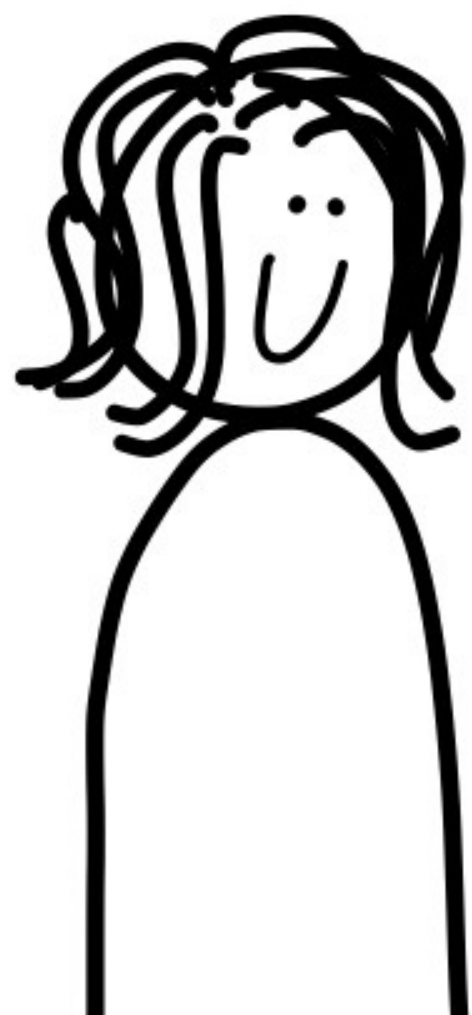


Hedy: A gradual

Programming Language

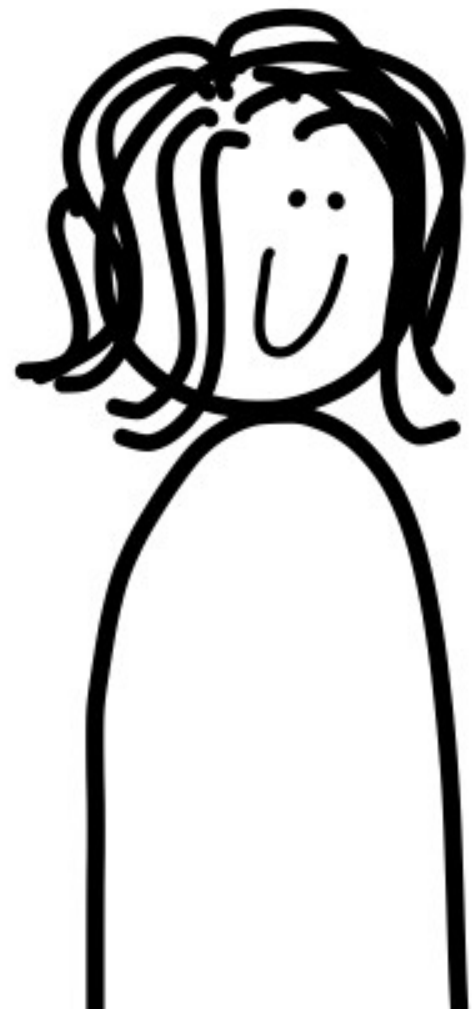


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Hedy is gradual

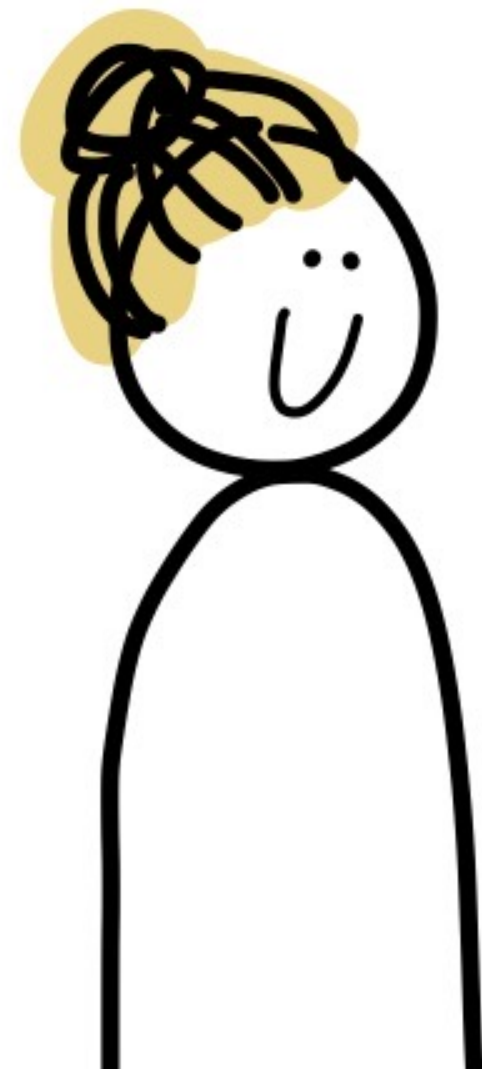
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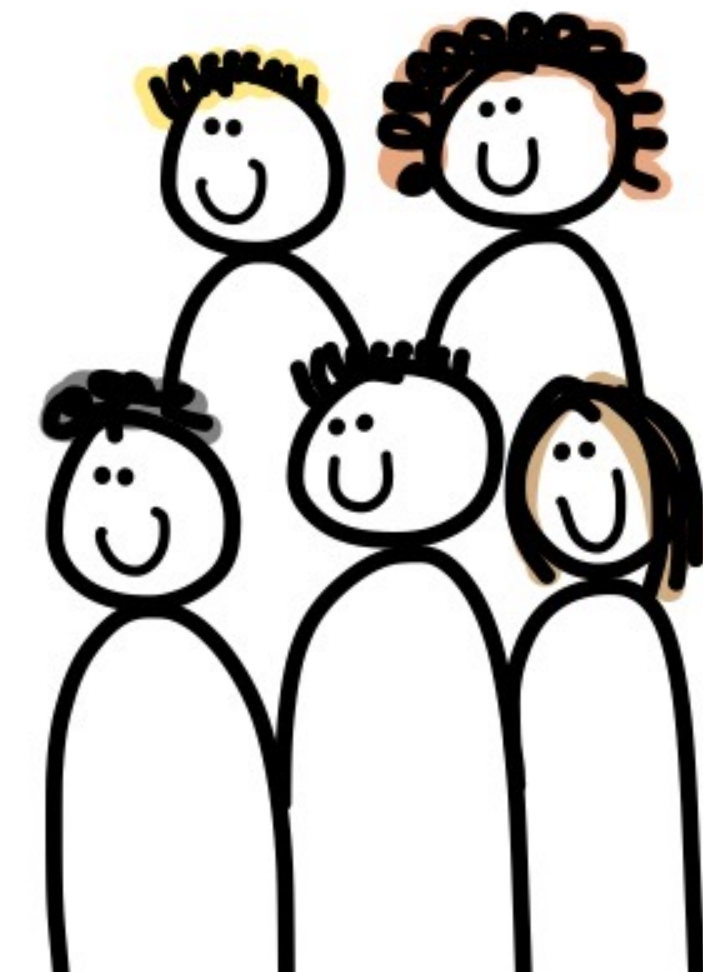
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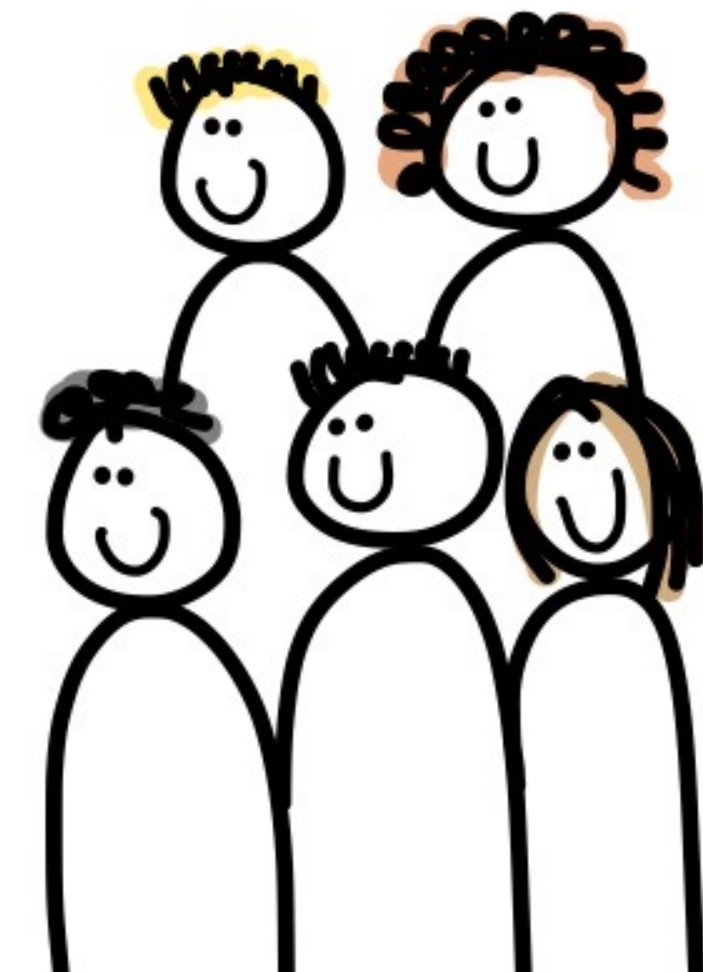
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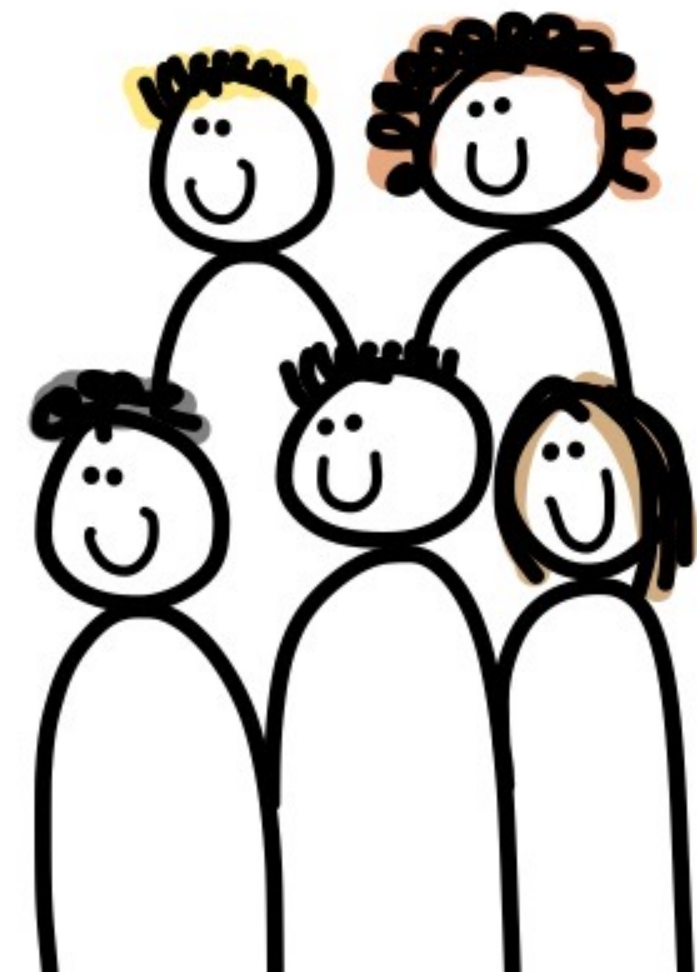
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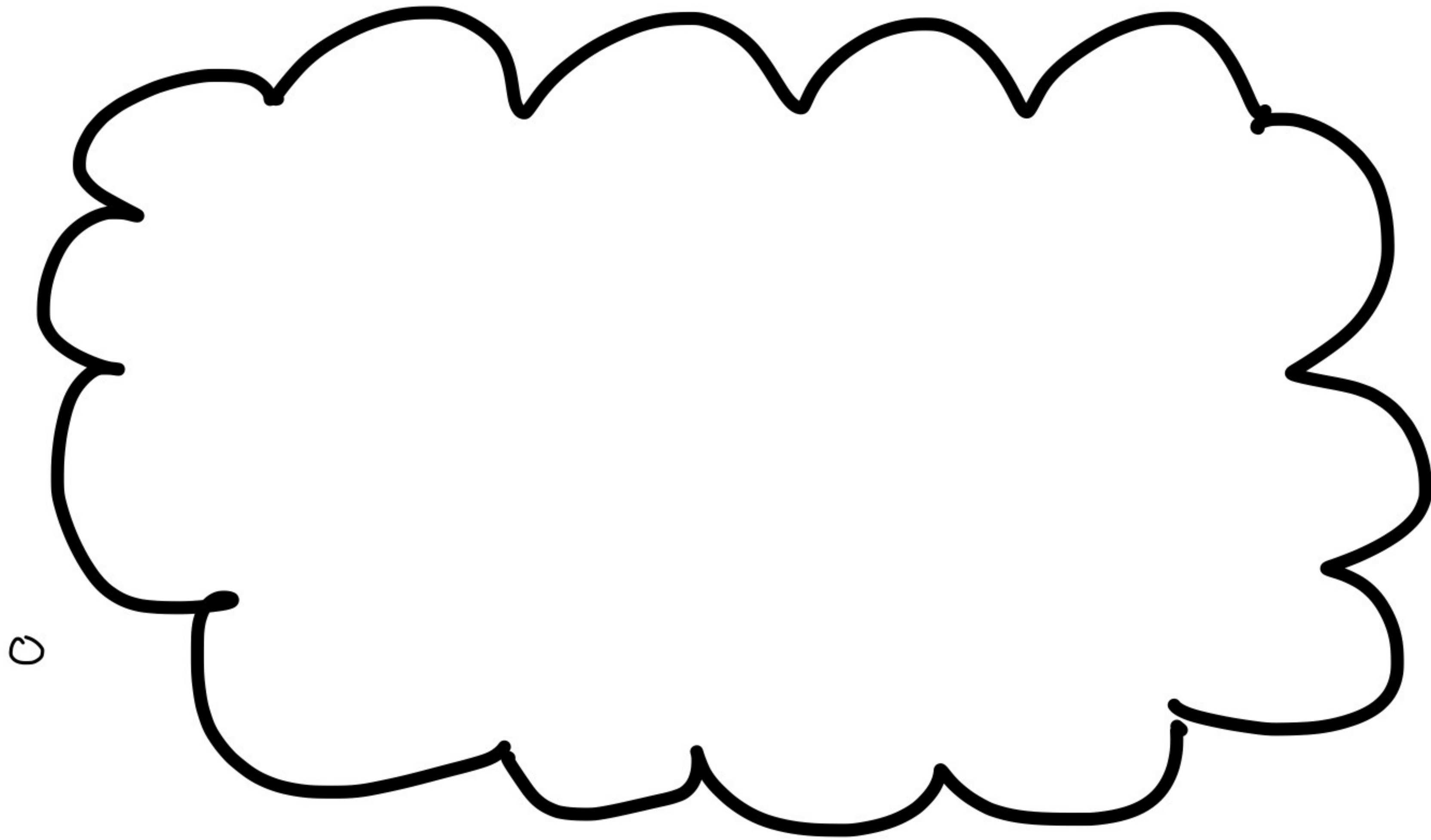
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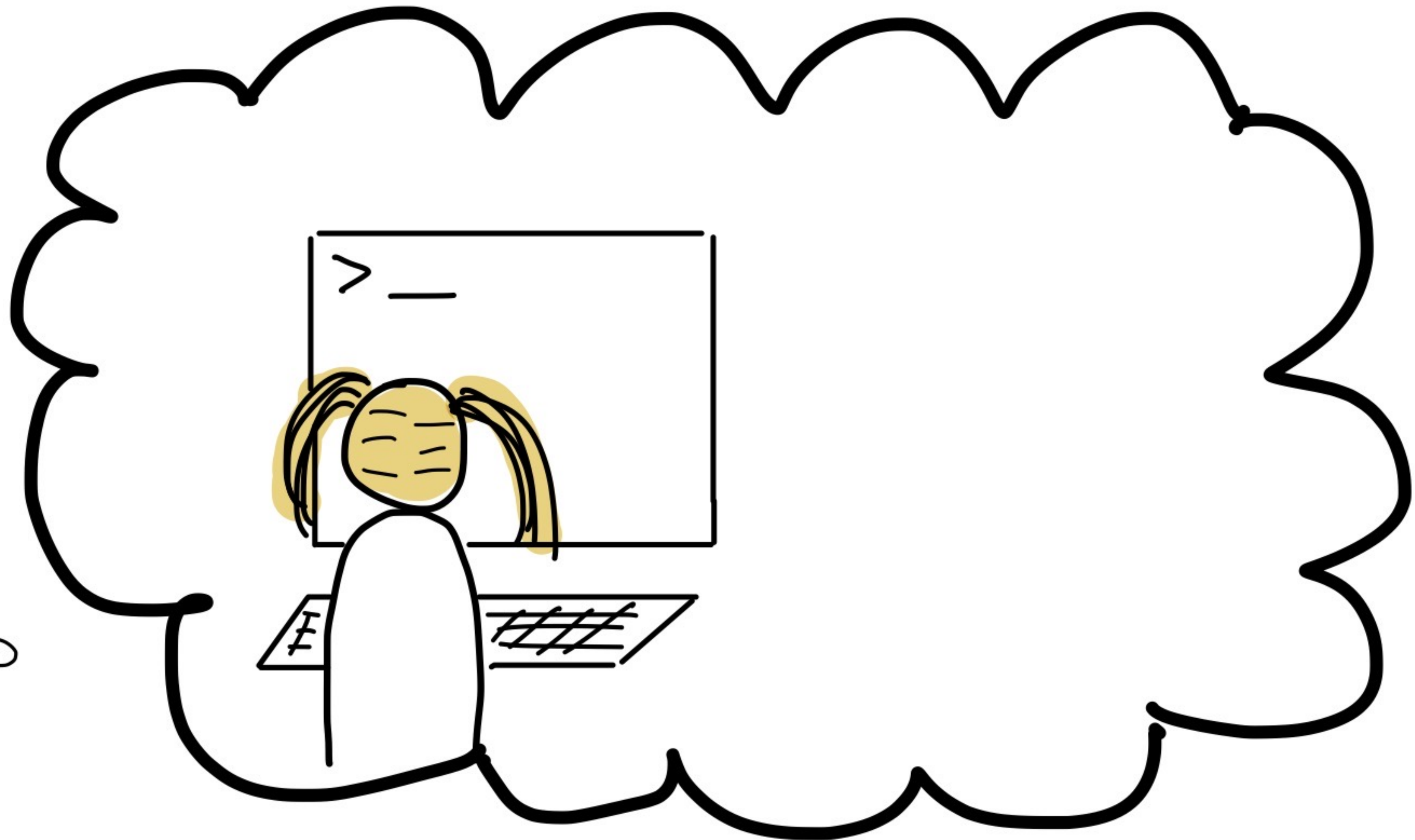
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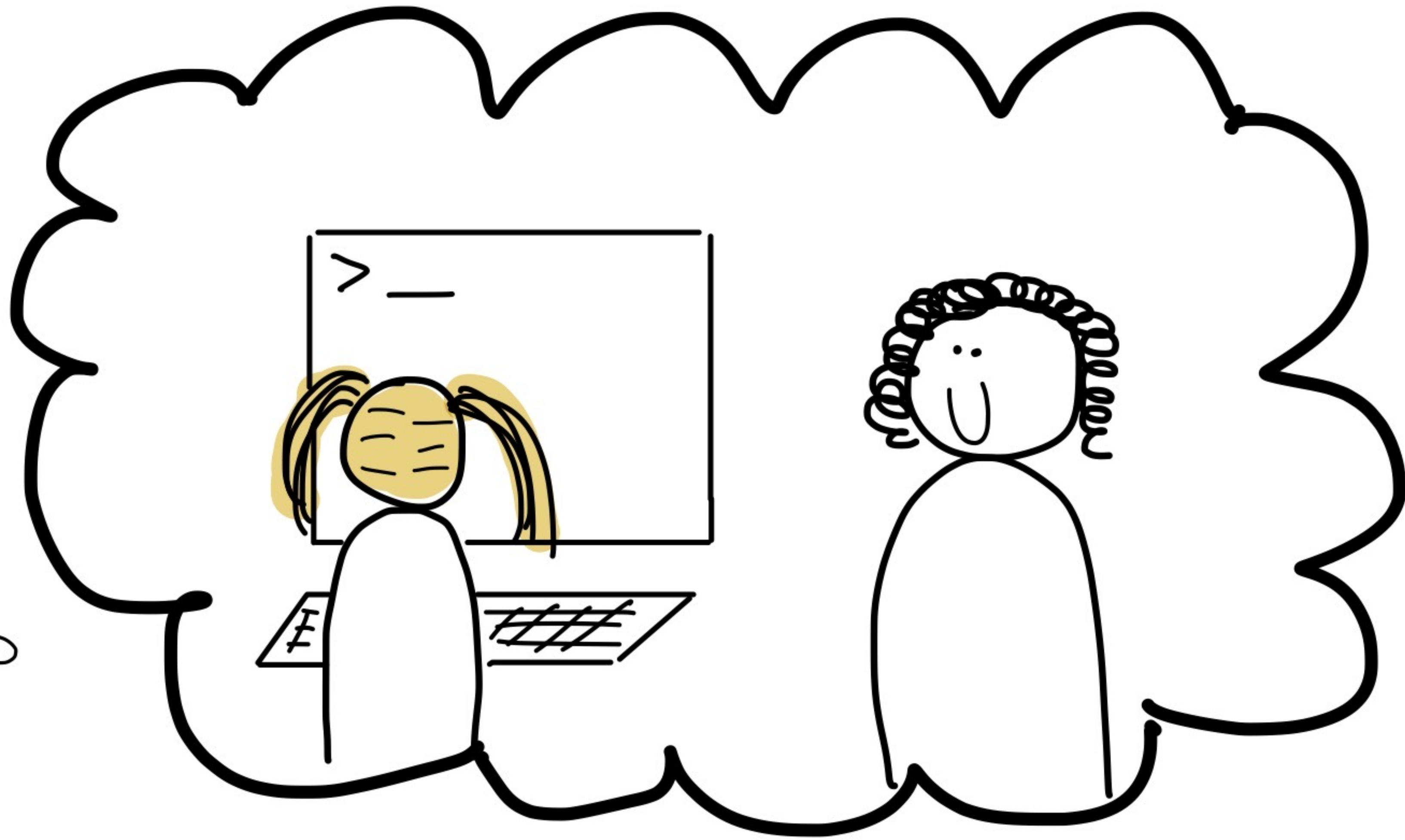
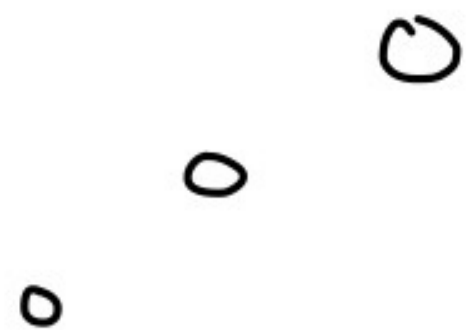


