draw any clouds yet!

Draw six red rectangles. Make the first one ¾ of the width of the Drawing Area:

75%





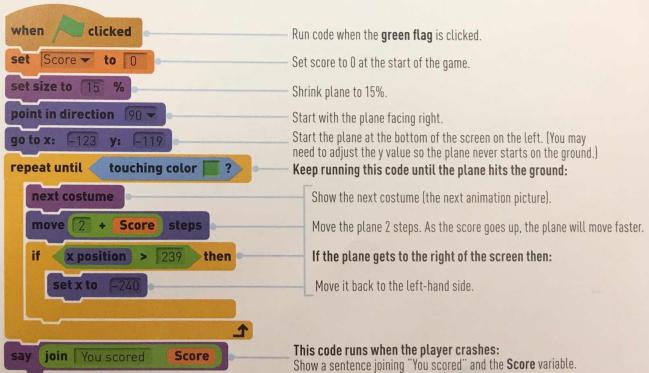


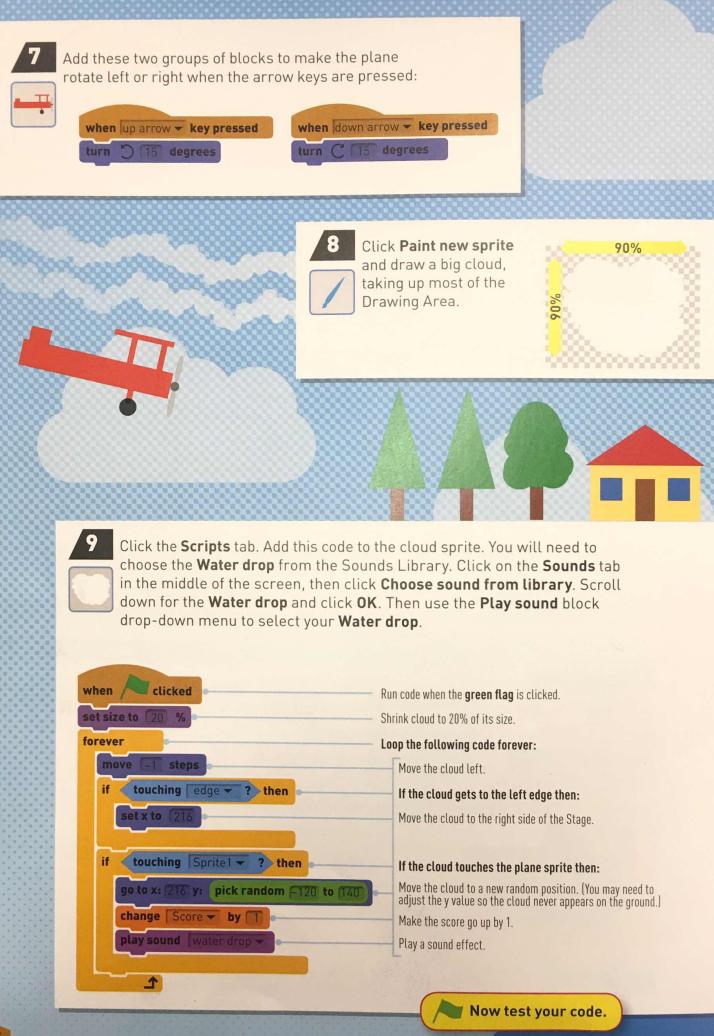
Next we will create another **costume** for the biplane to make it look as if the propeller is rotating.

To do this, turn back to page 27 and follow the instructions in the **Creating animations** box.



Drag the following code blocks to the Scripts Area. You will need to create a variable called **Score** in the **Data** group. For help with x and y coordinates, or for setting the color in the **Touching color?** block, turn to page 11.





EXPERIMENT

What happens if you change the number 15 in the Turn 15 degrees block (in step 7)? Try small numbers like 1 or 2 and big numbers like 30. Does this make it easier or harder to play the game?





- Change the number -1 in the Move -1 steps in the code that controls the cloud. Try larger or smaller numbers. What happens if the number is positive instead of negative?
- Change the values in the Pick random -120 to 140 block in step 9. What happens to the cloud?





CHALLENGES

- Change the scoring system to make the score go up by 10 points every time you hit a cloud.
- Compose a tune for the start of the game, using Play note blocks.
- Add trees and buildings to the background to make your game look more exciting.
- Add a timer to your game. Turn to page 31 for hints on how to do this.
- Add an animation to your cloud, so it appears to shrink and grow.
 Turn back to page 27 for a refresher on how to make animations.
- Try to make the cloud move in a random direction. Hint: In the code shown in step 9, add a Point in direction block above the Change score block. Use a Pick random block to set the angle.
- Design a flying or swimming game of your own. How about making a shark swimming through floating seaweed?