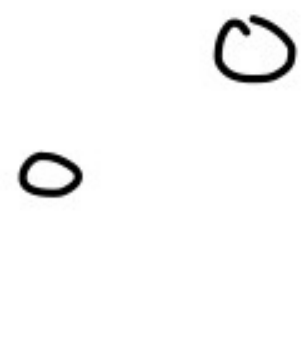


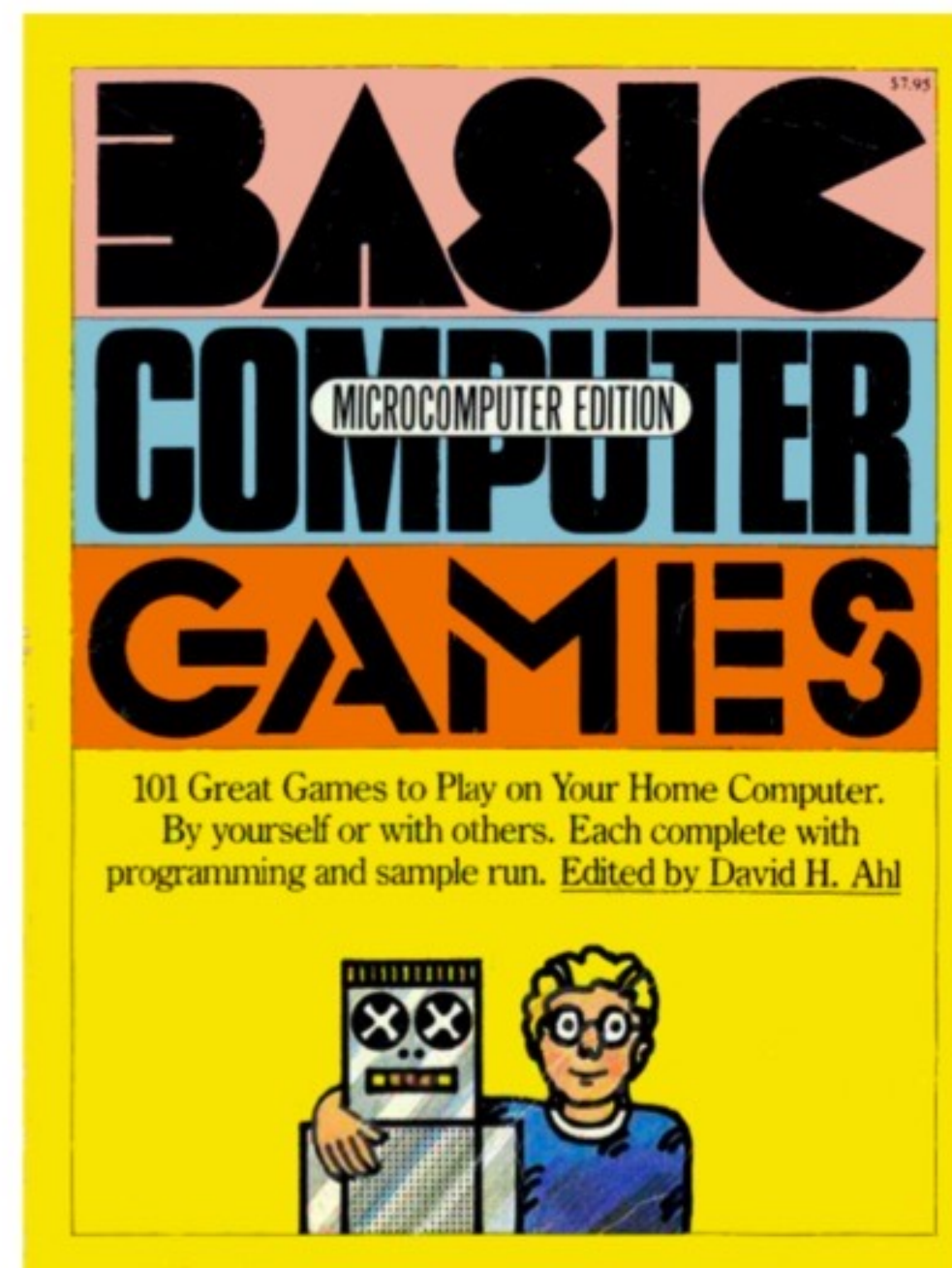
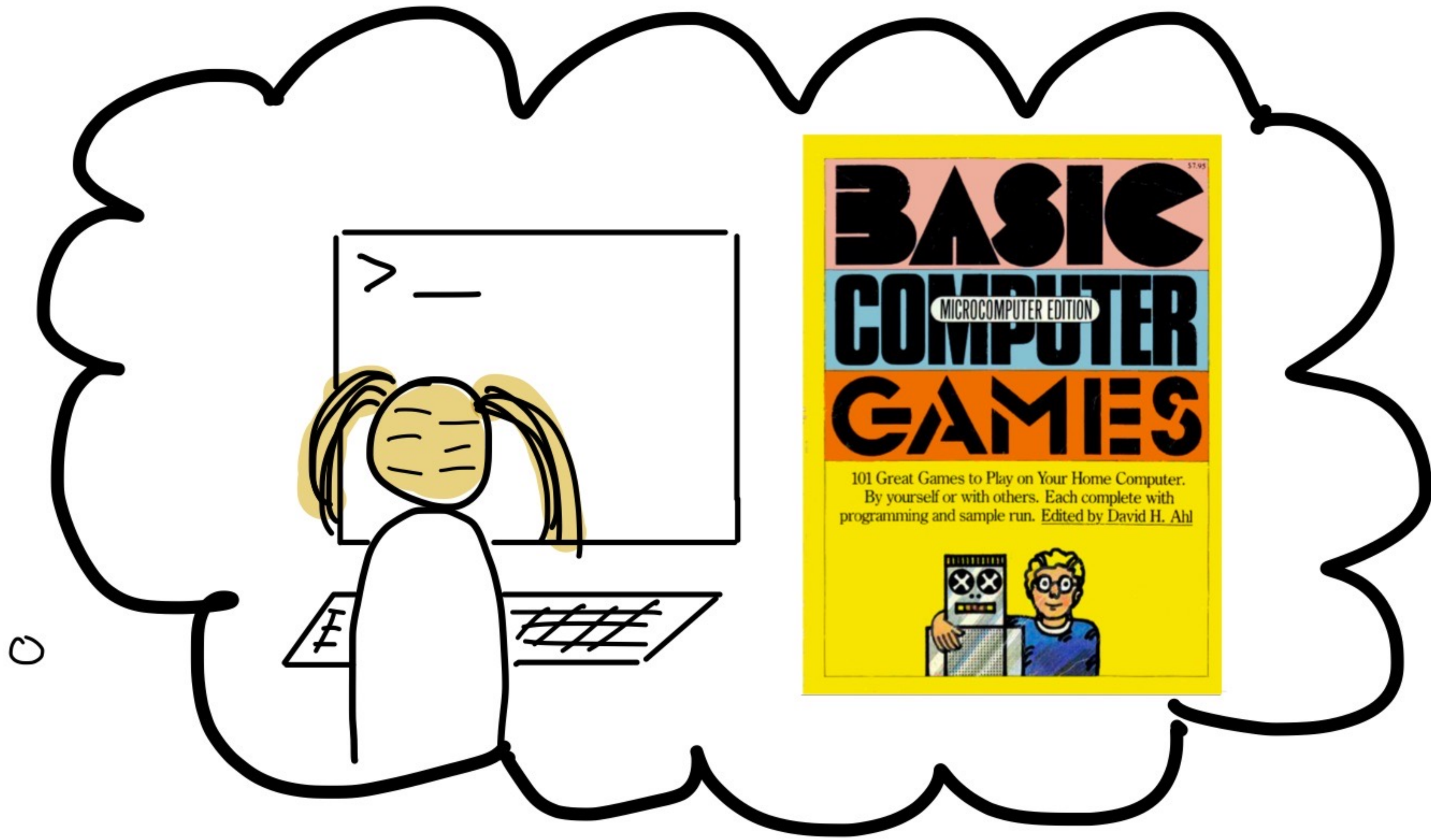
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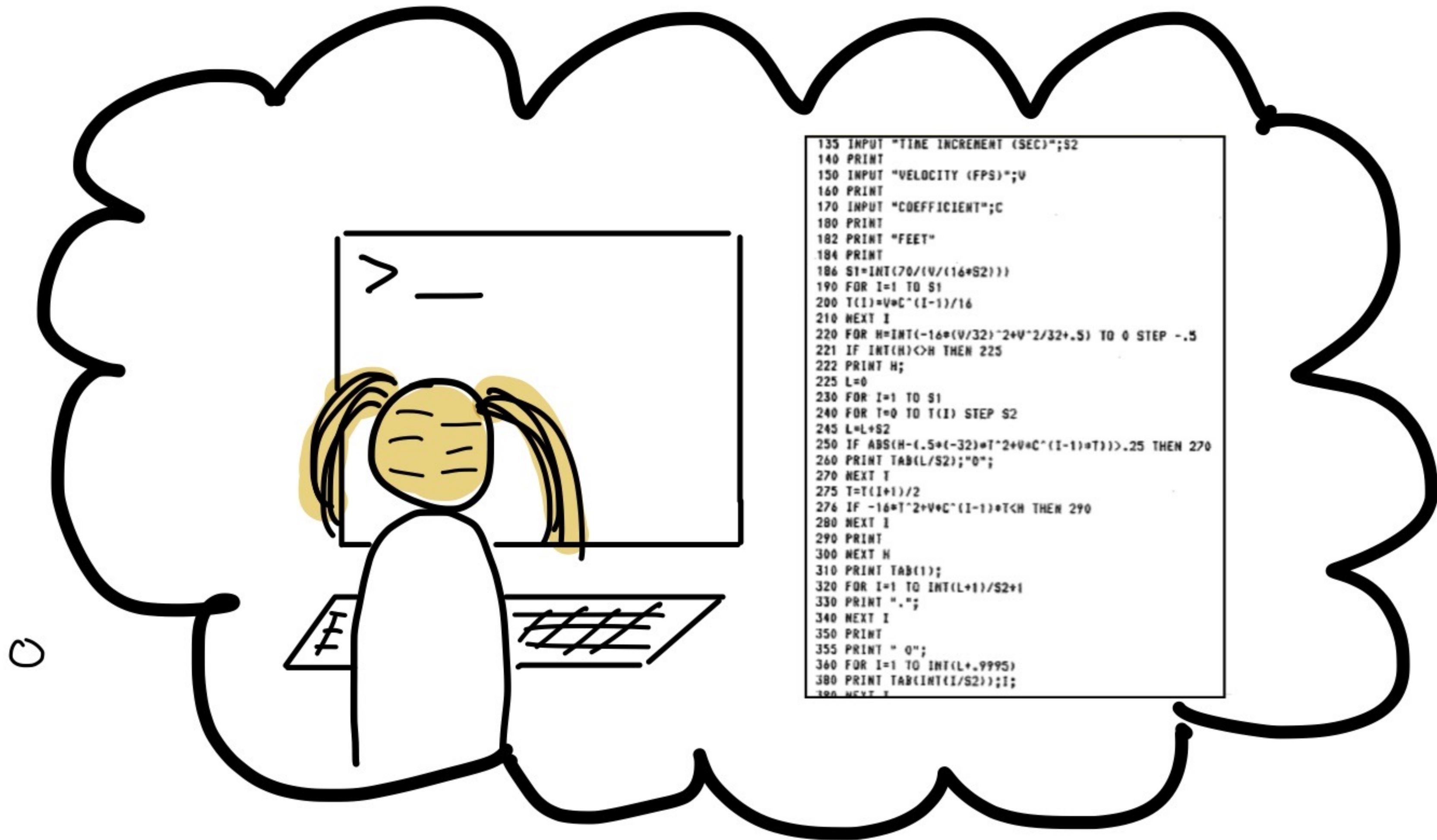
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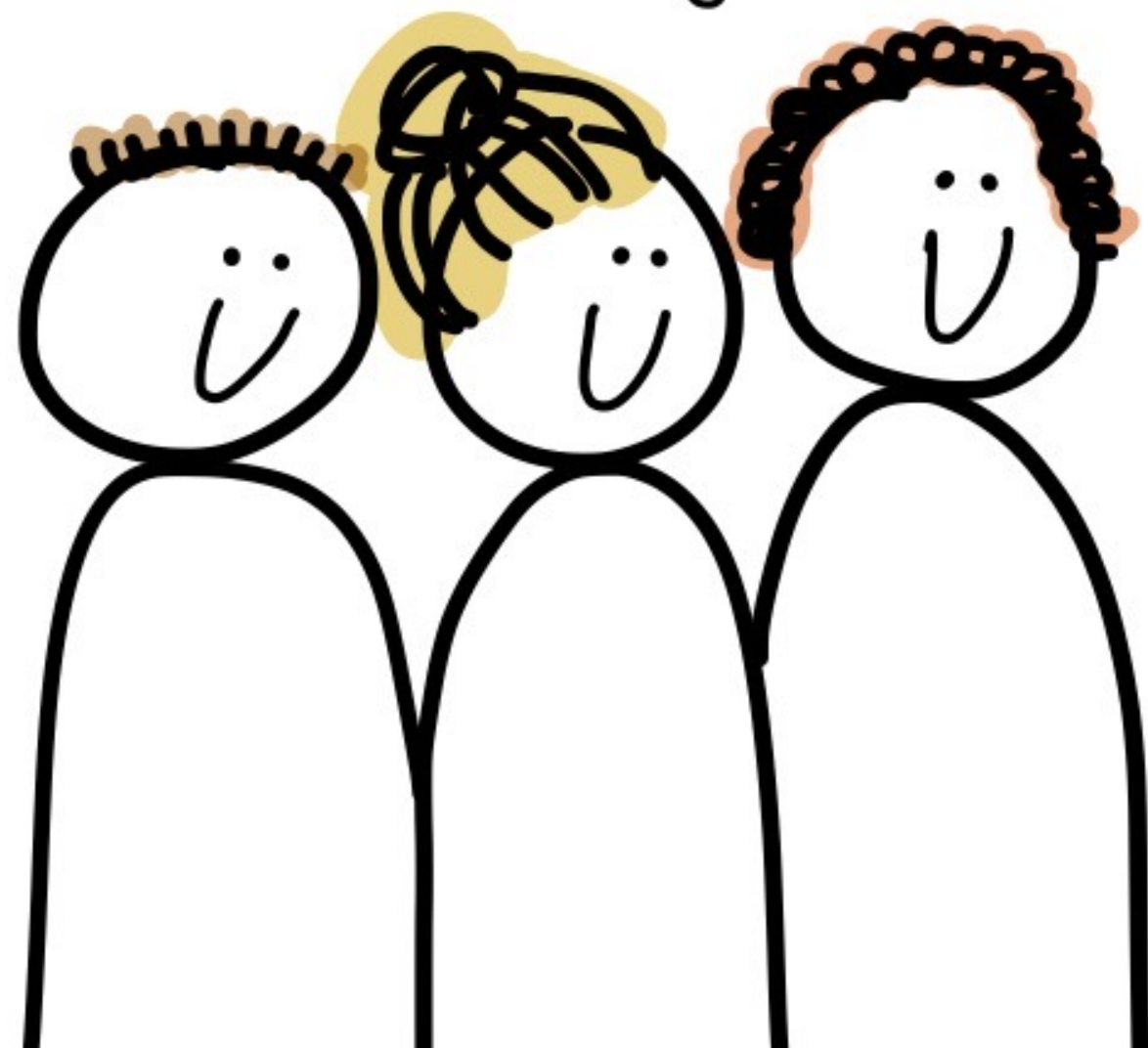


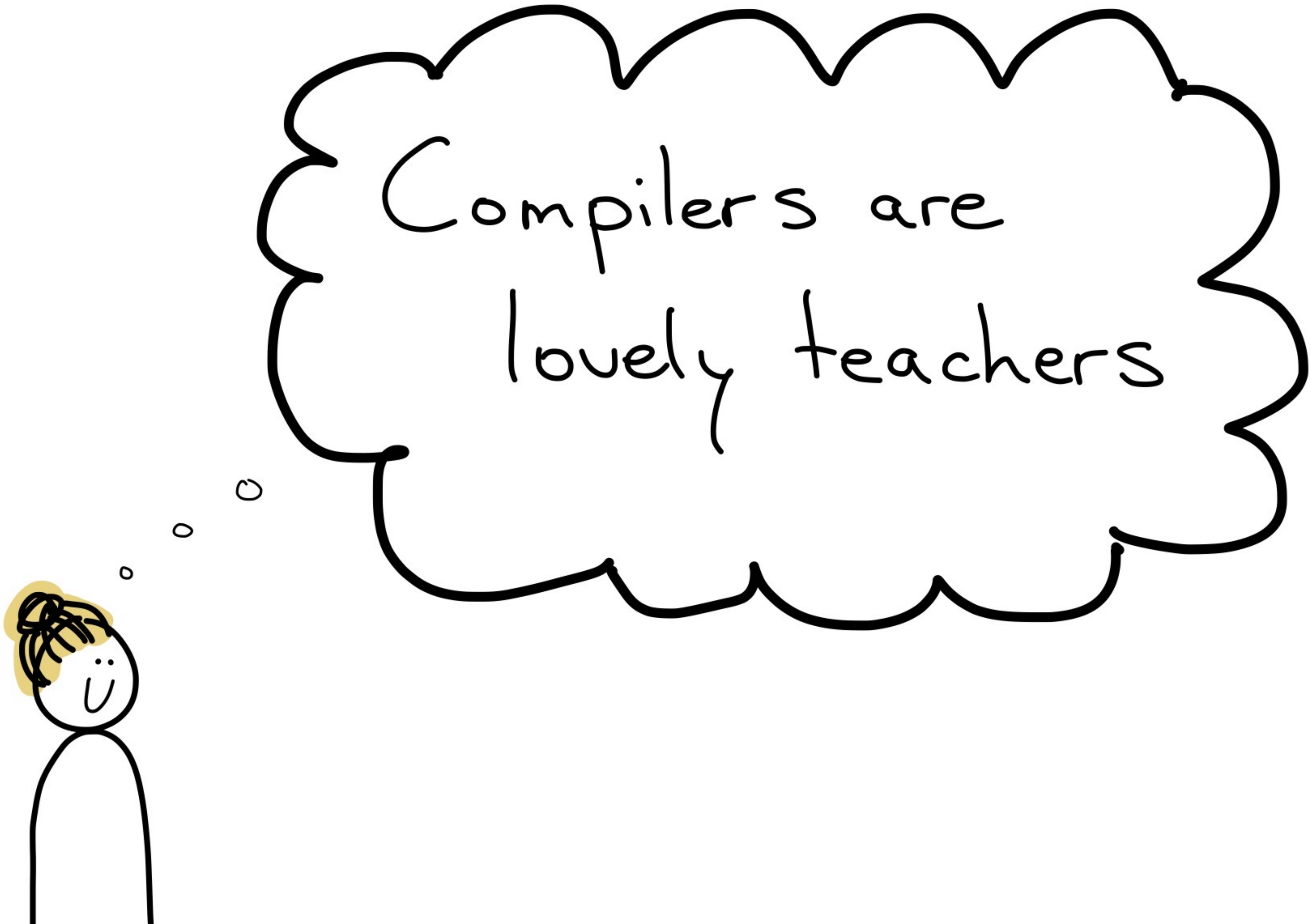




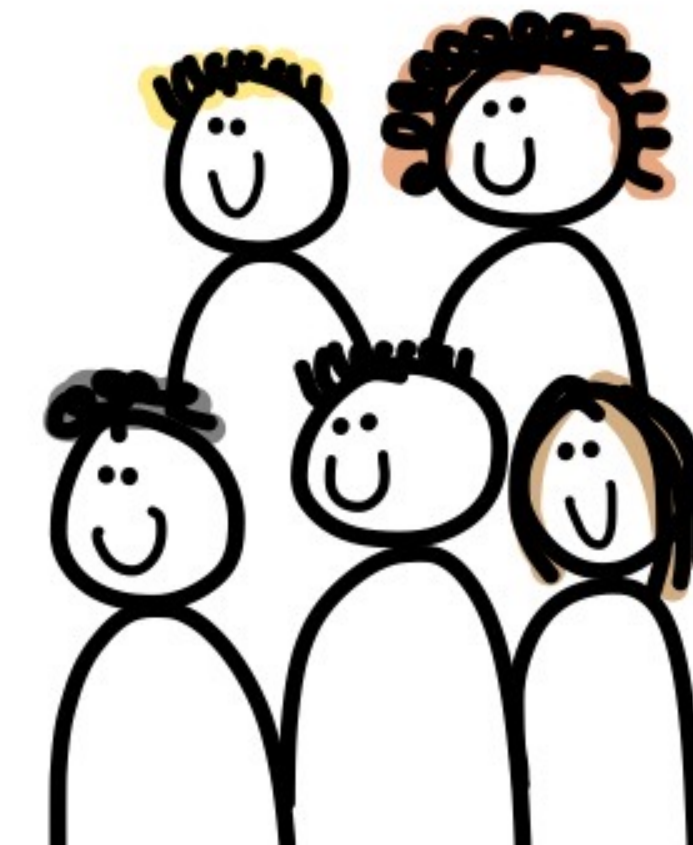
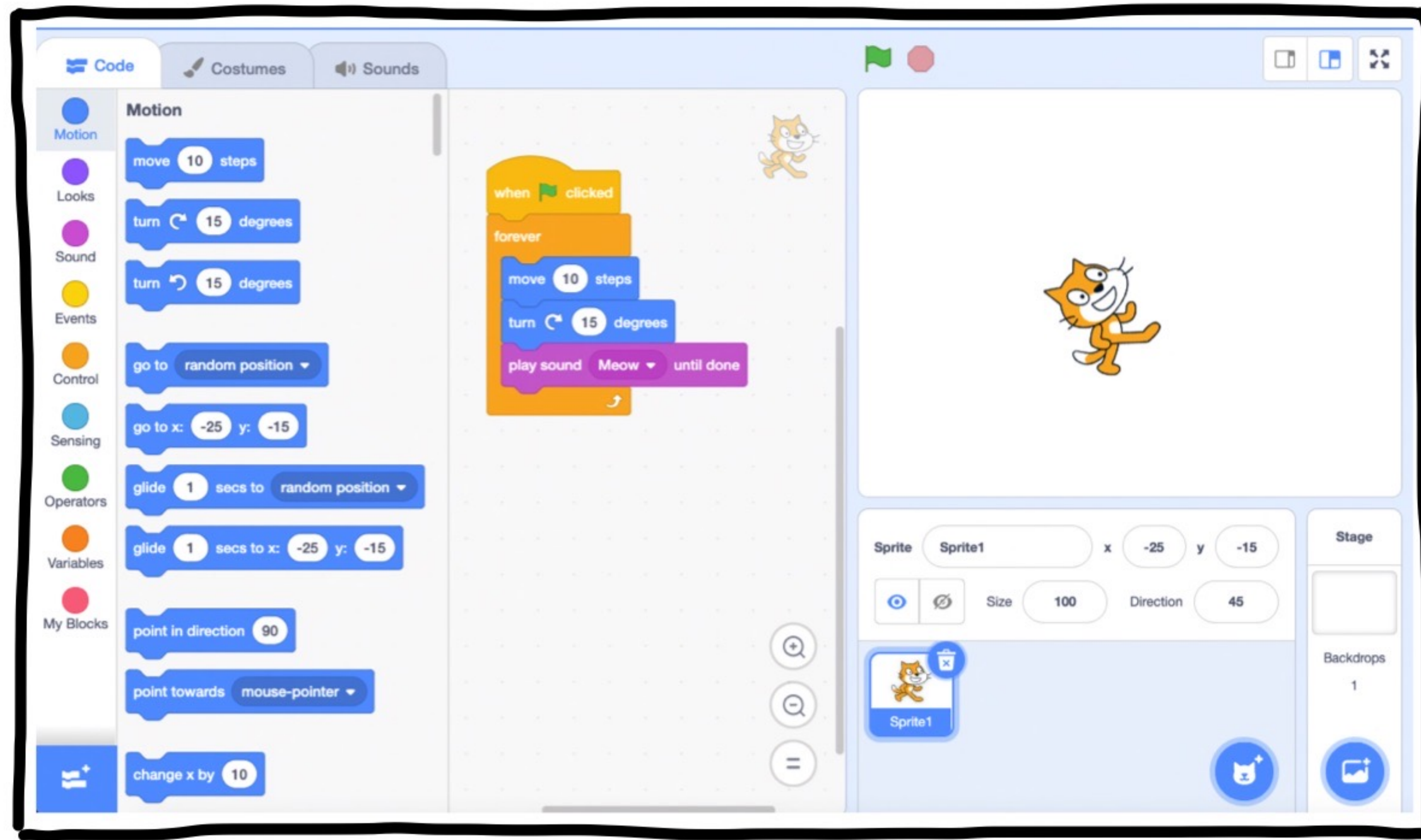
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135 INPUT "TIME INCREMENT (SEC)";S2
140 PRINT
150 INPUT "VELOCITY (FPS)";V
160 PRINT
170 INPUT "COEFFICIENT";C
180 PRINT
182 PRINT "FEET"
184 PRINT
186 S1=INT(70/(V/(16*S2)))
190 FOR I=1 TO S1
200 T(I)=V*C^(I-1)/16
210 NEXT I
220 FOR H=INT(-16*(V/32)^2+V^2/32+.5) TO 0 STEP -.5
221 IF INT(H)<>H THEN 225
222 PRINT H;
225 L=0
230 FOR I=1 TO S1
240 FOR T=0 TO T(I) STEP S2
245 L=L+S2
250 IF ABS(H-(-.5+(-32)*T^2+V*C^(I-1)*T))>.25 THEN 270
260 PRINT TAB(L/S2);"0";
270 NEXT T
275 T=T(I+1)/2
276 IF -16*T^2+V*C^(I-1)*T<H THEN 290
280 NEXT I
290 PRINT
300 NEXT H
310 PRINT TAB(1);
320 FOR I=1 TO INT(L+1)/S2+1
330 PRINT " ";
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355 PRINT " 0";
360 FOR I=1 TO INT(L+.9995)
380 PRINT TAB(INT(I/S2));I;
390 NEXT I
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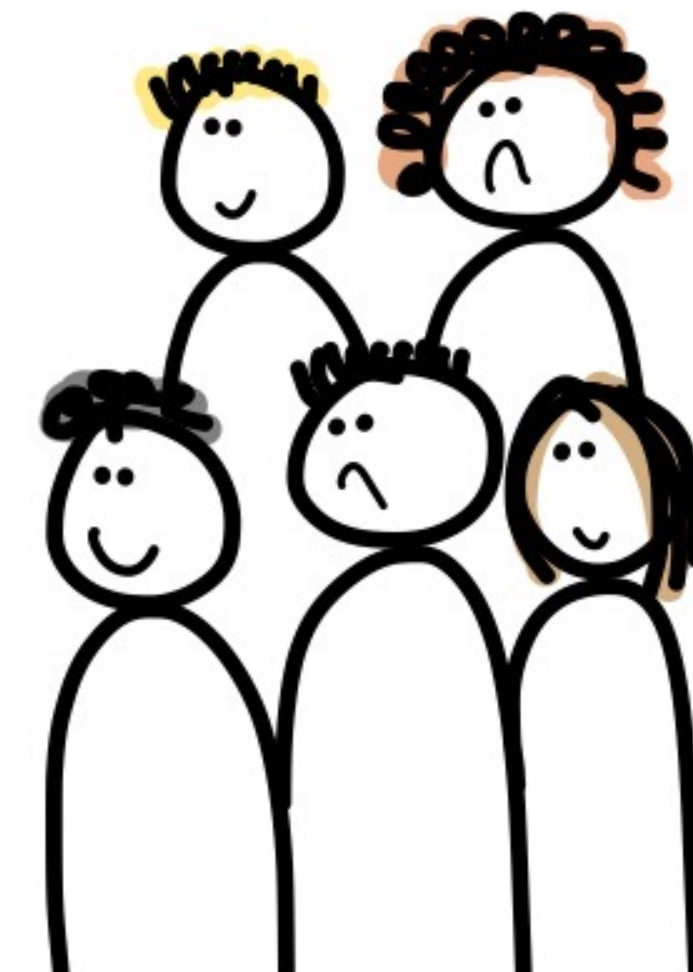
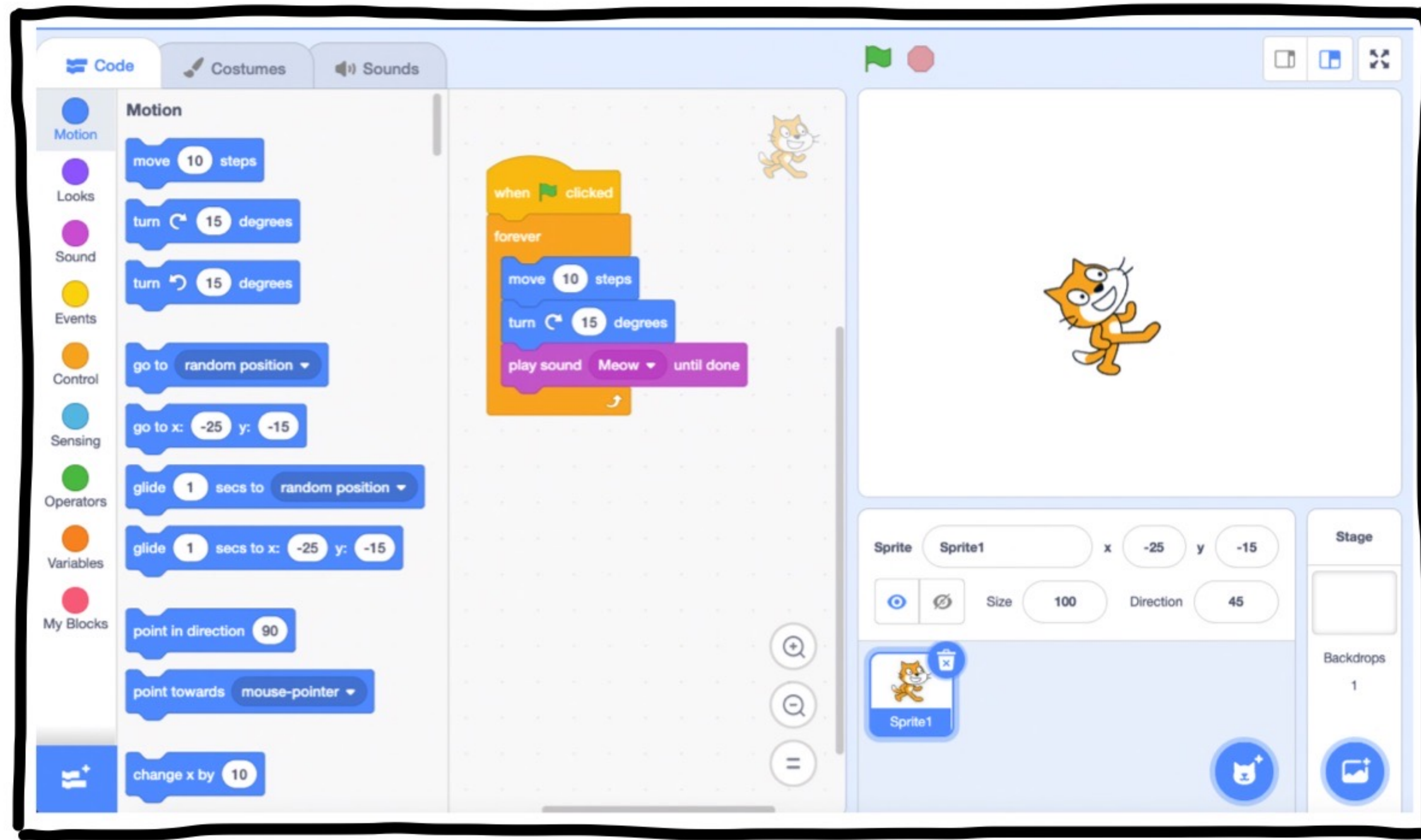
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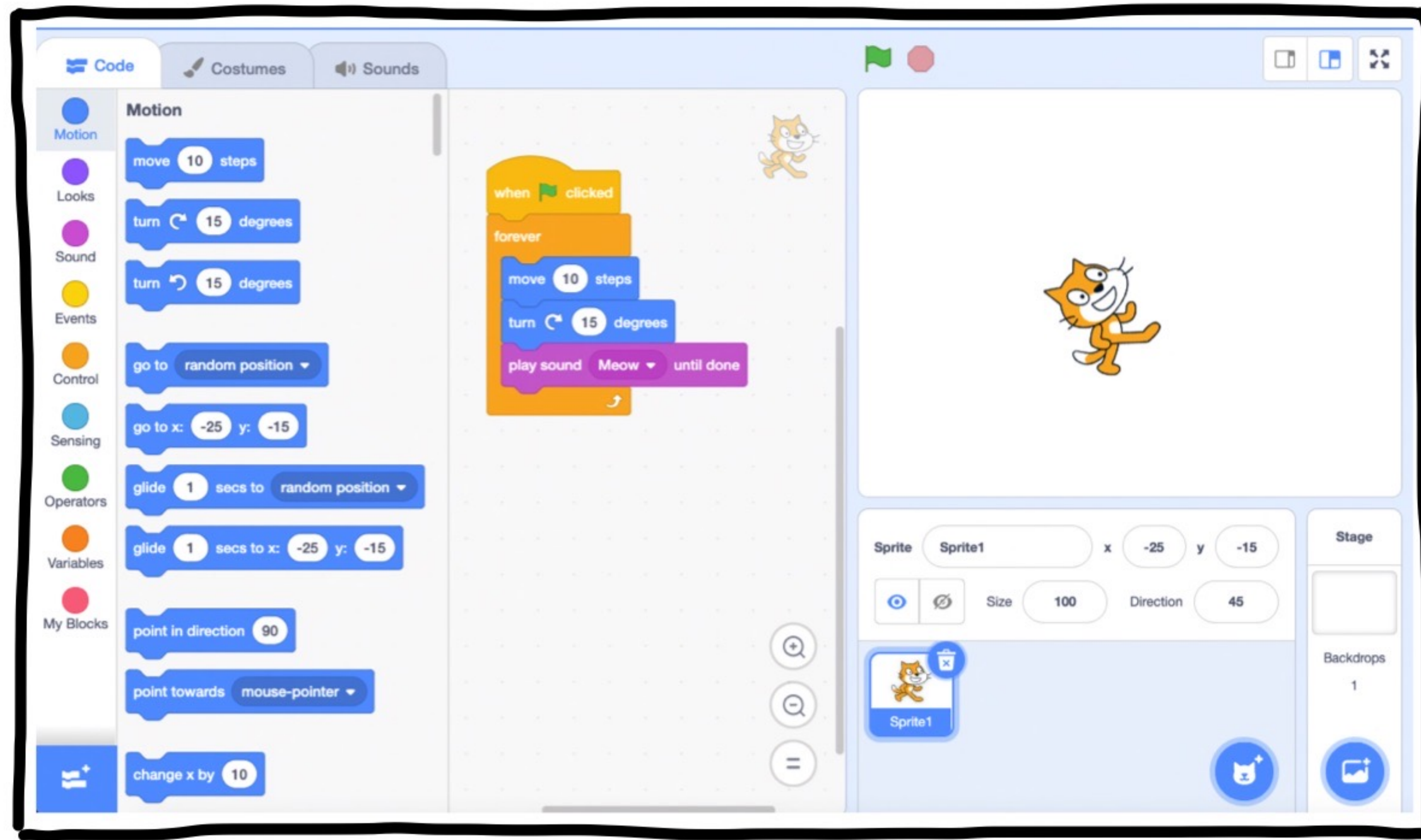


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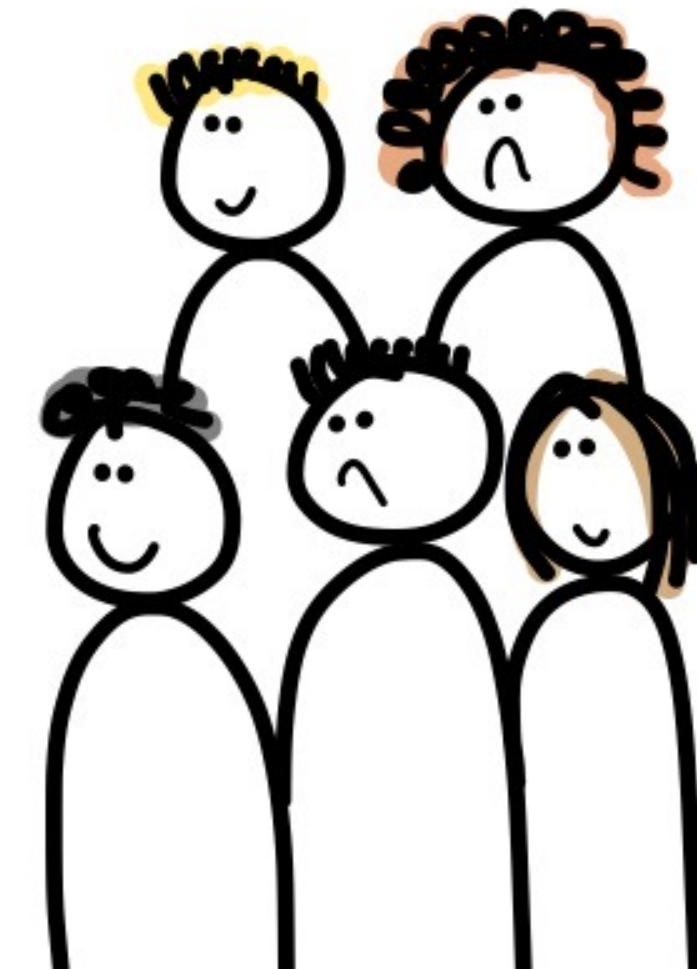
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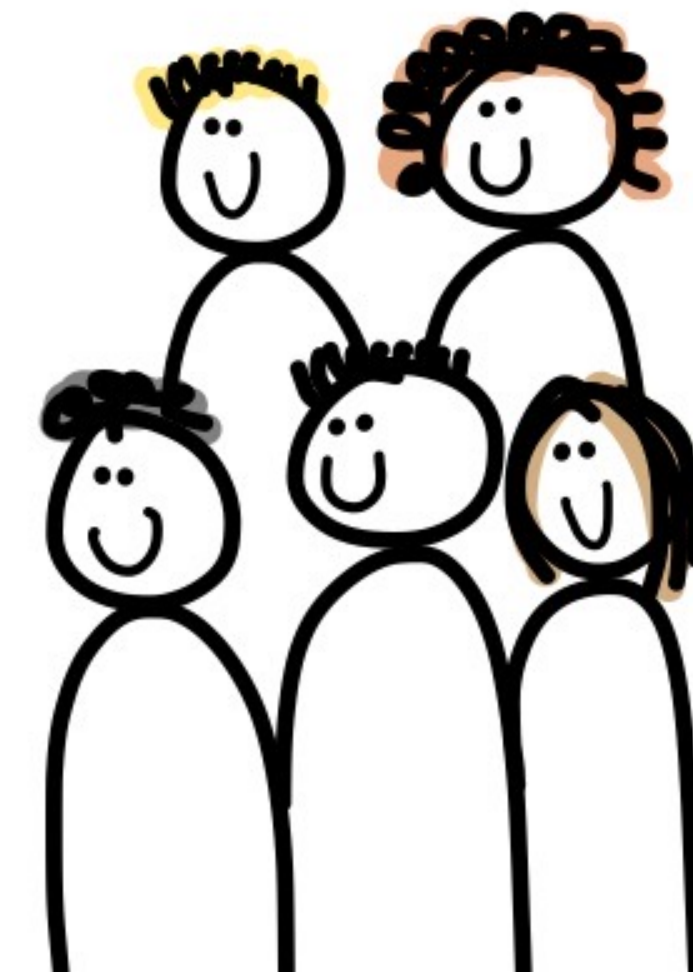
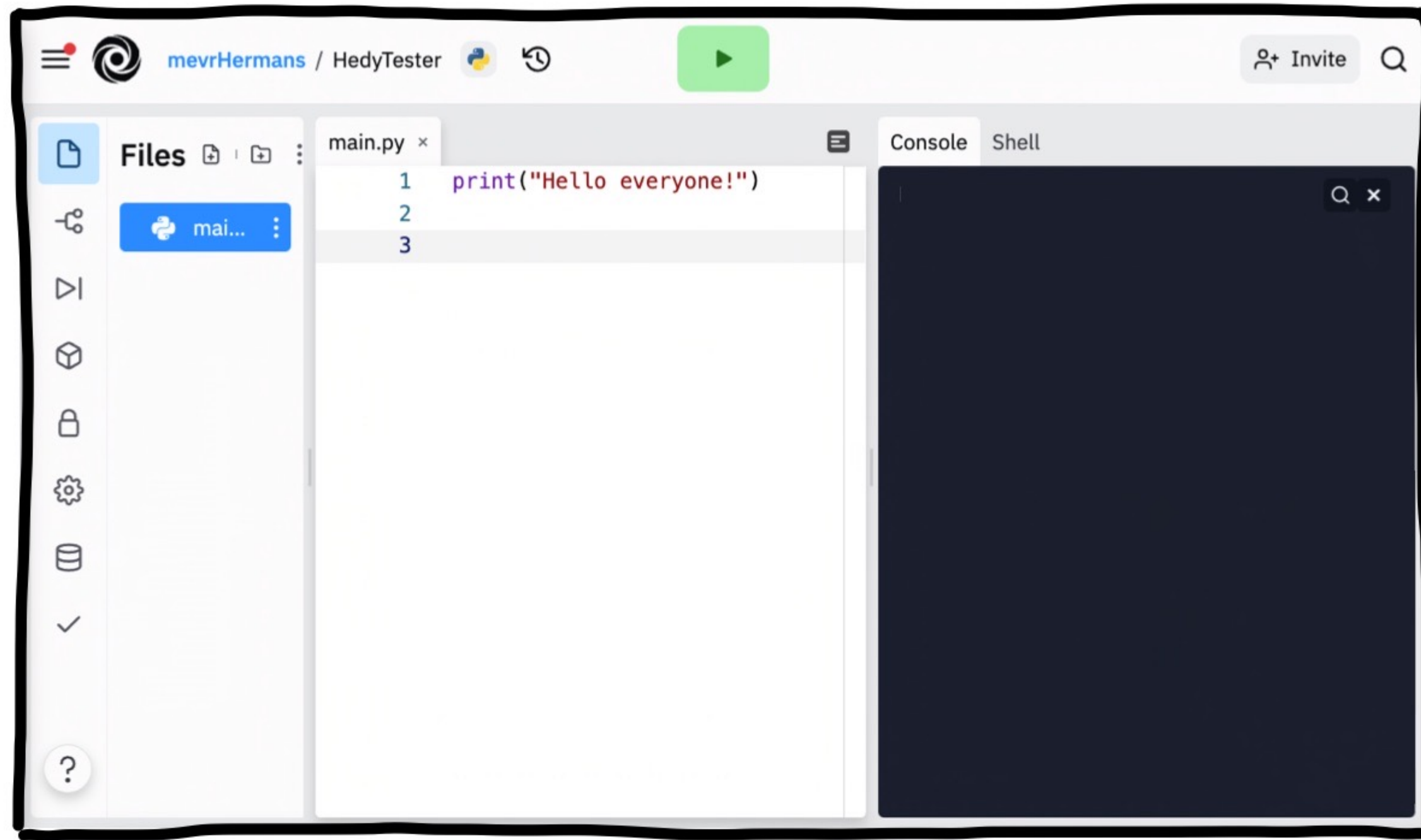


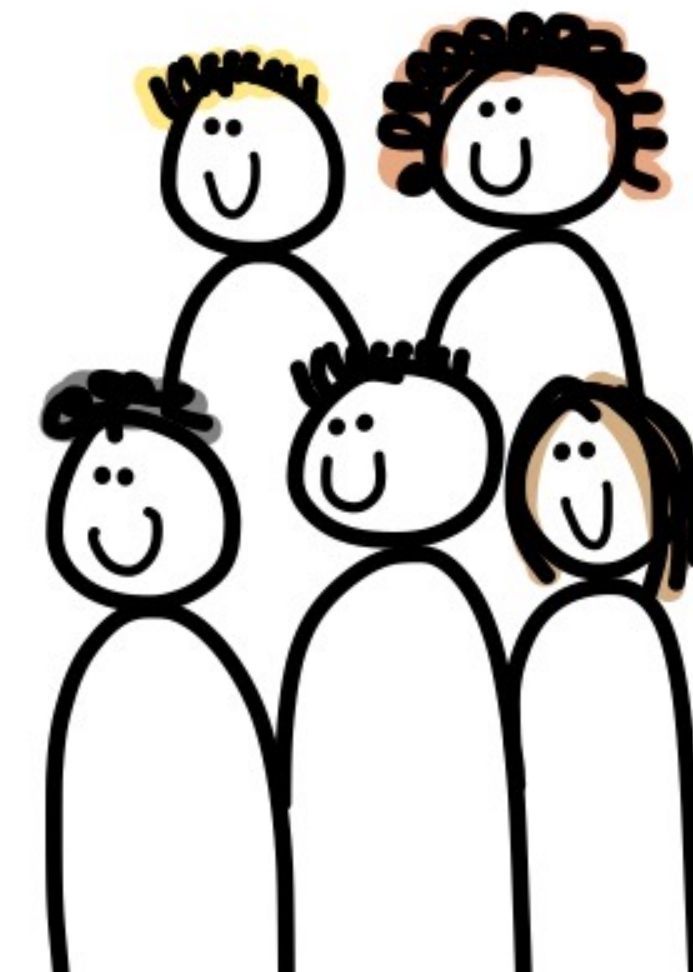
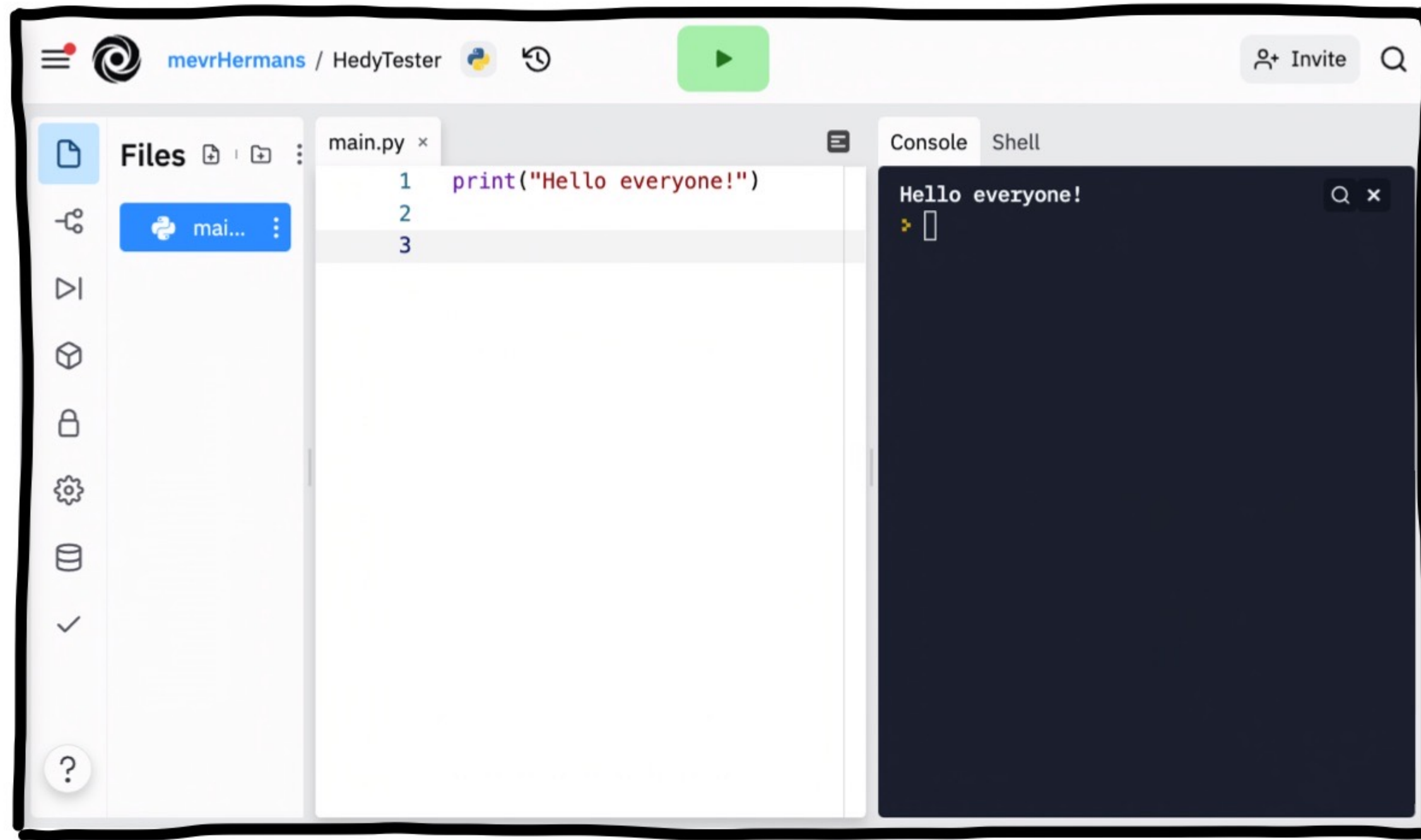


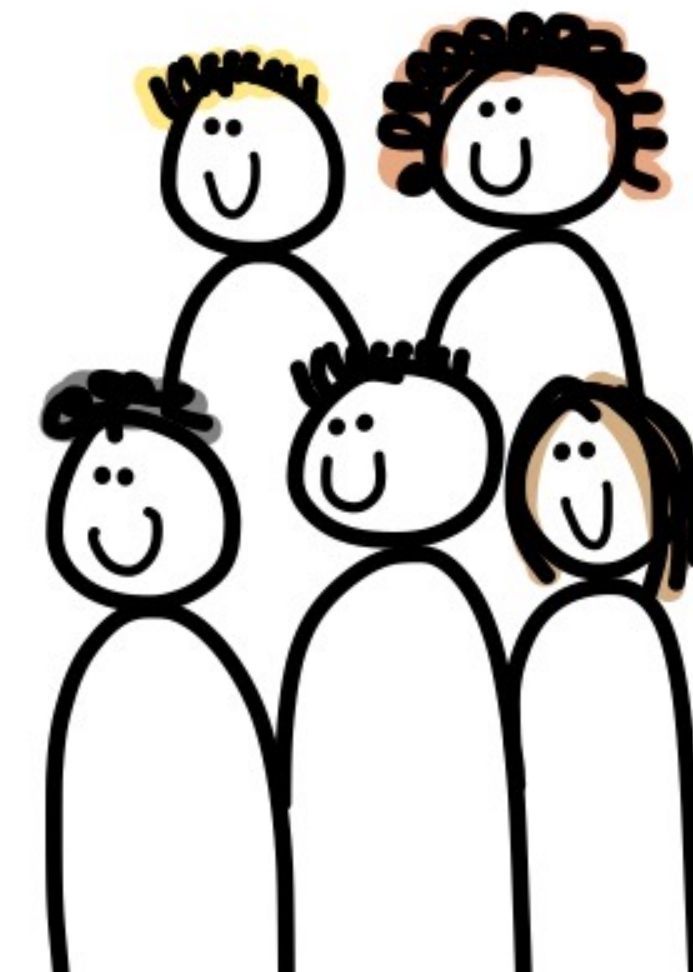
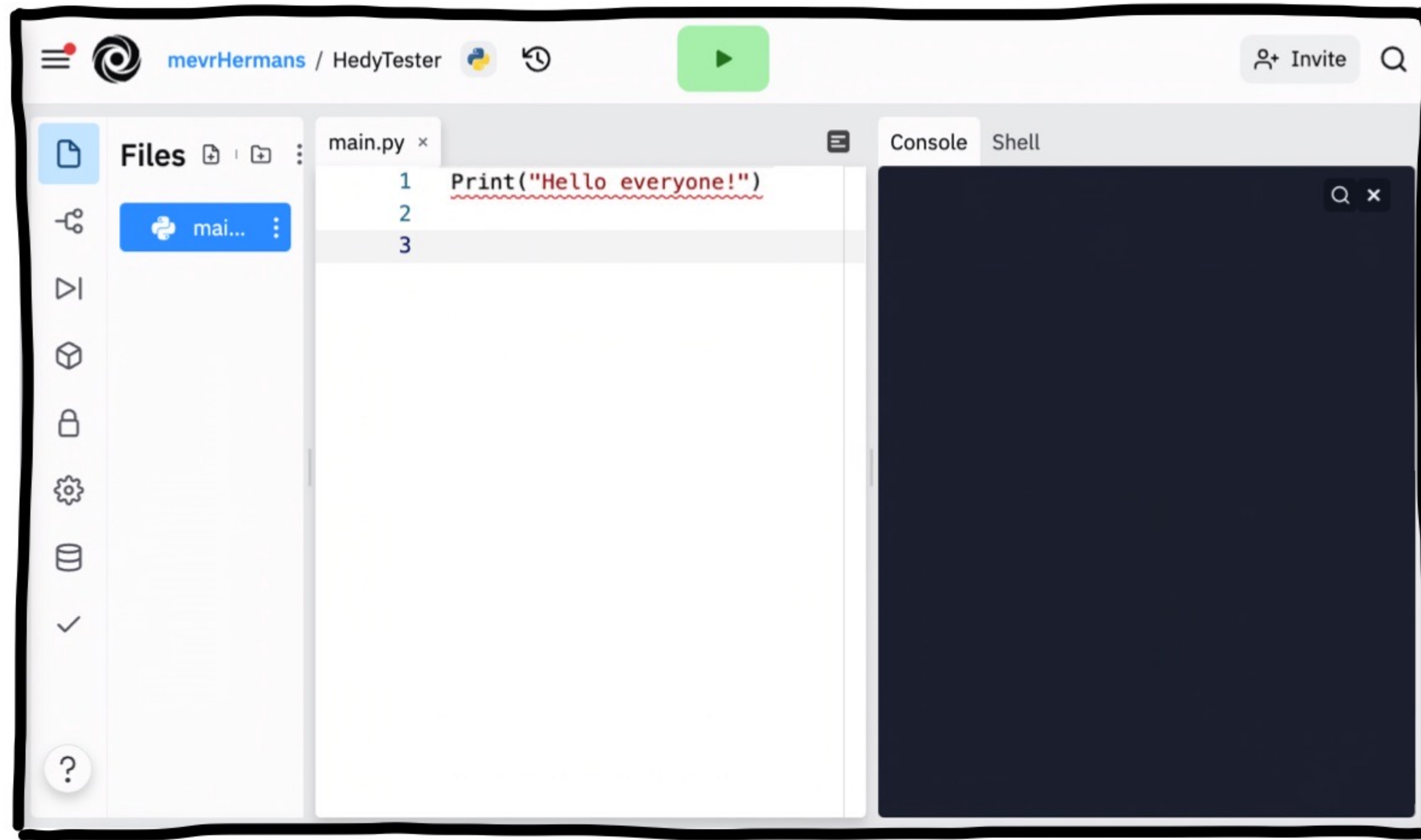


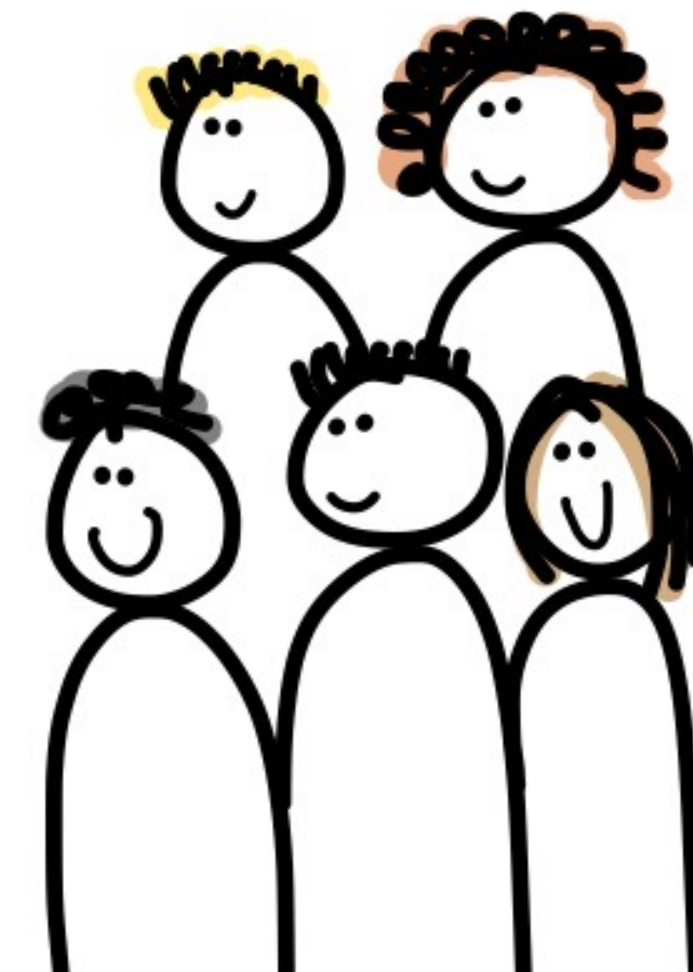
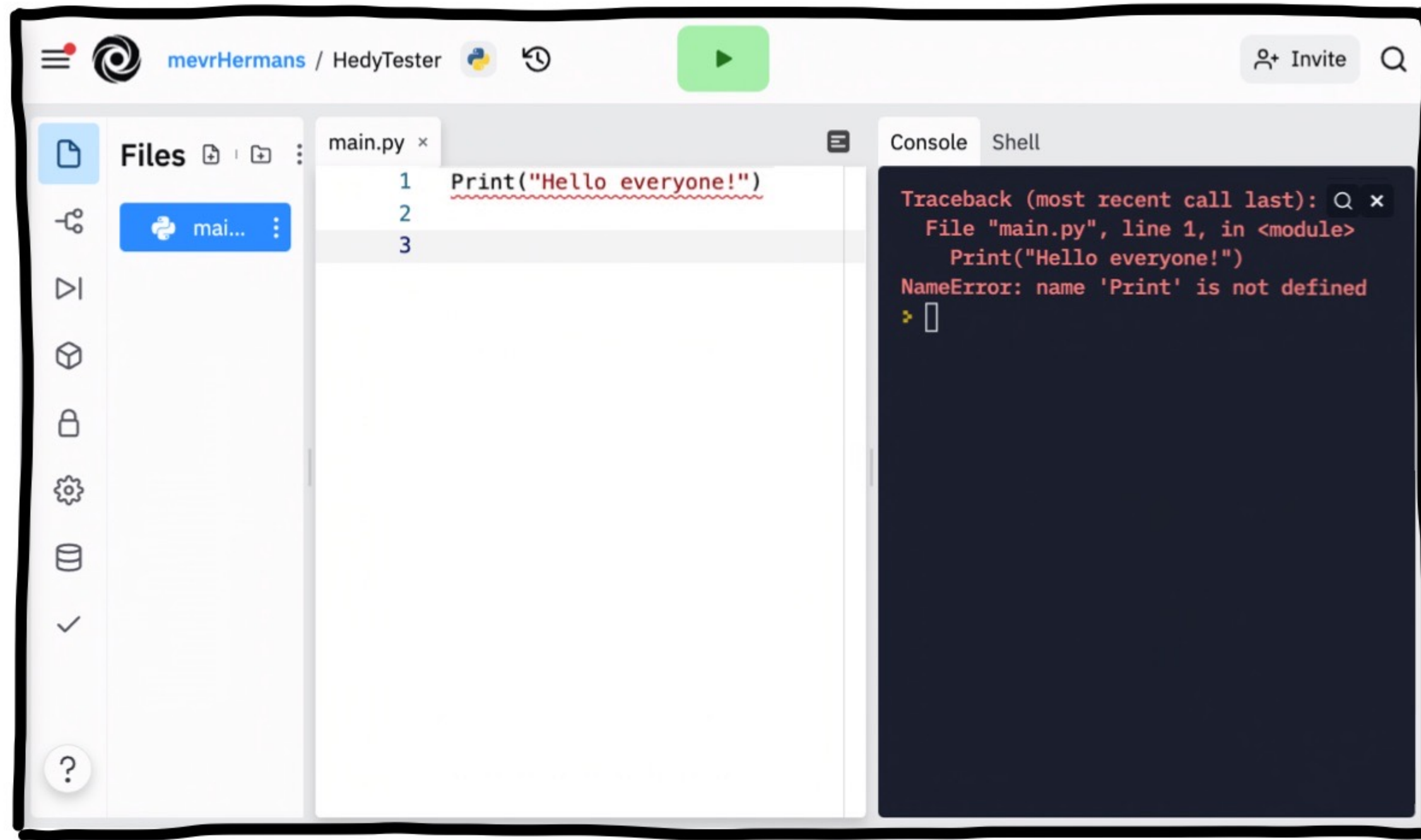
Scratch
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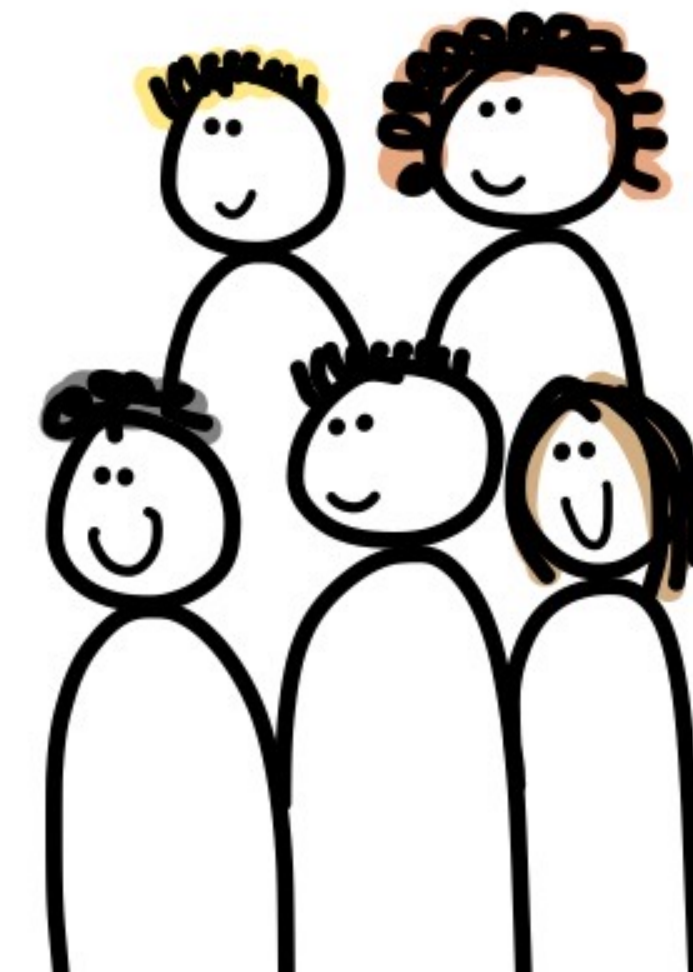
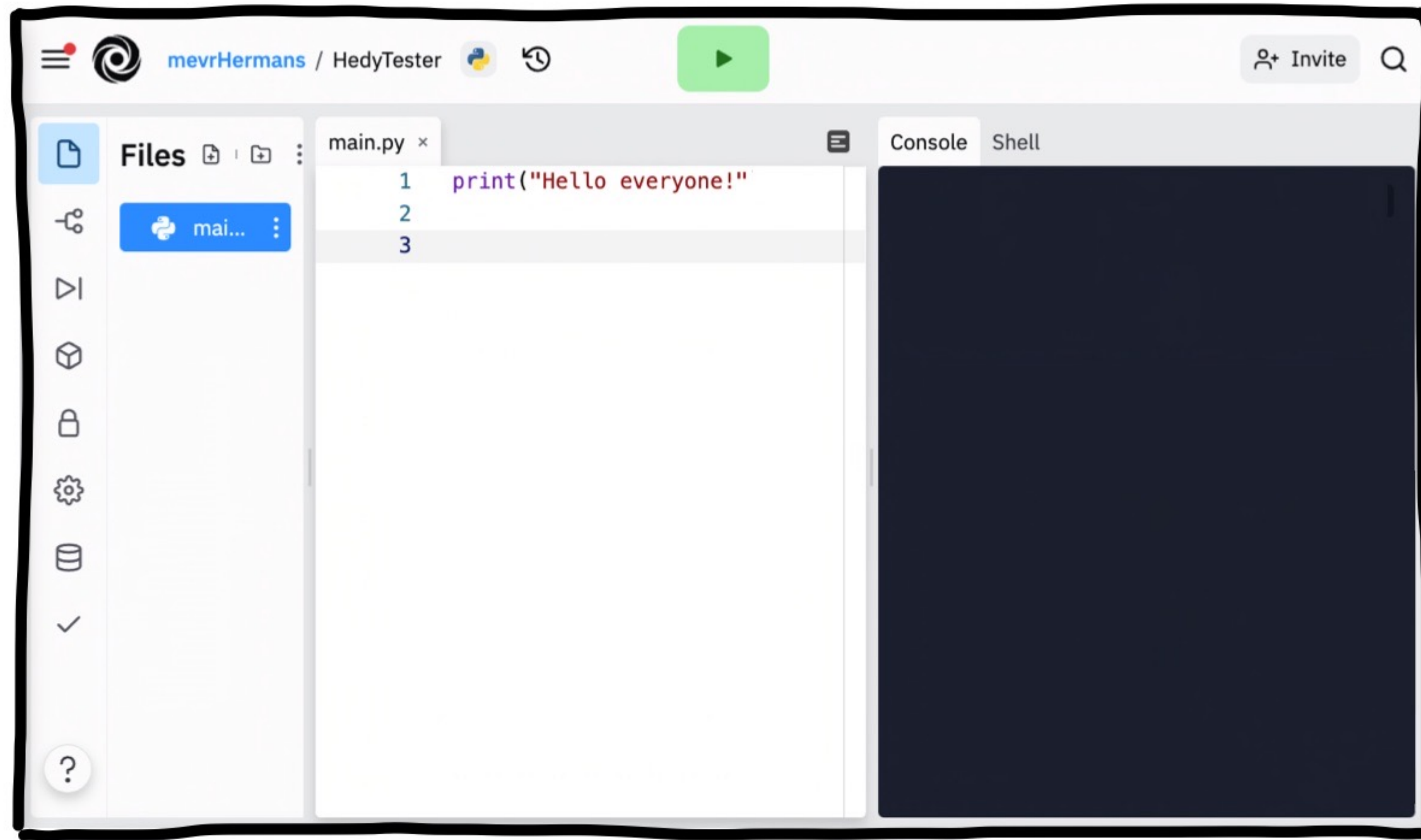


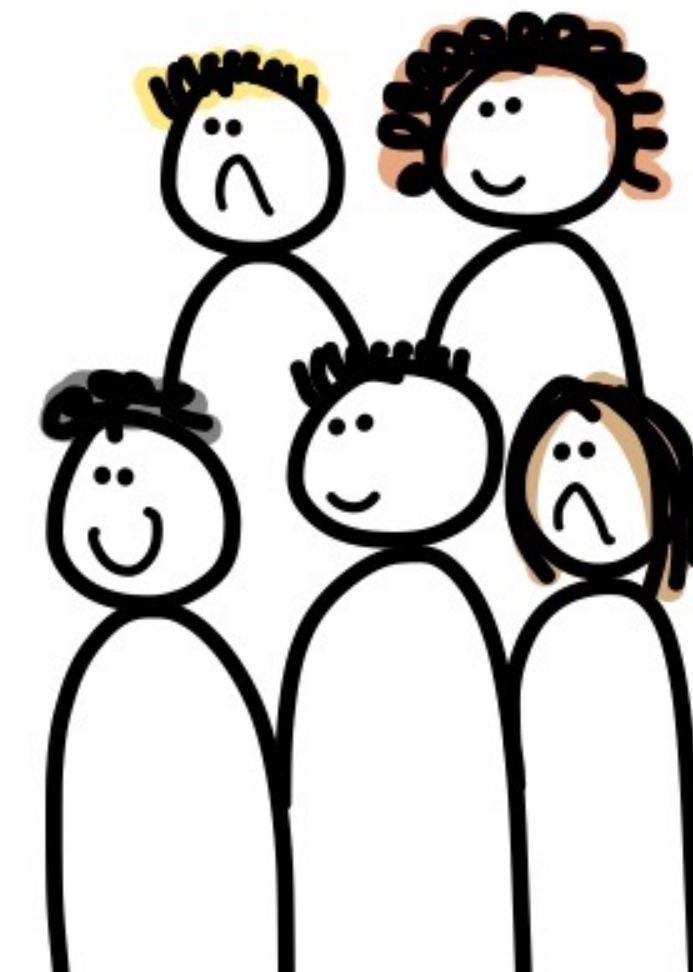
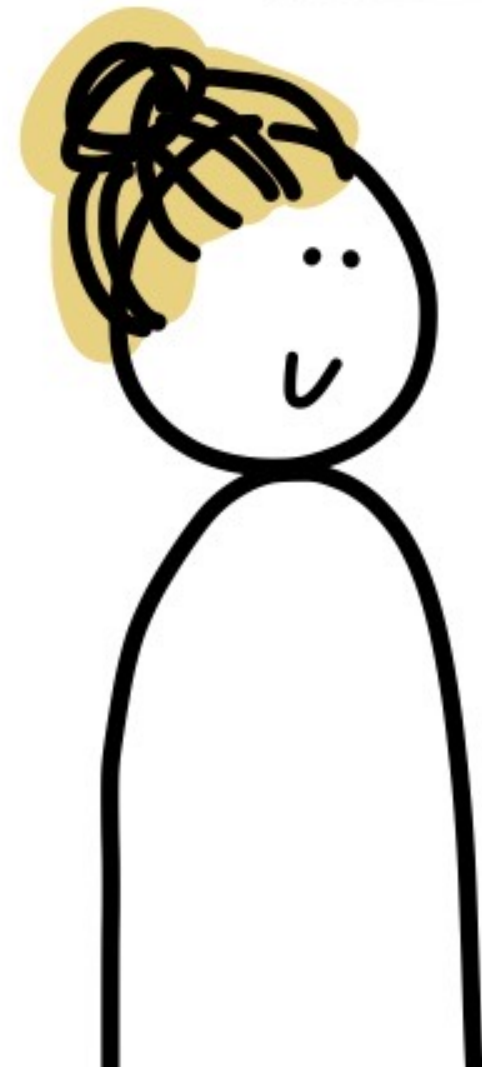
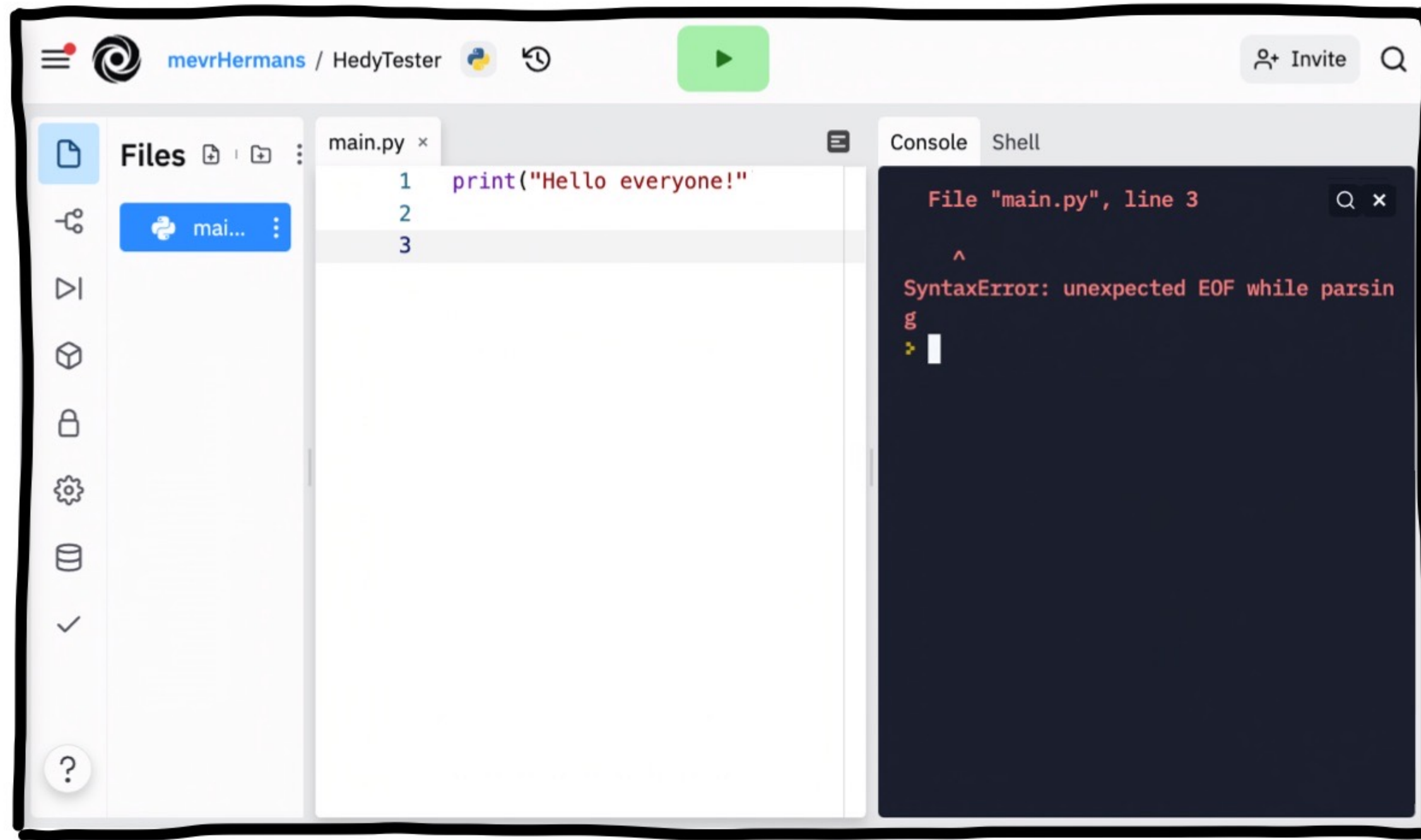


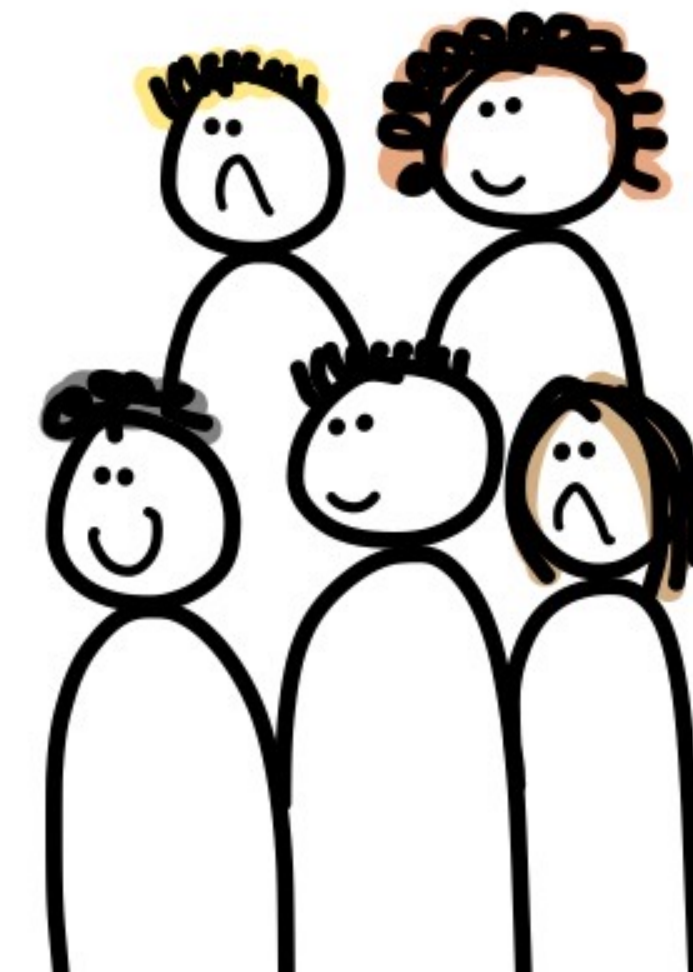
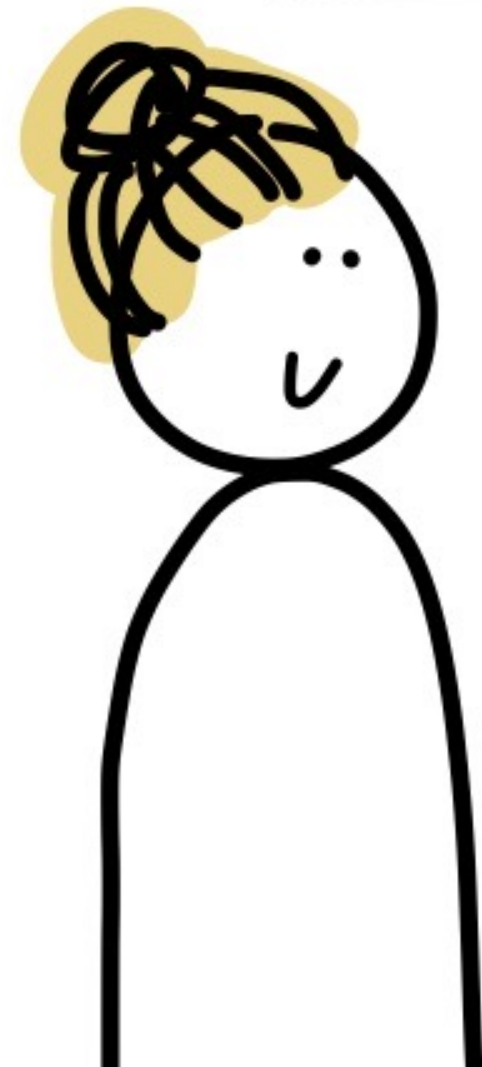
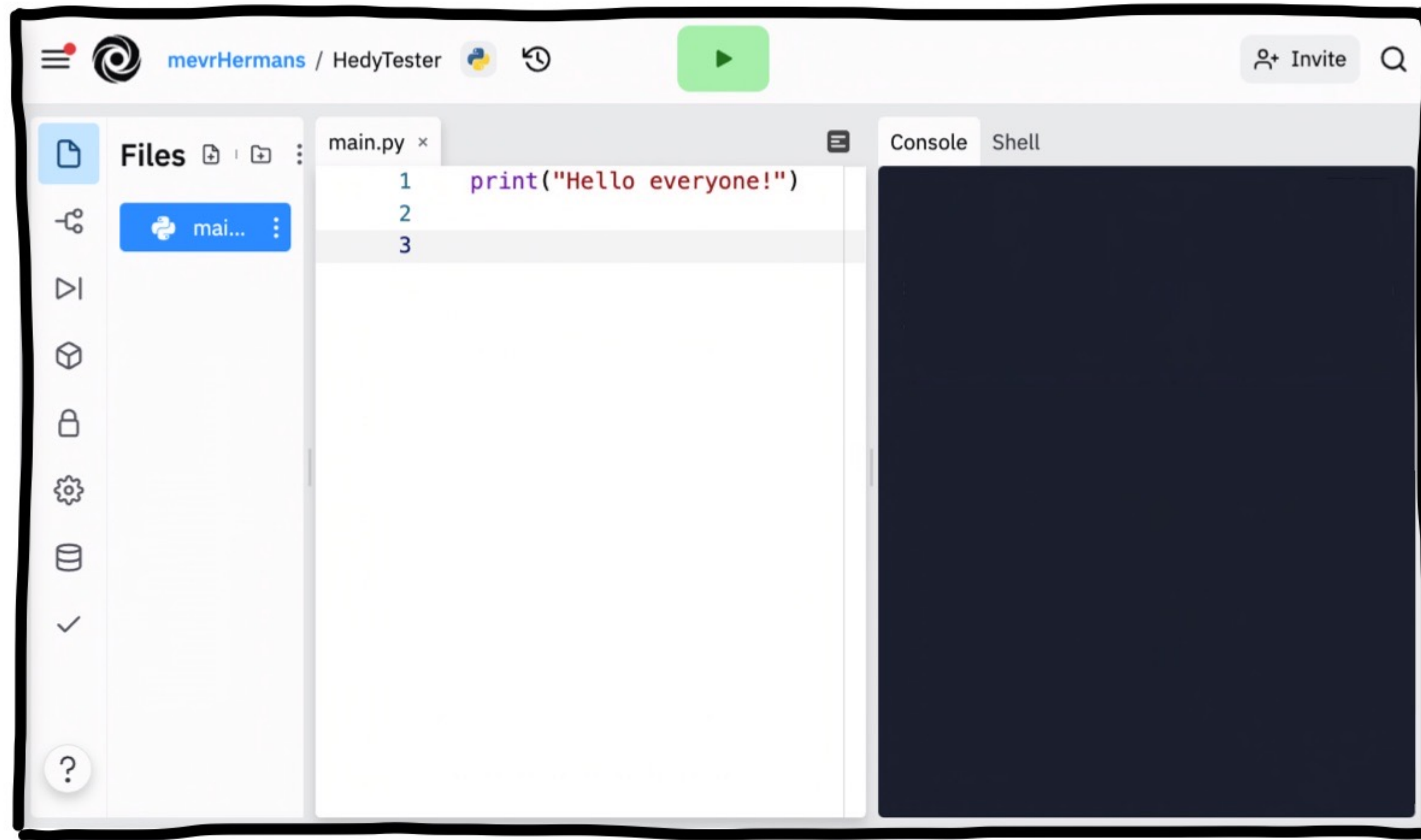


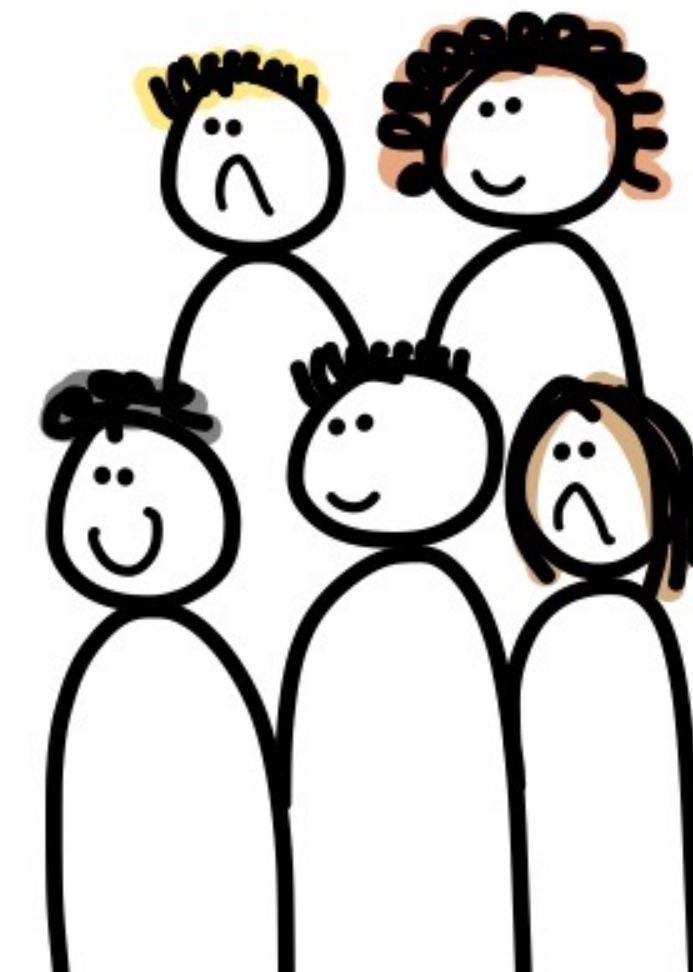
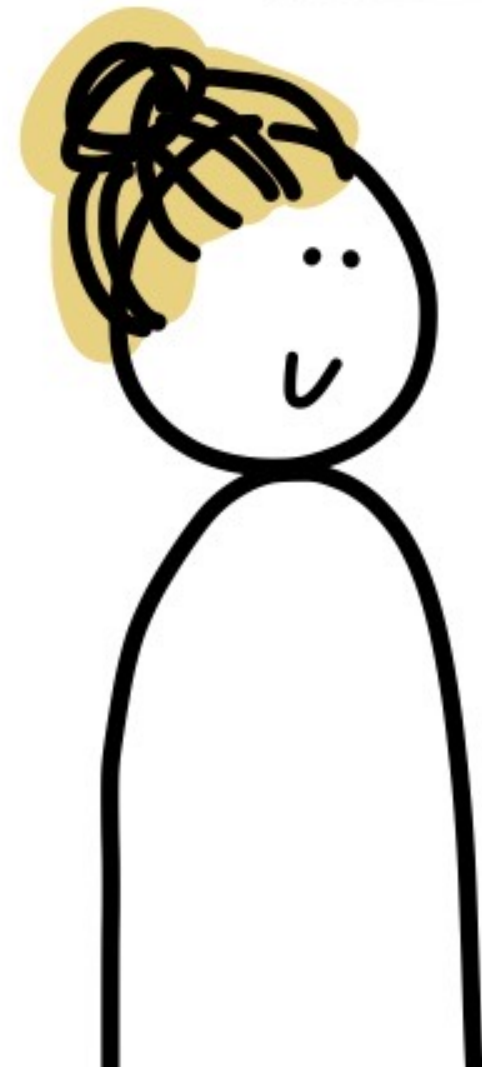
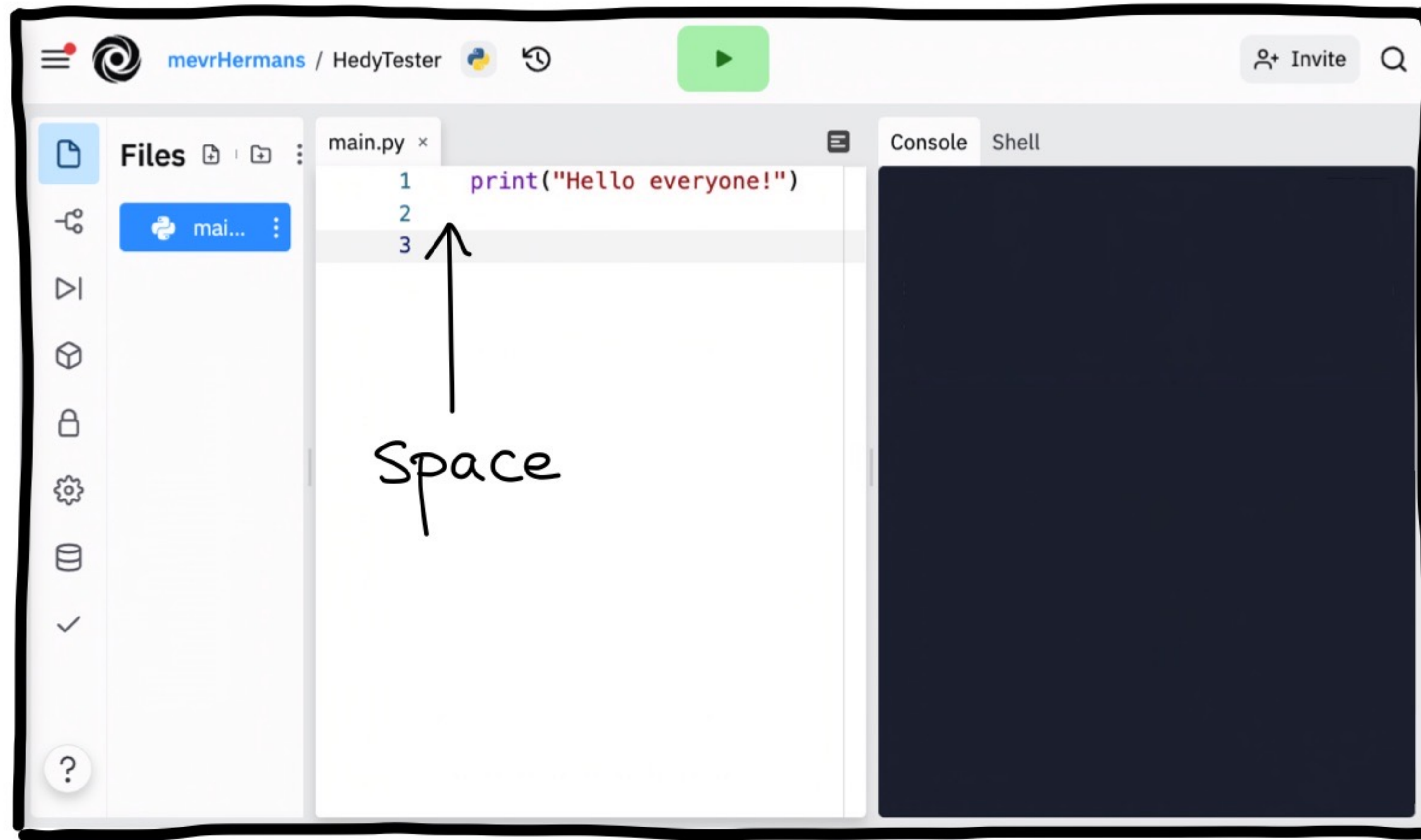


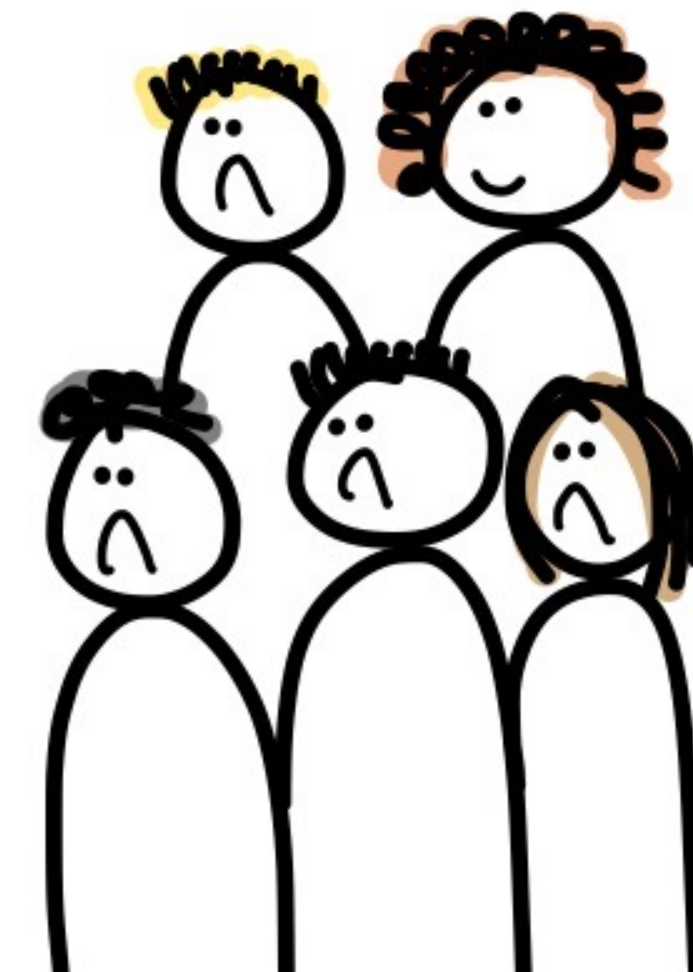
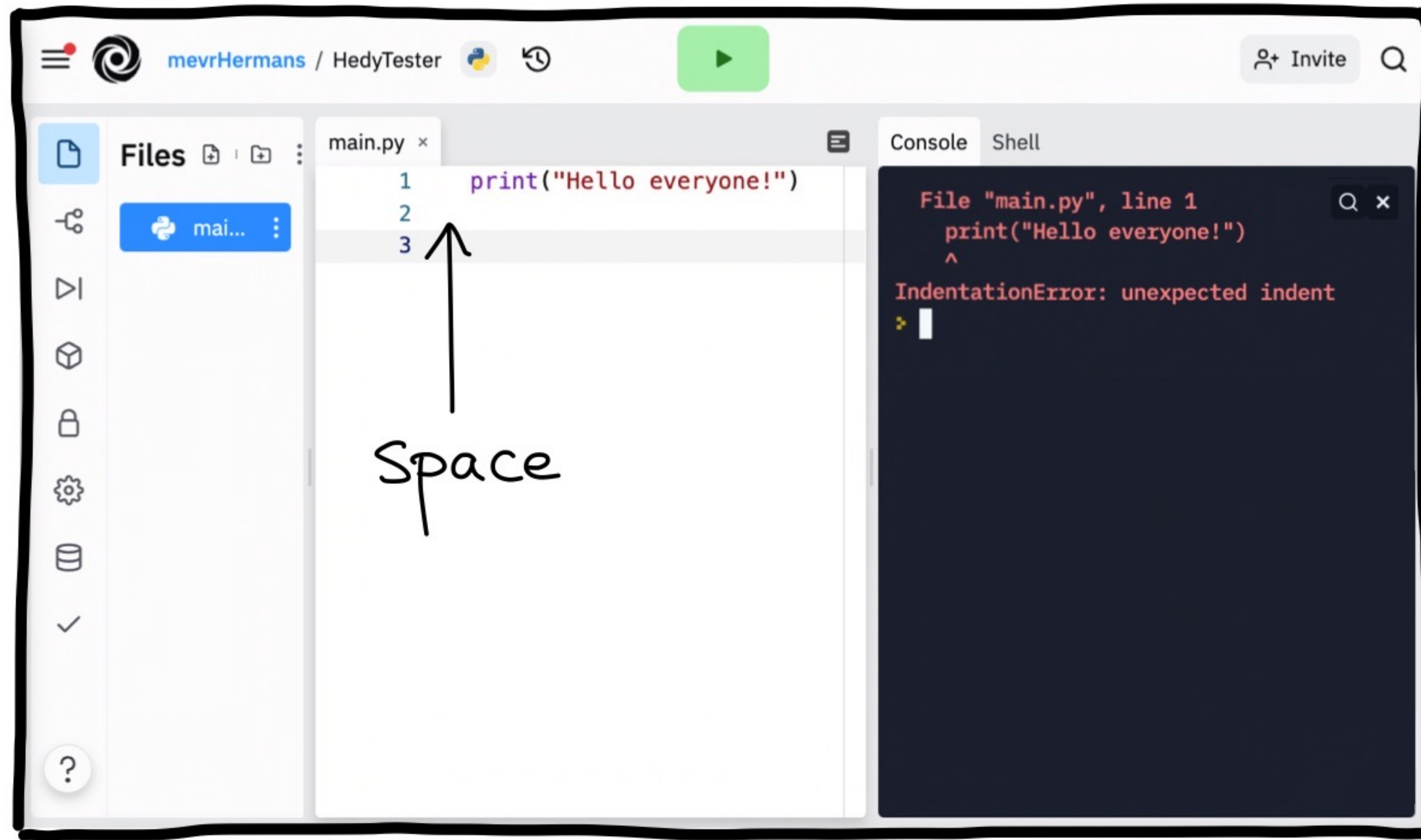


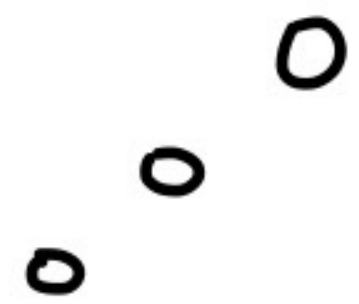












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Repetition



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Colon

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Spaces



Syntax creates
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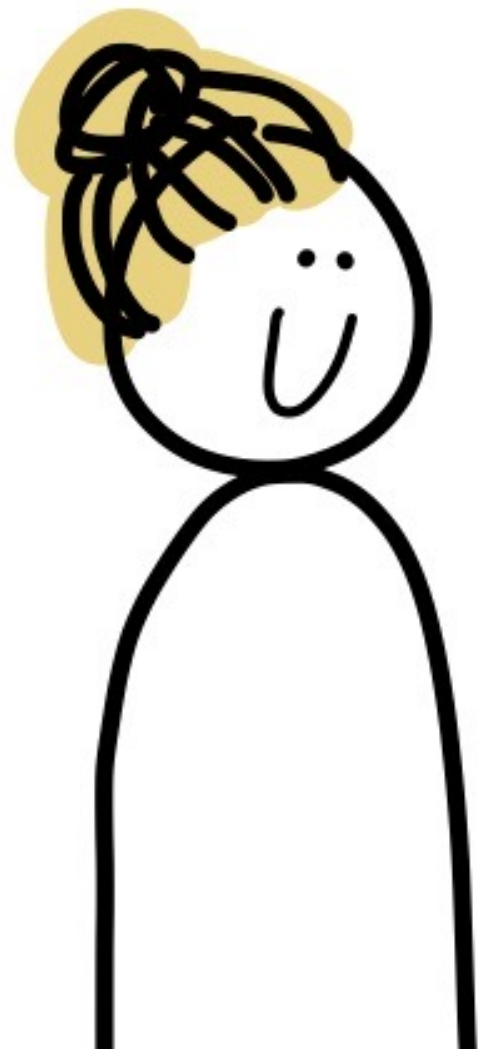


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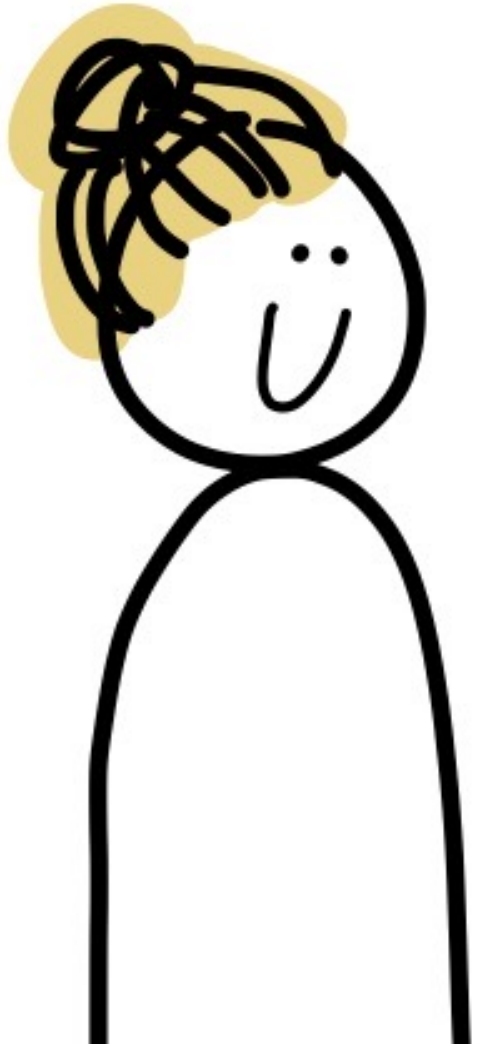
Colon
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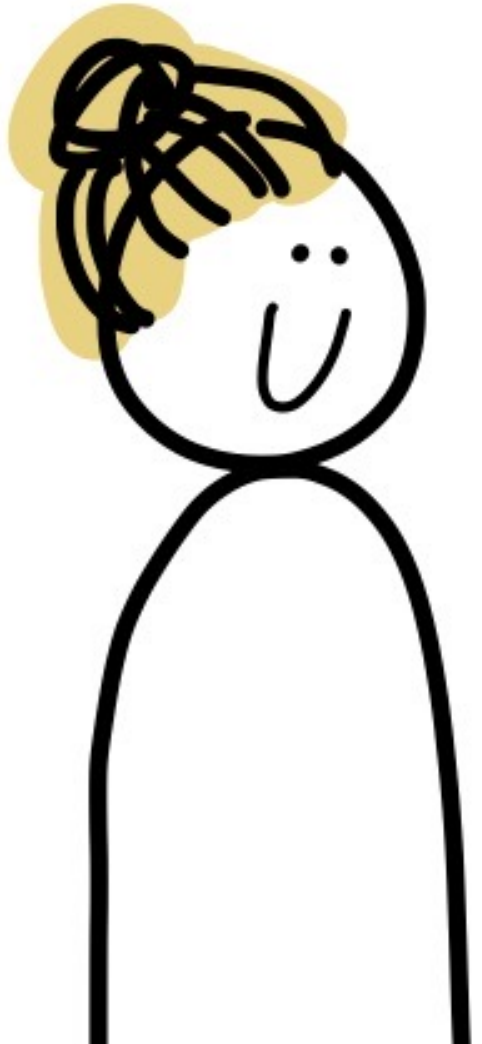
How do other fields
manage cognitive load?



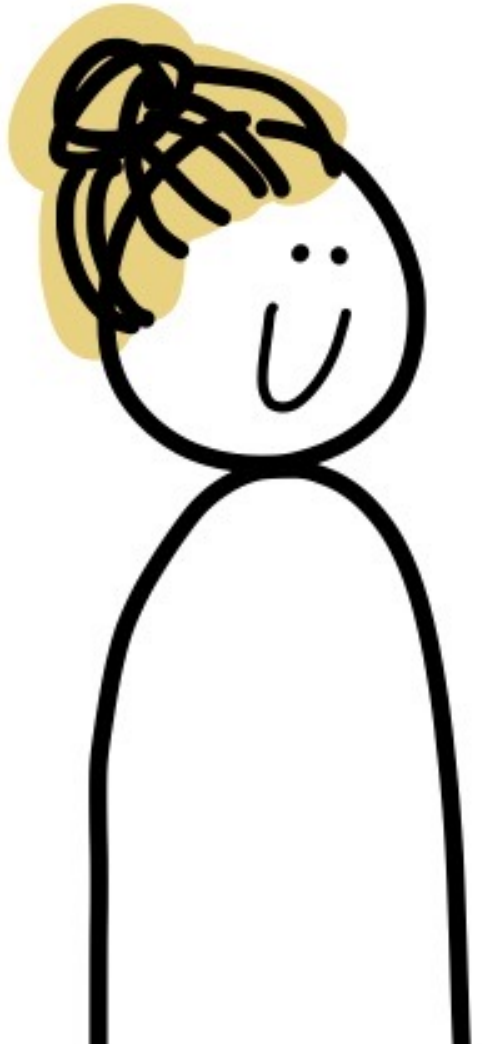
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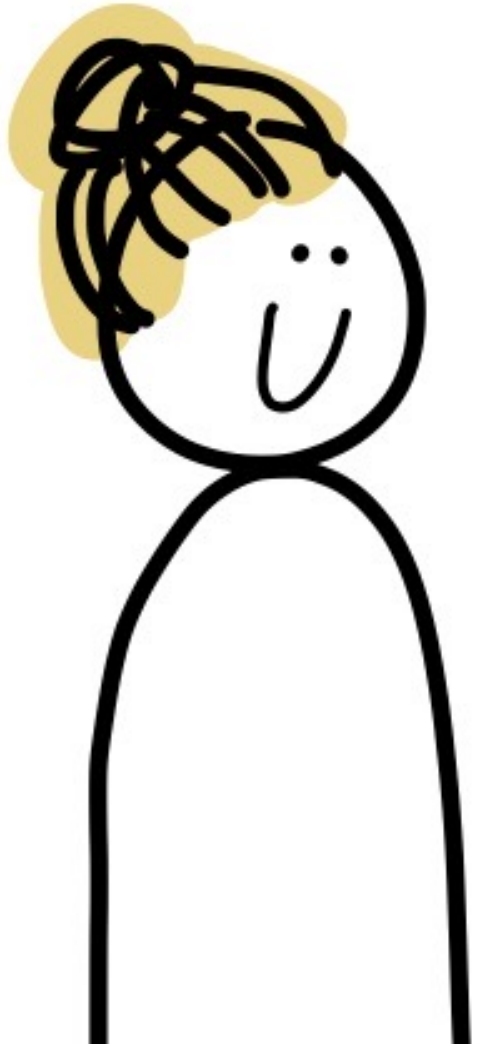
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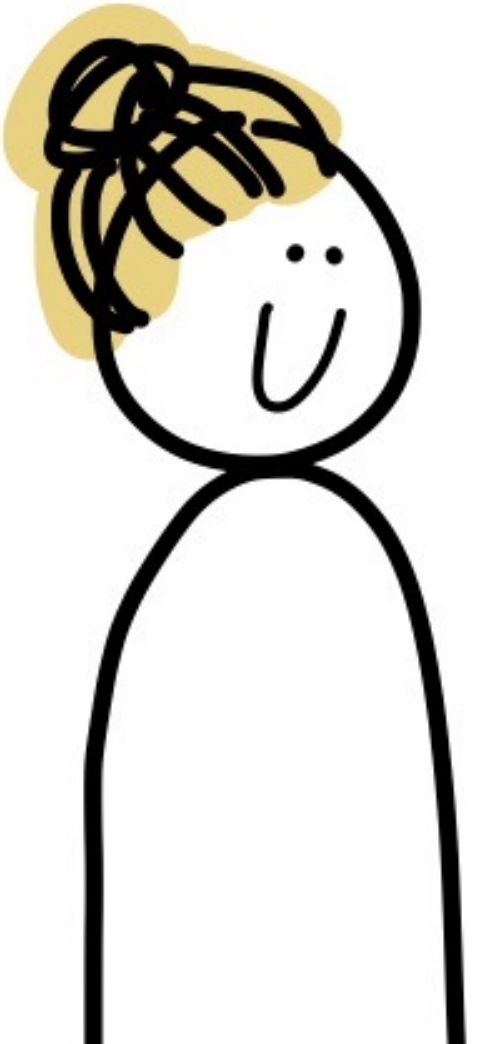
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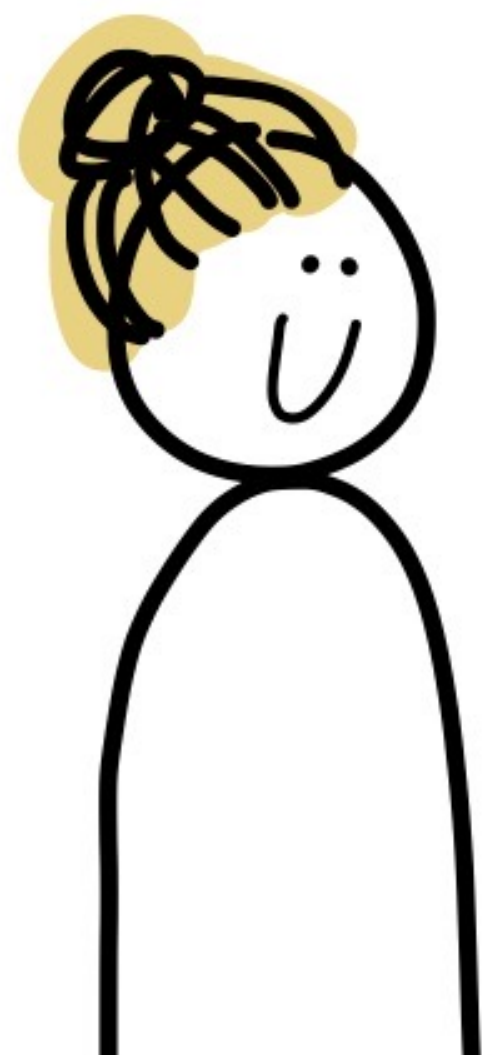


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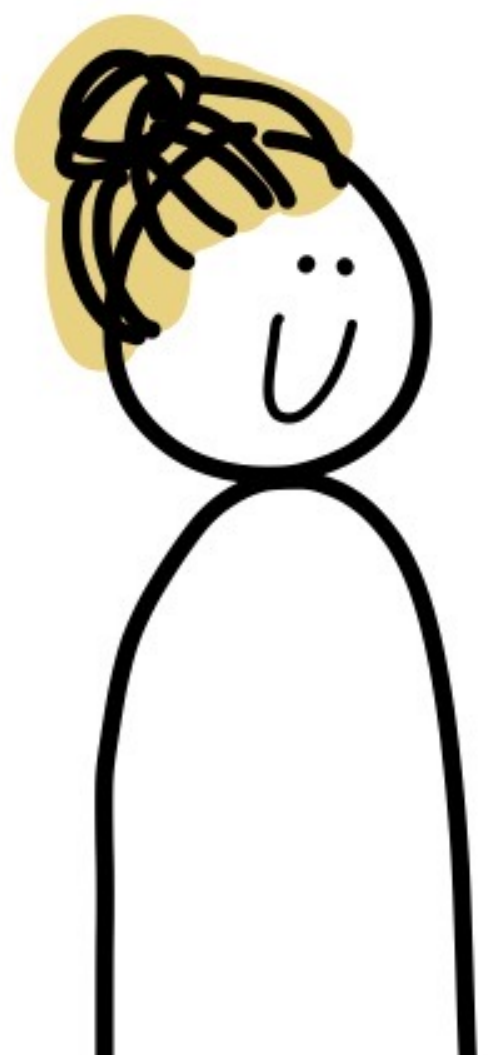
Rules gradually
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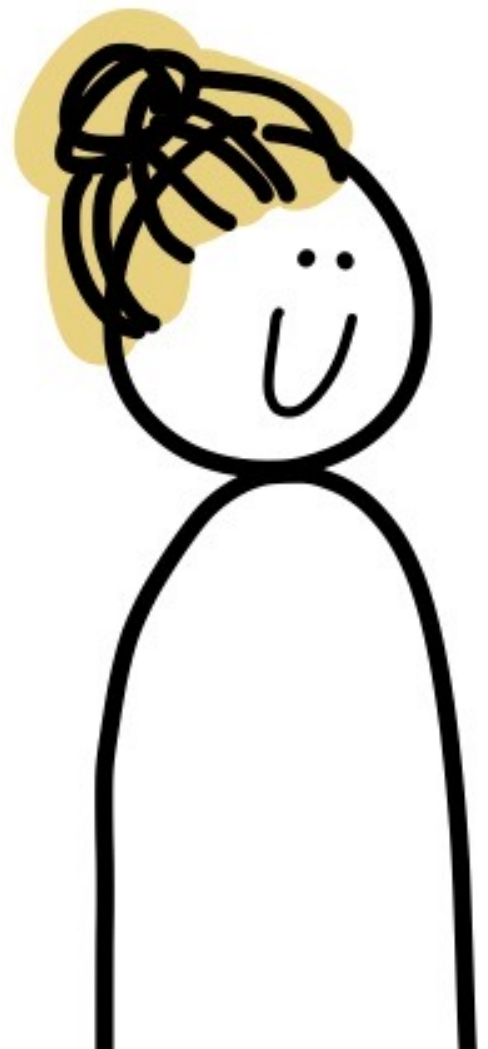
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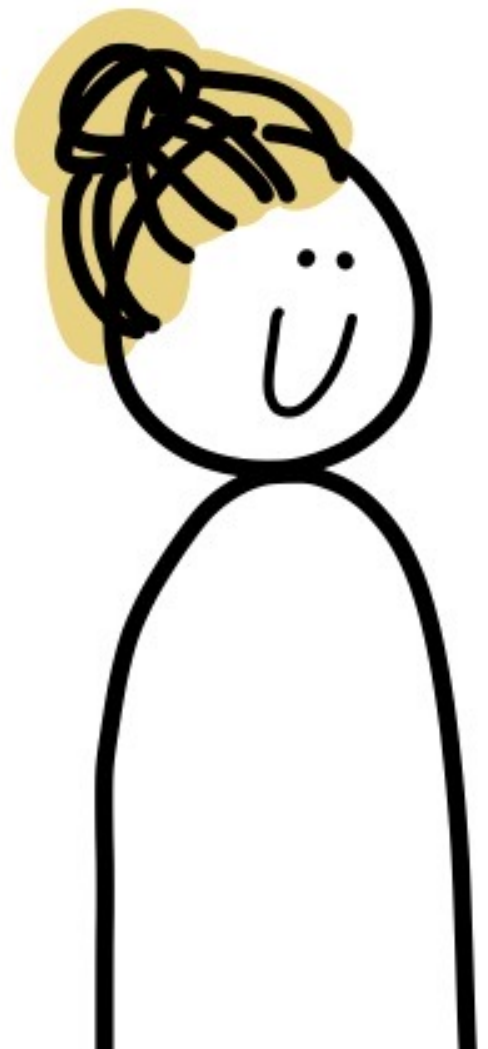
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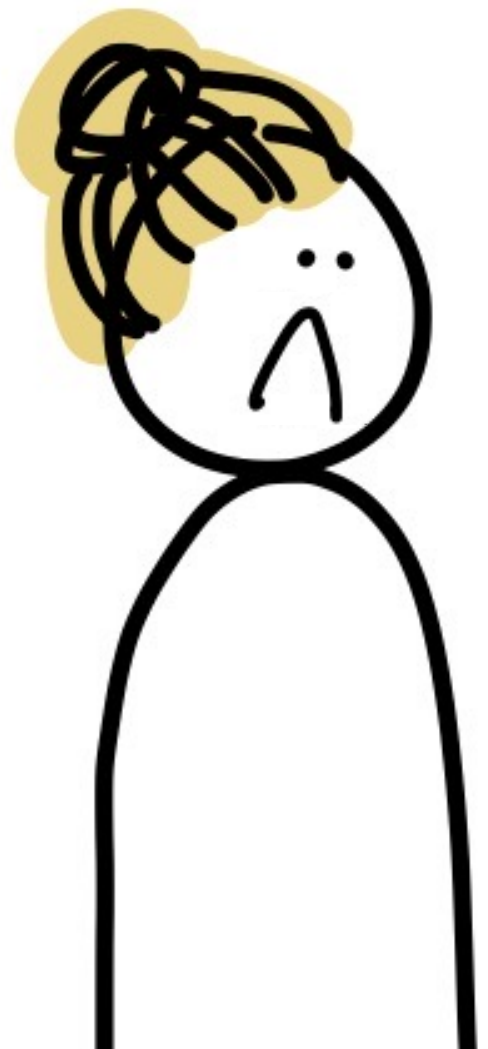


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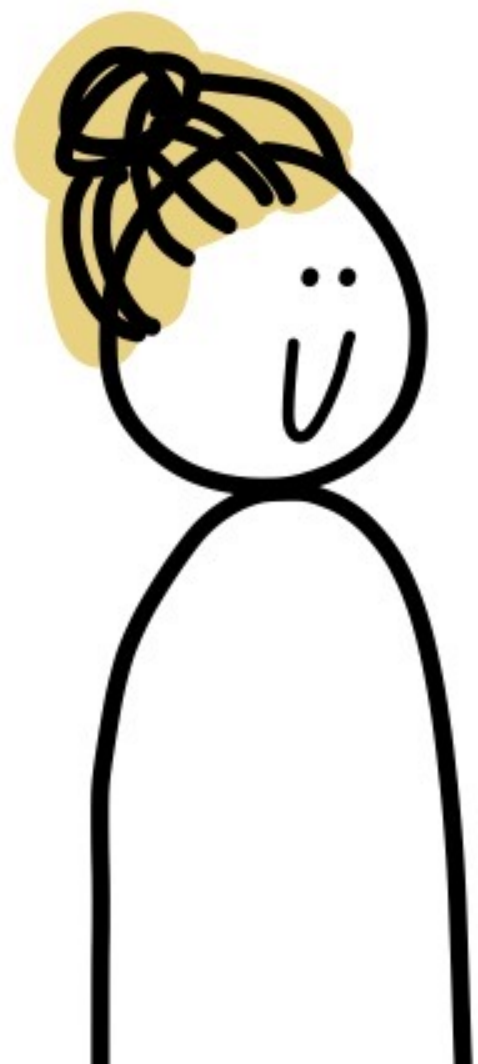
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Can we teach code
gradually?



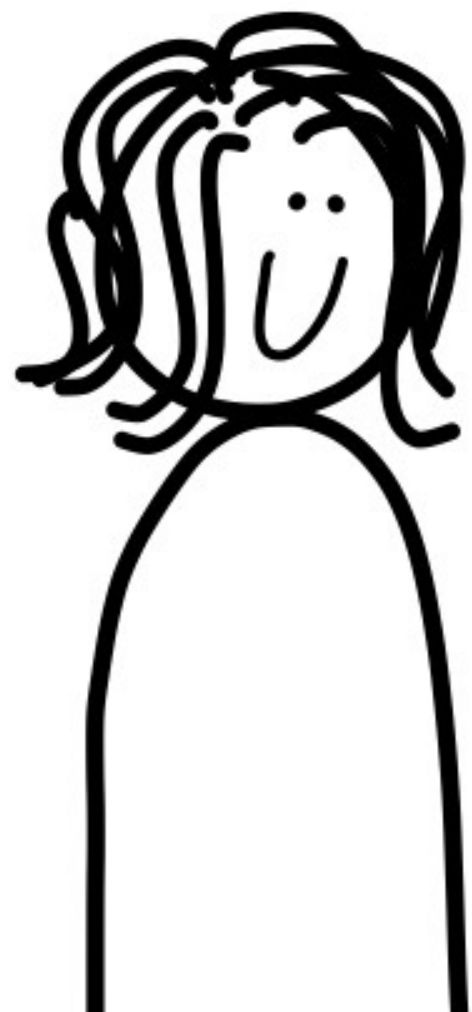
Let's look at
a demo!



Hedy is gradual ✓

multi lingual

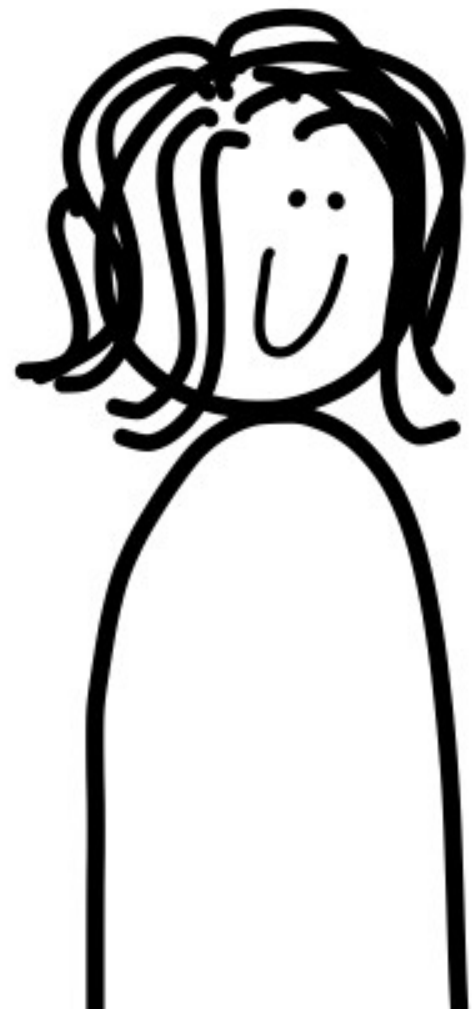
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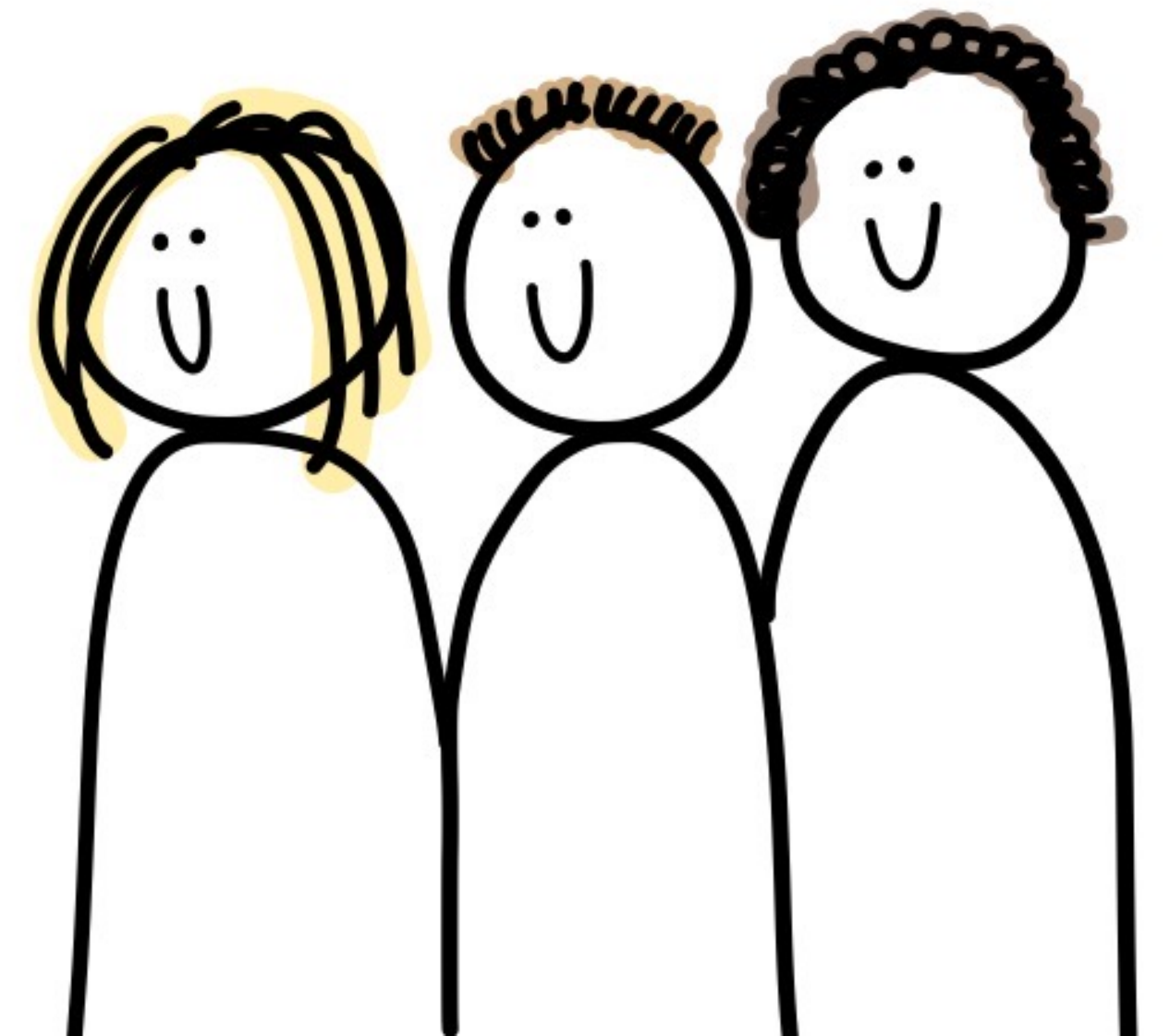
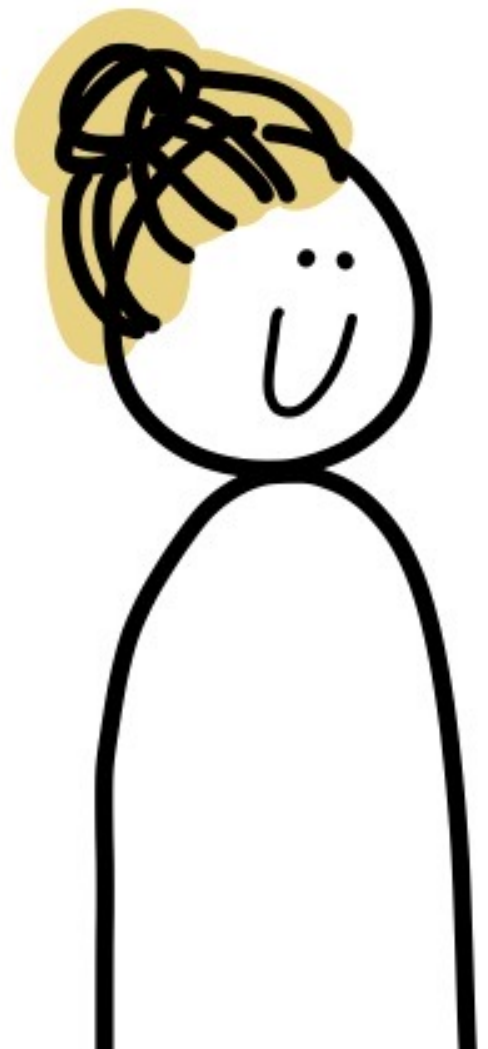
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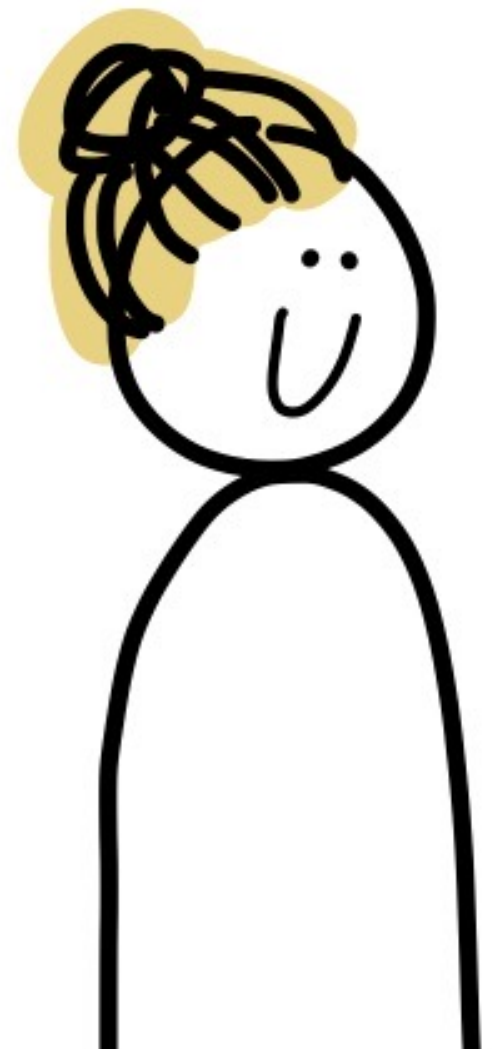
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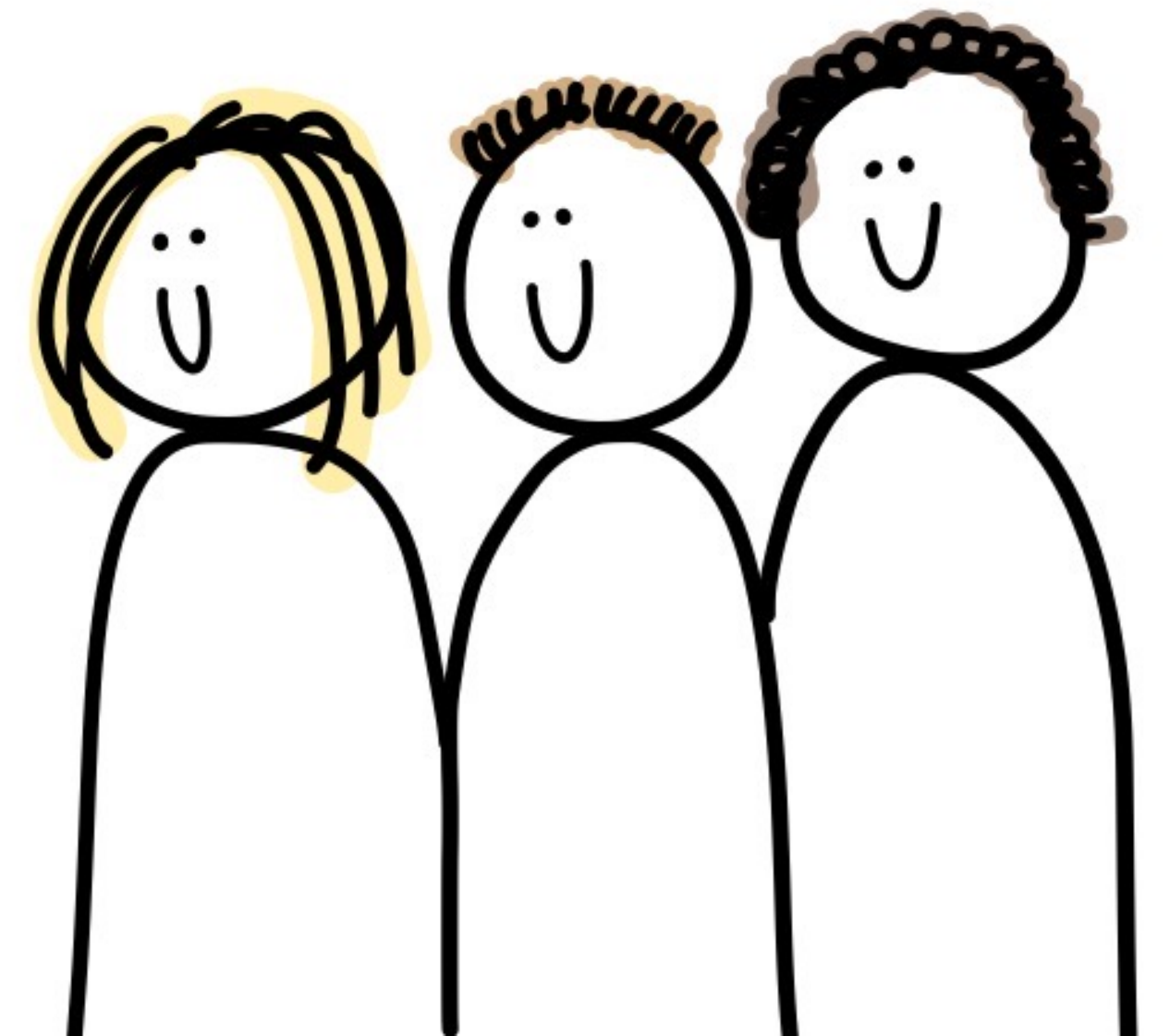
Do kids
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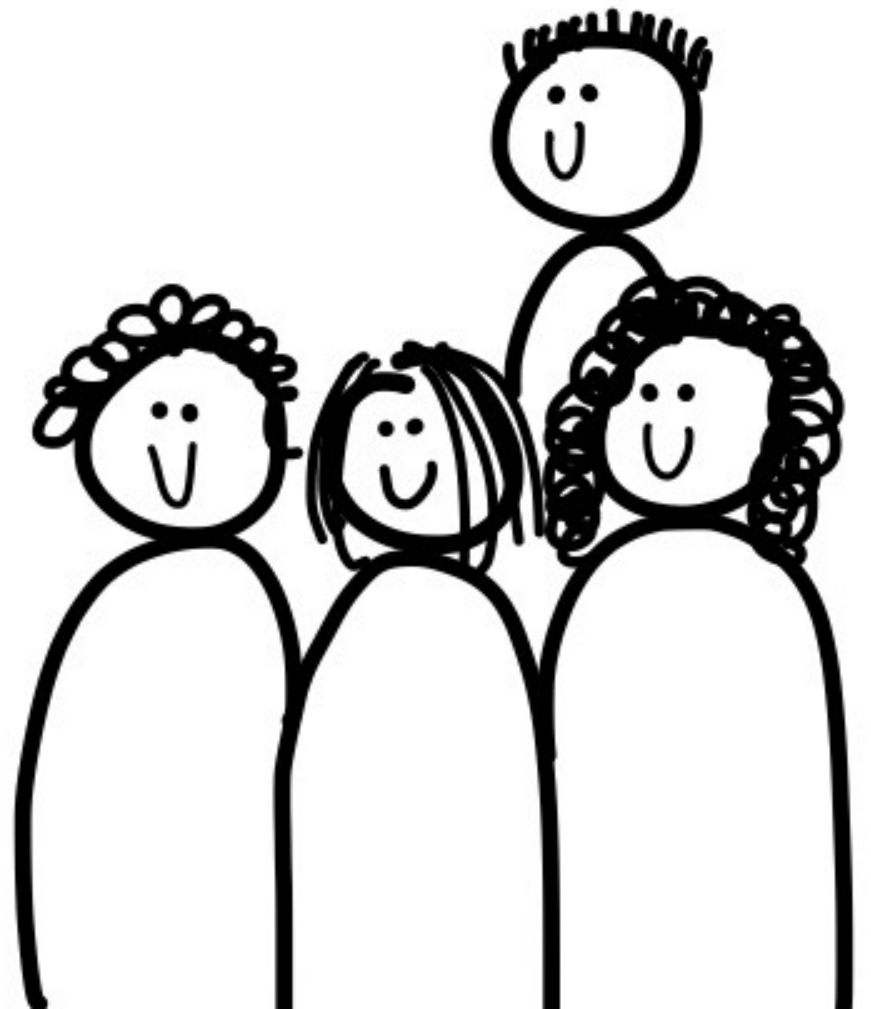
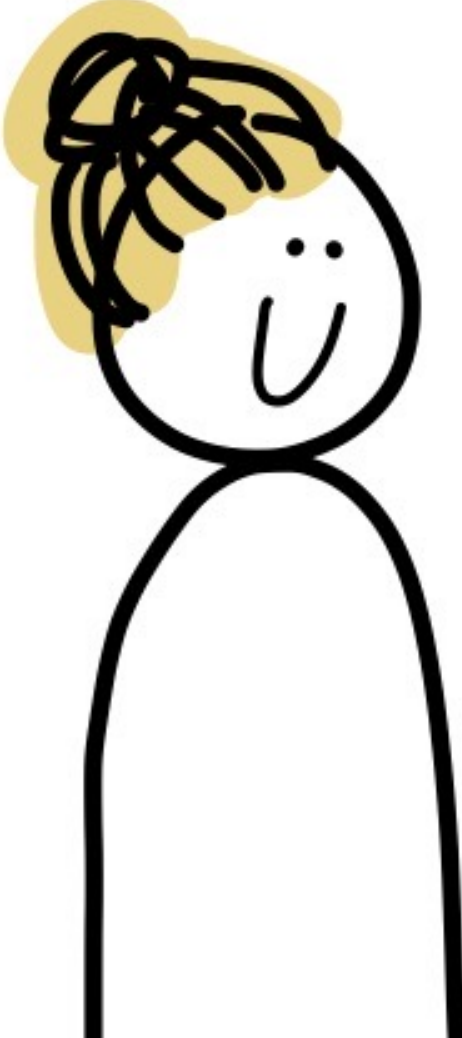
We ran a
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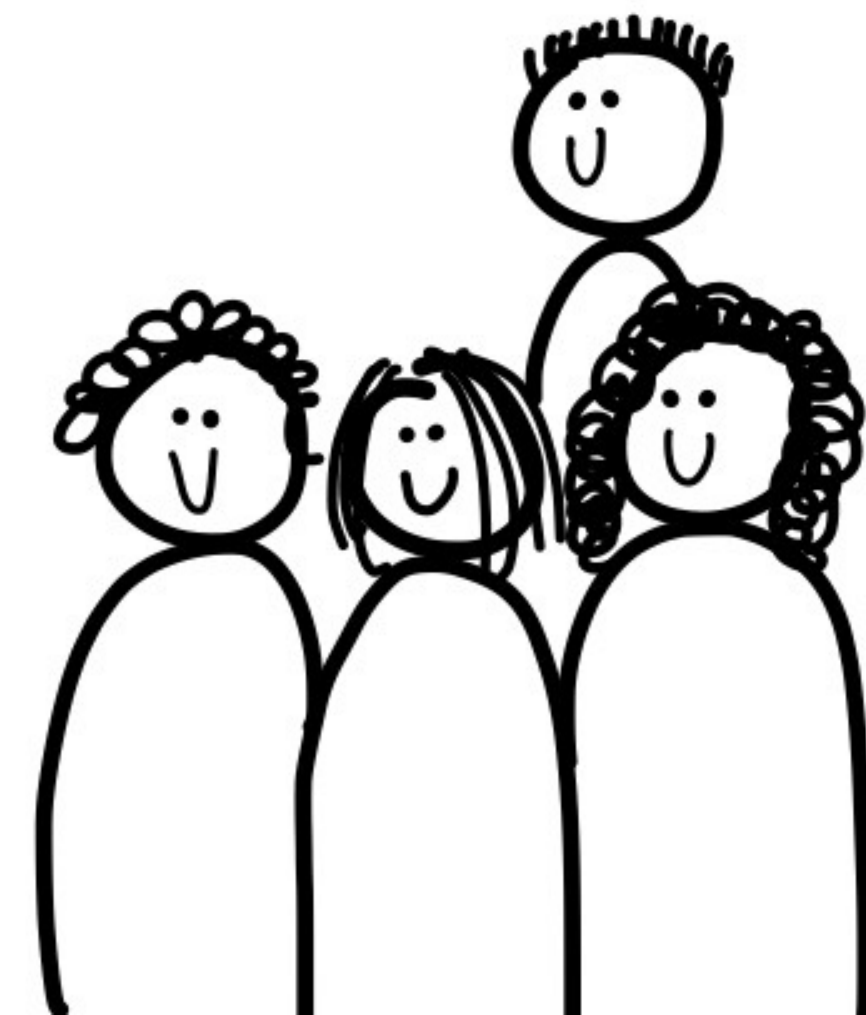
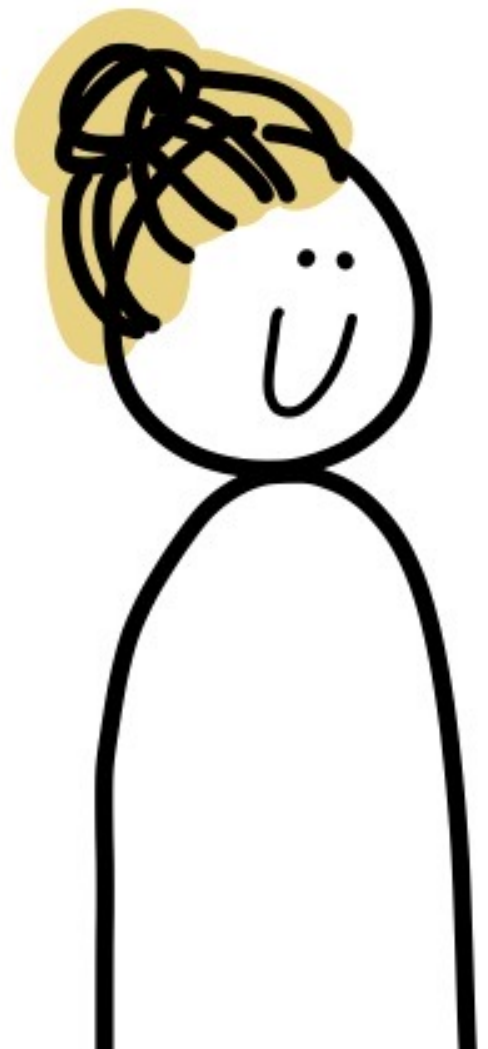


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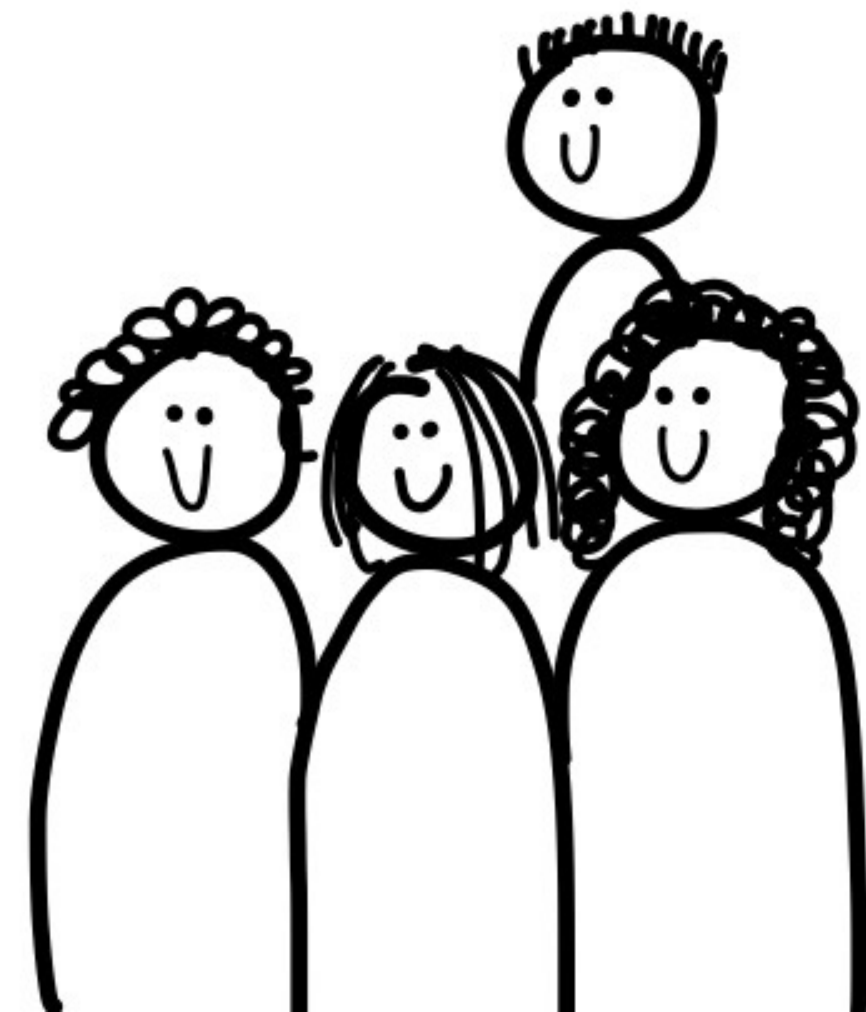
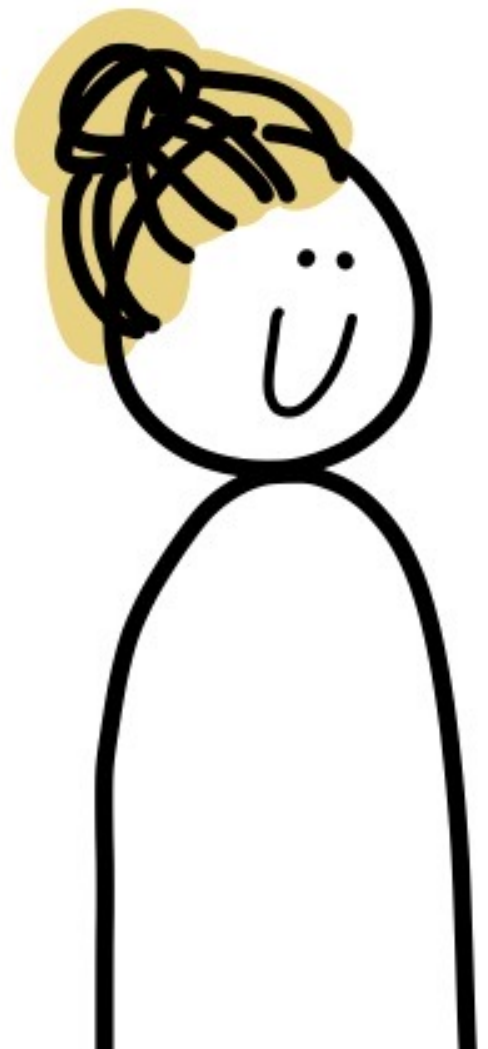
12 online
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Benefits, challenges & improvements

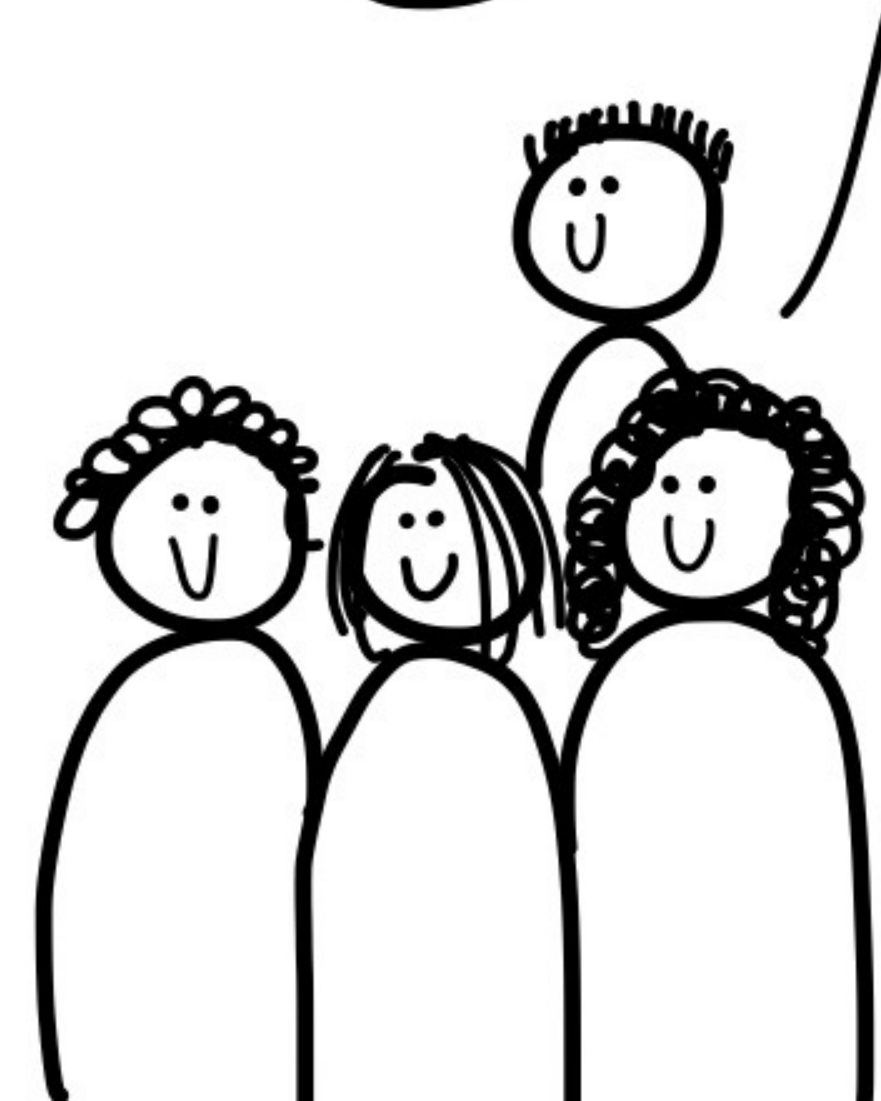
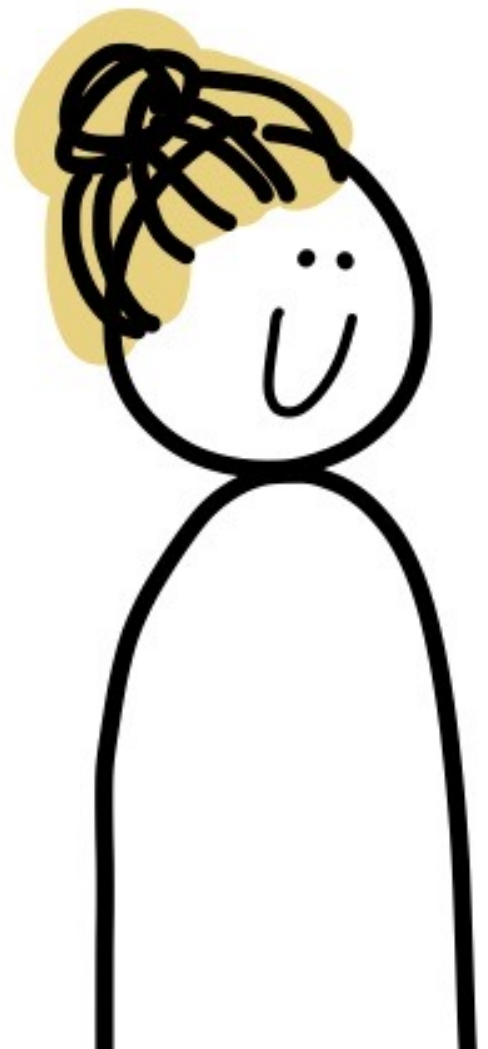
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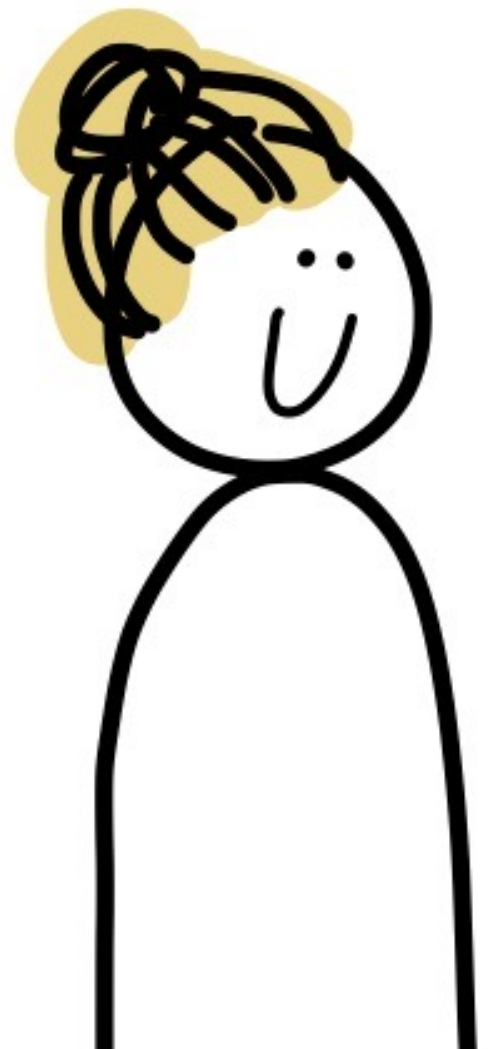
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The levels are
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guide



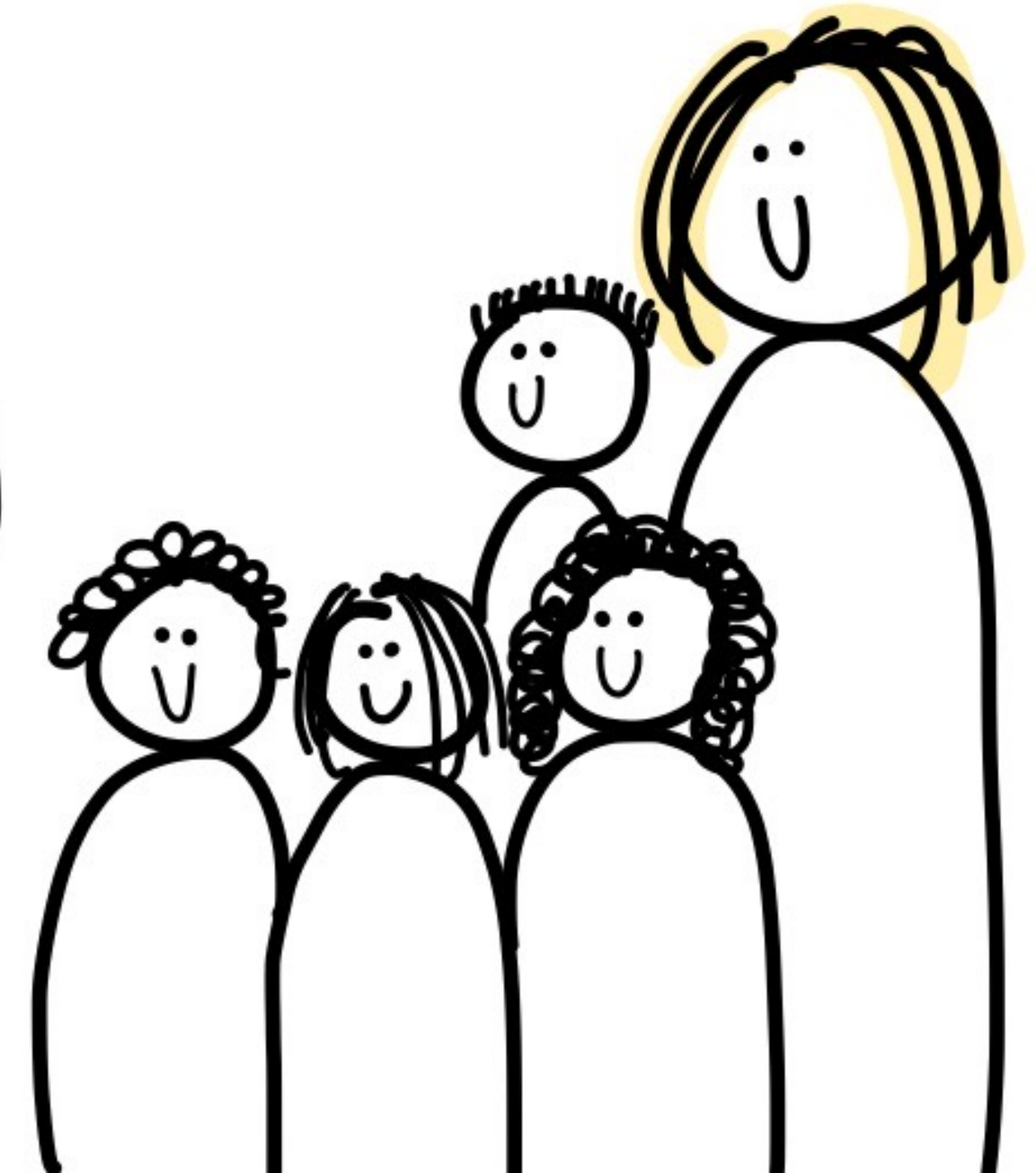
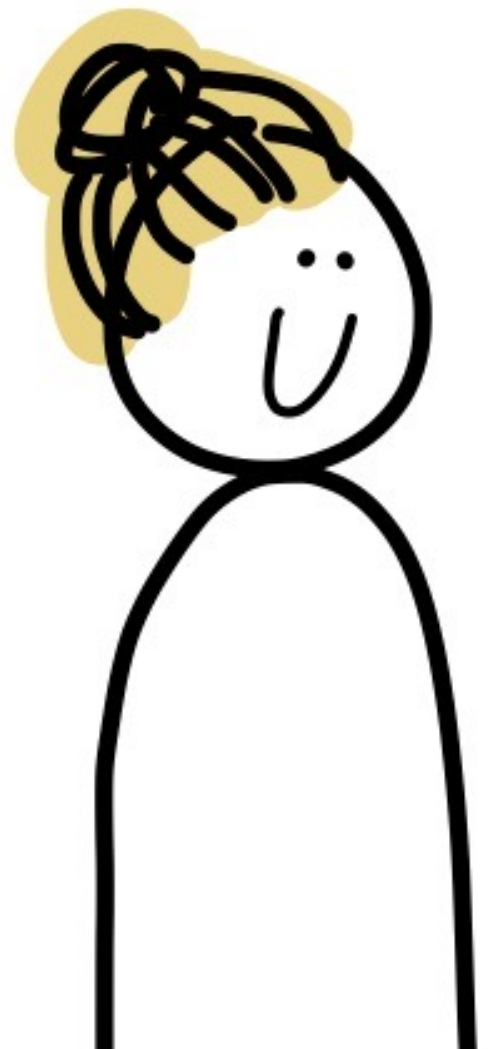
Benefits, challenges & improvements

With Hedy all kids
learn some programming



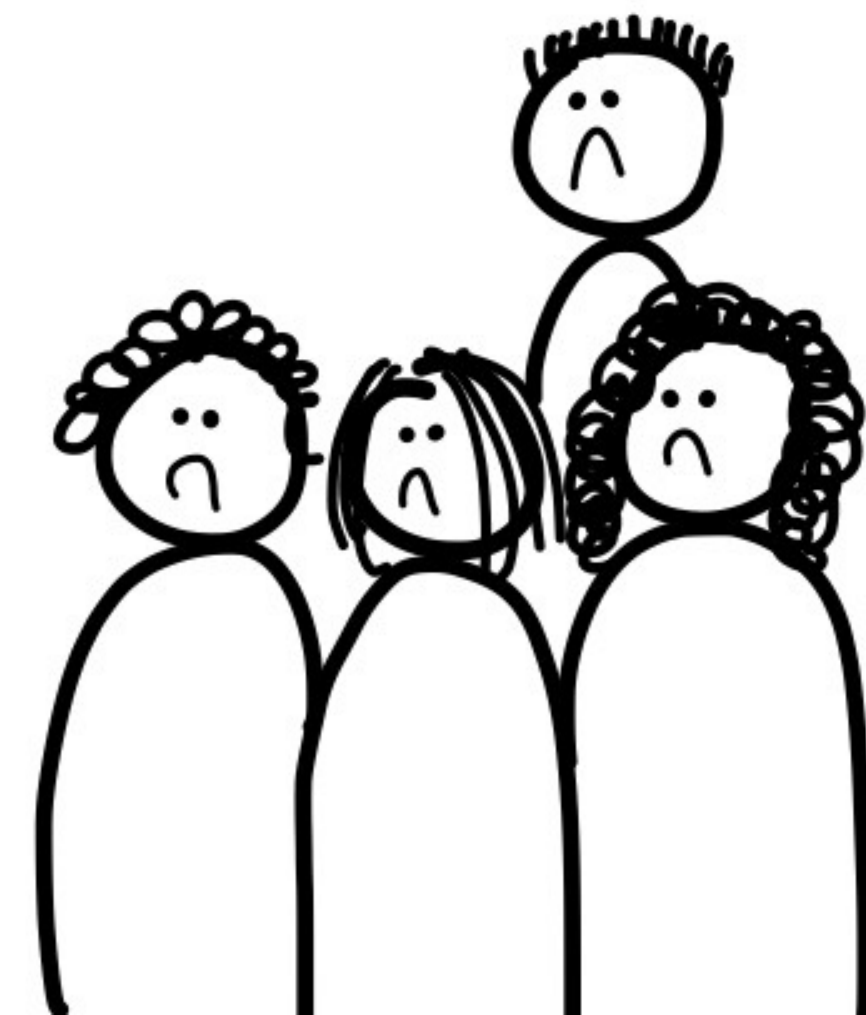
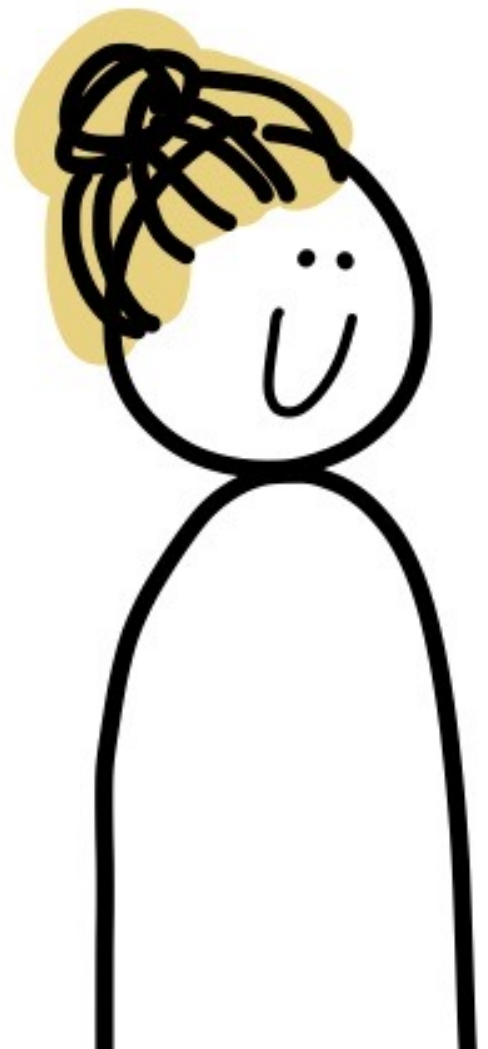
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Hedy gives girls
the confidence to
learn programming



Benefits, challenges & improvements

Better error
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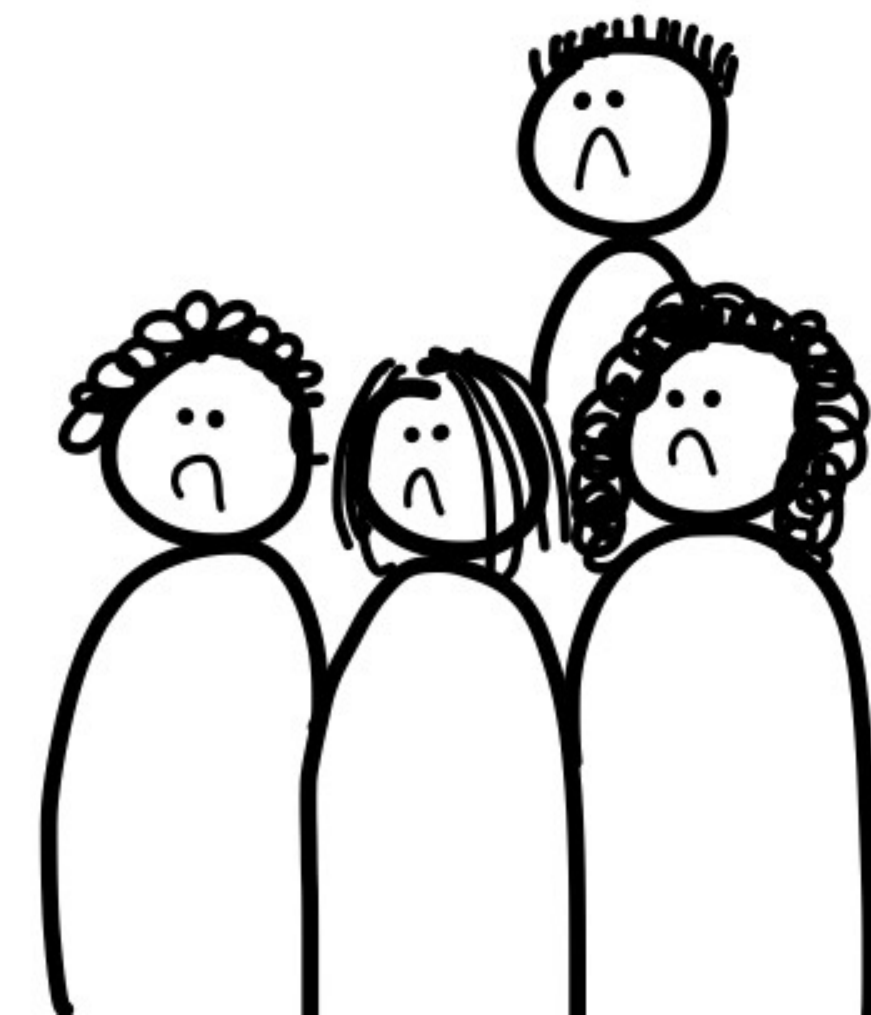
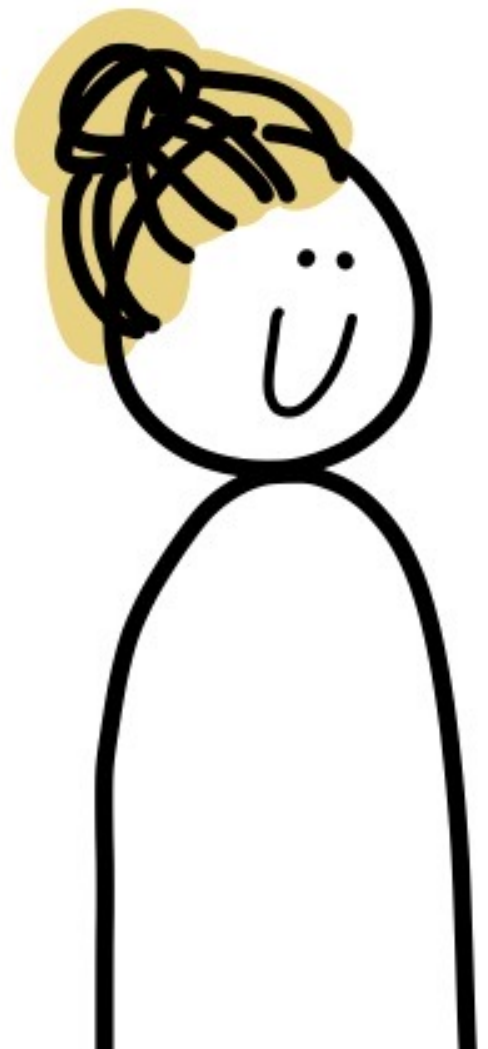


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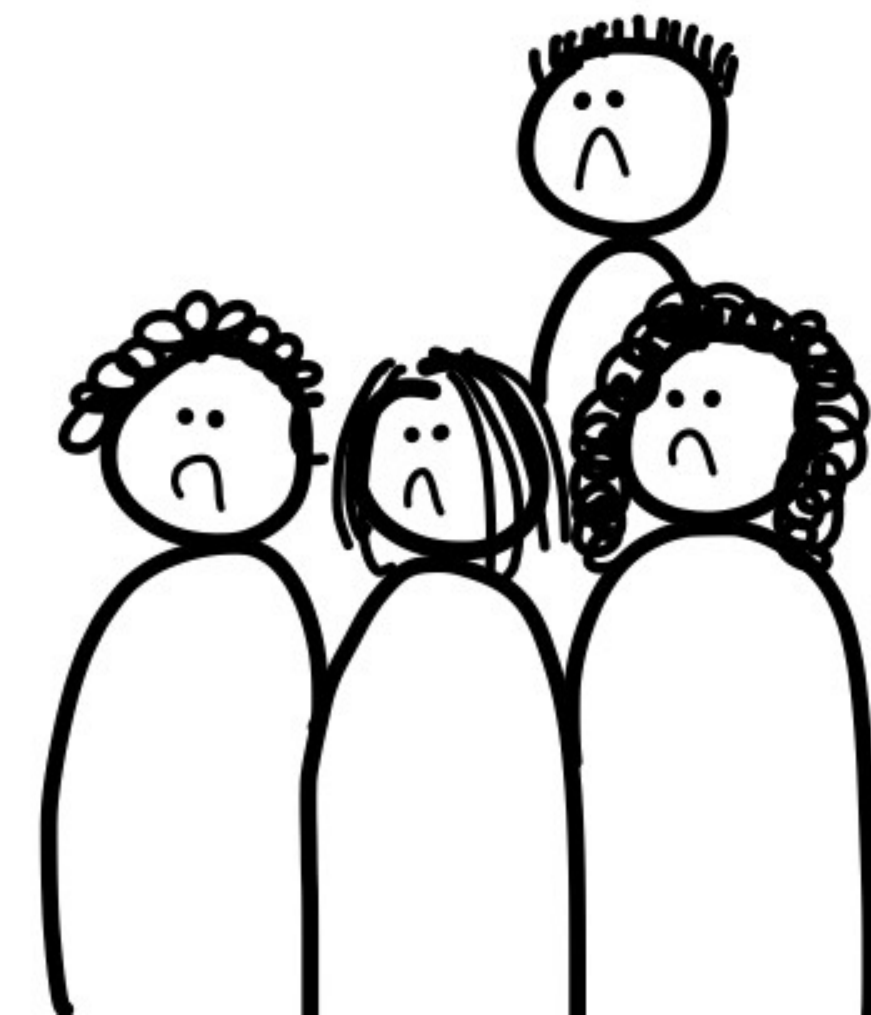
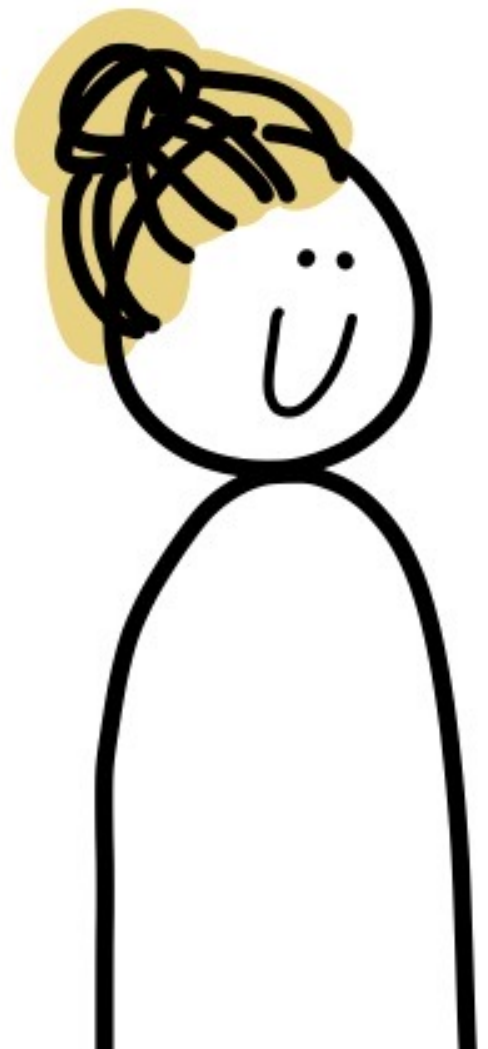
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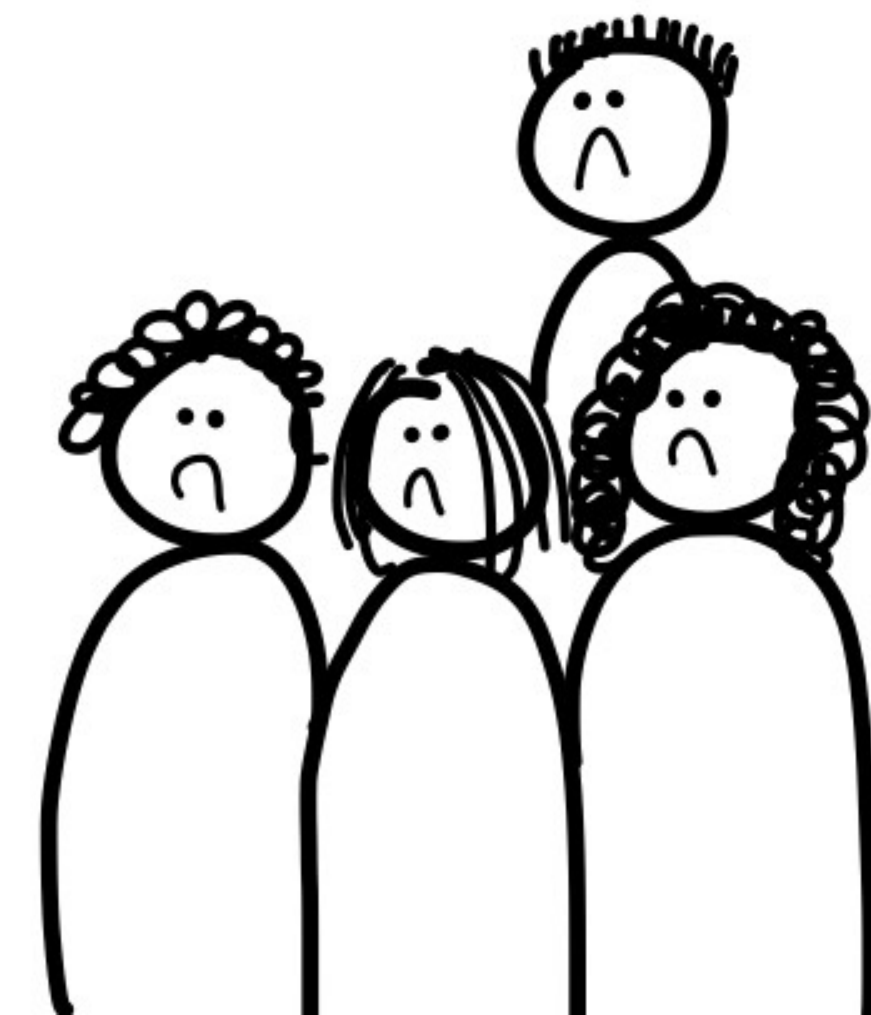
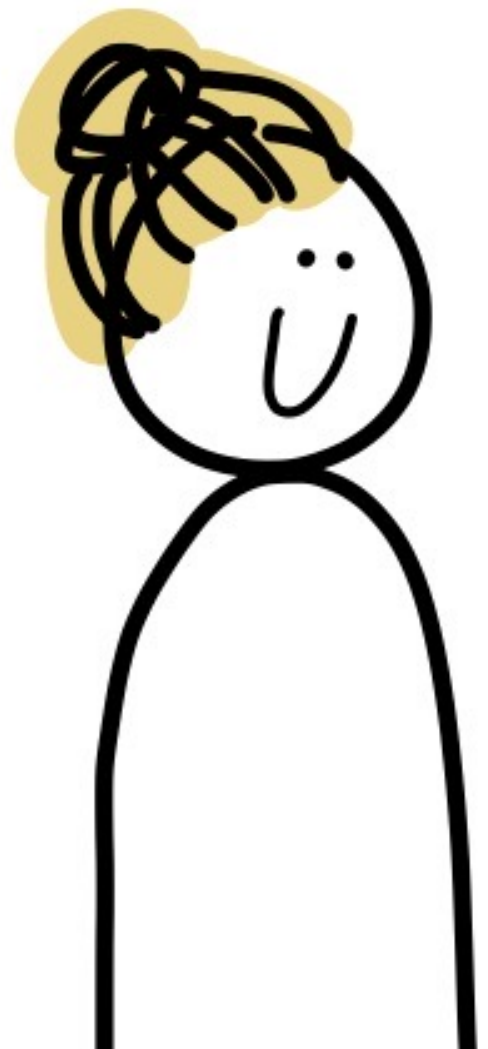


Benefits, challenges & improvements

Better error messages

```
1 name is Hedy
2 print welcome, name
3
```

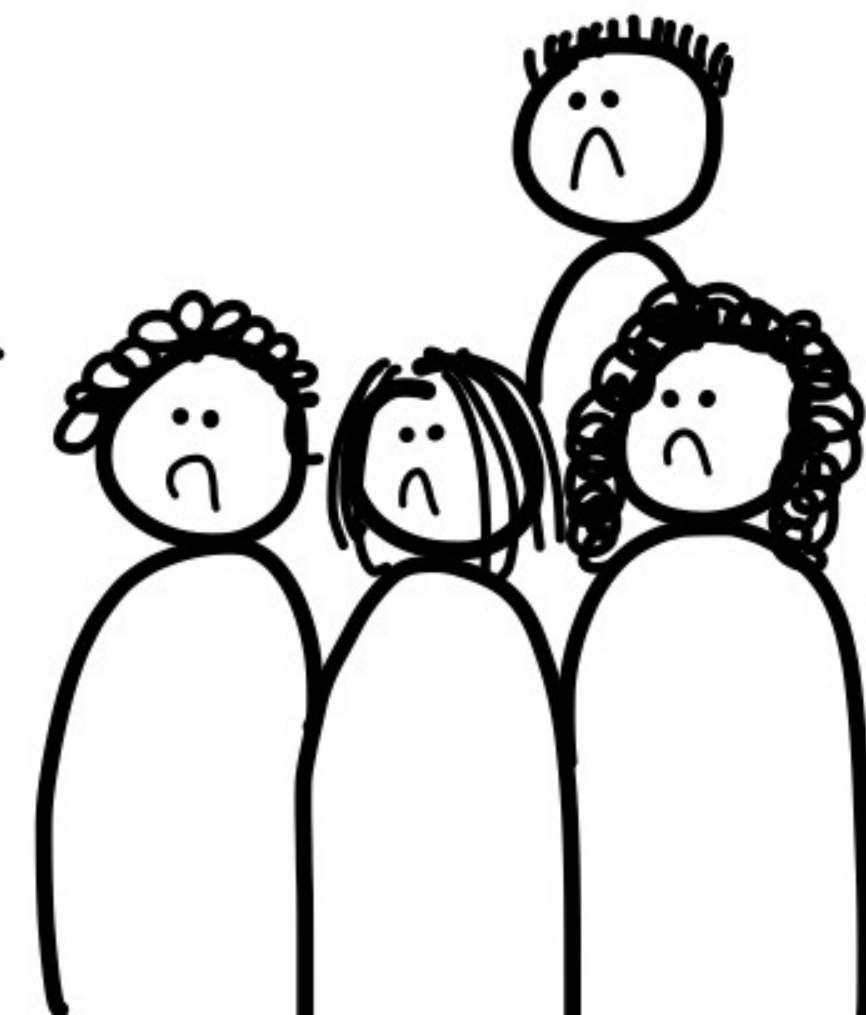
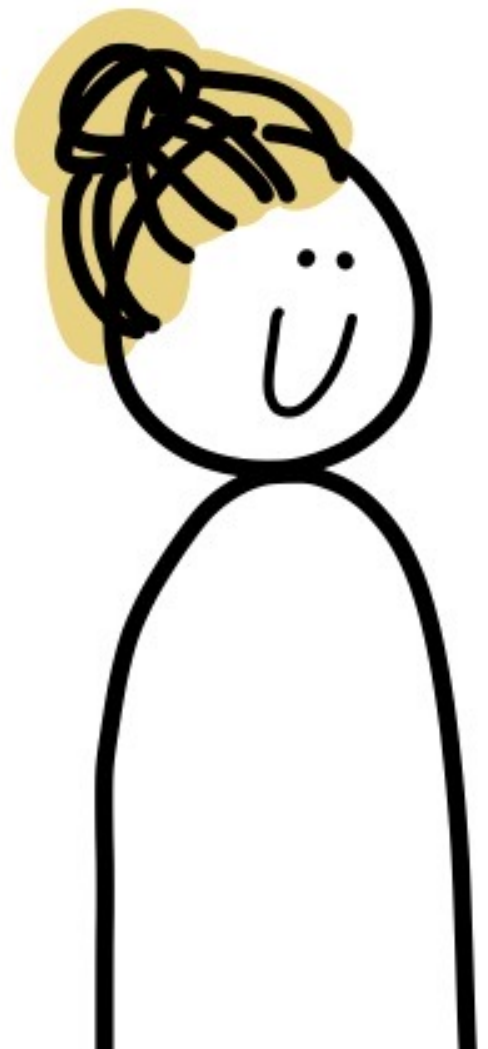
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Benefits, challenges & improvements

Better error messages

Dutch keywords

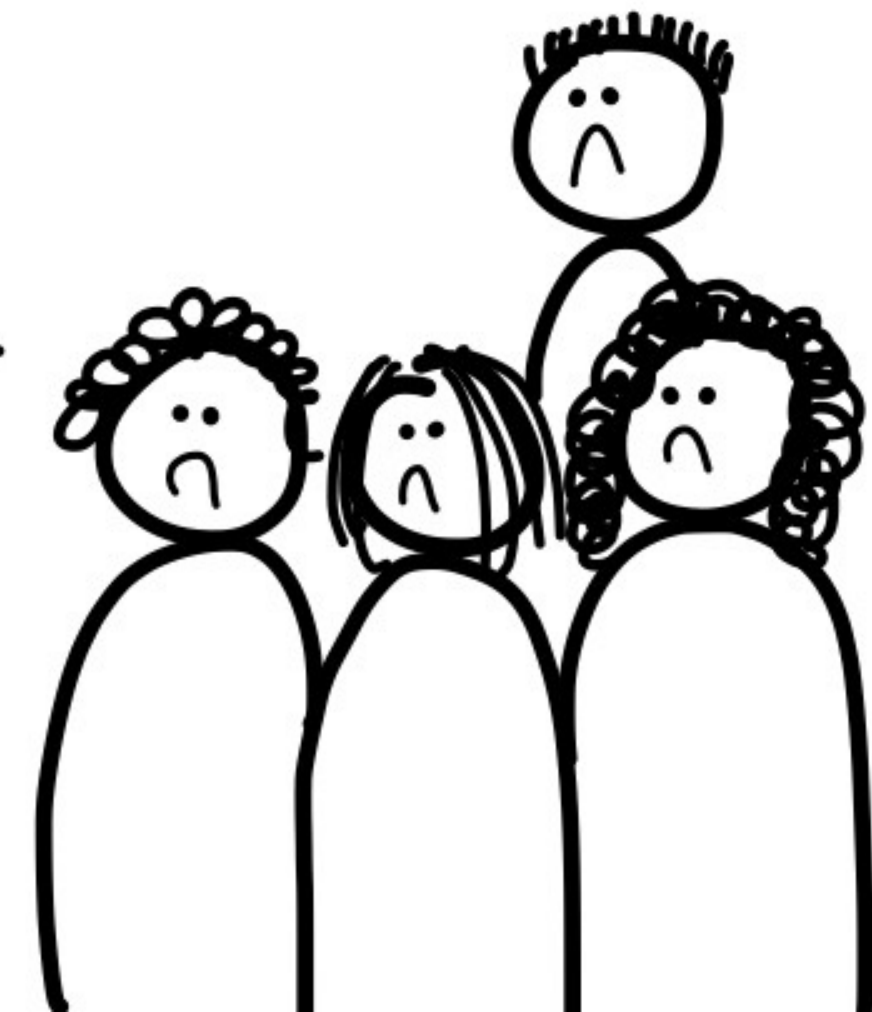
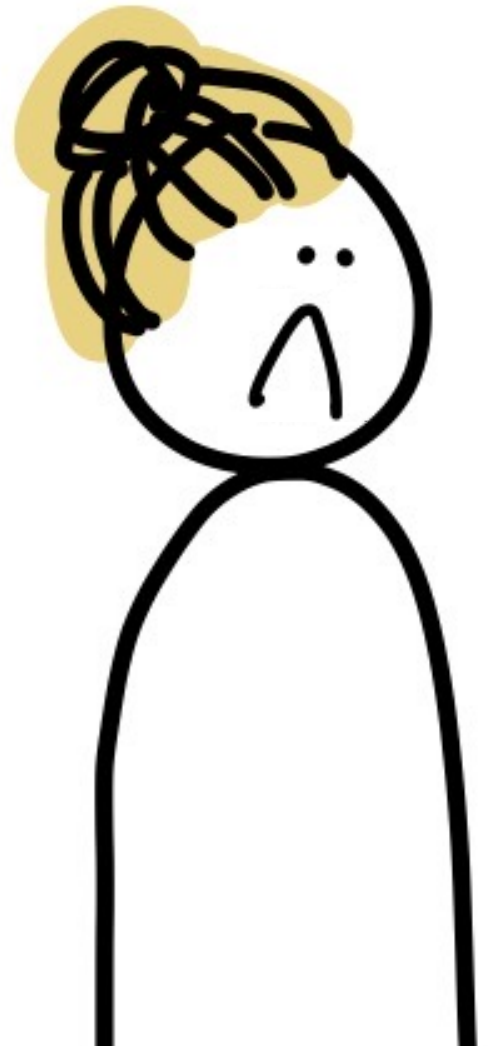


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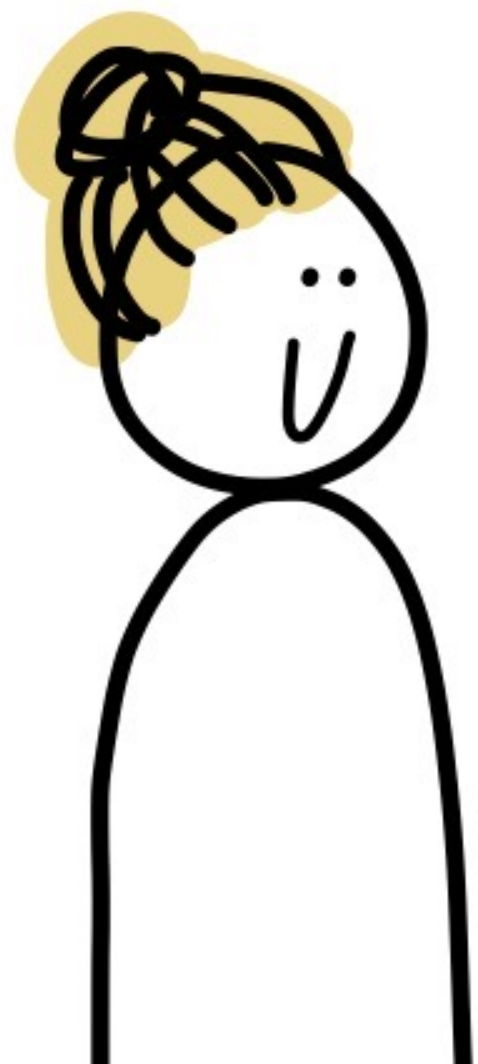
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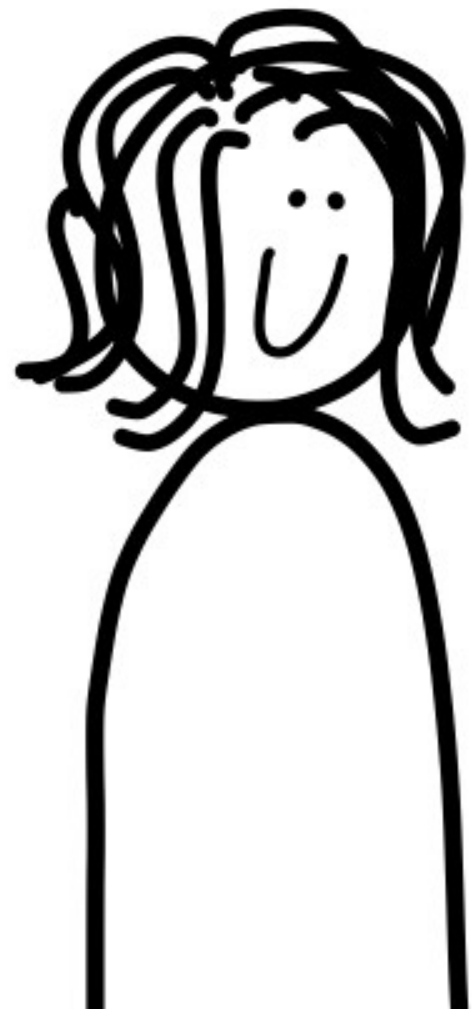
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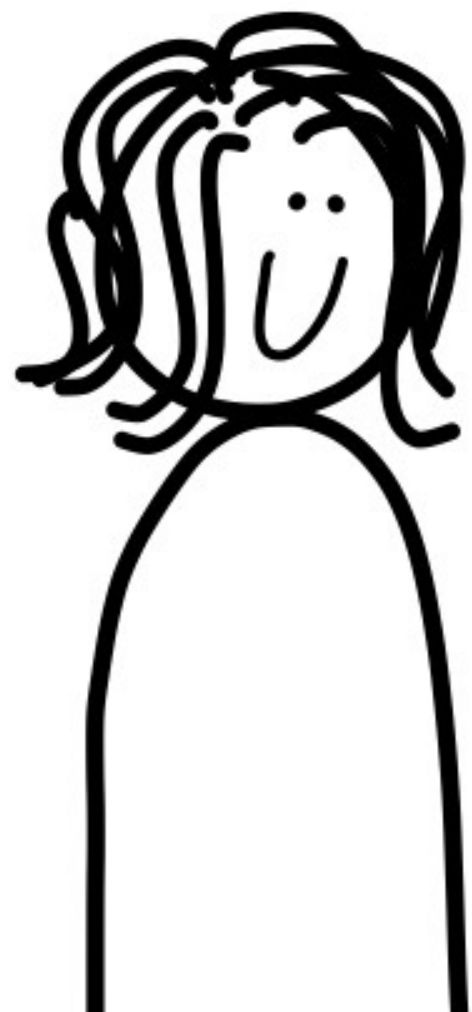
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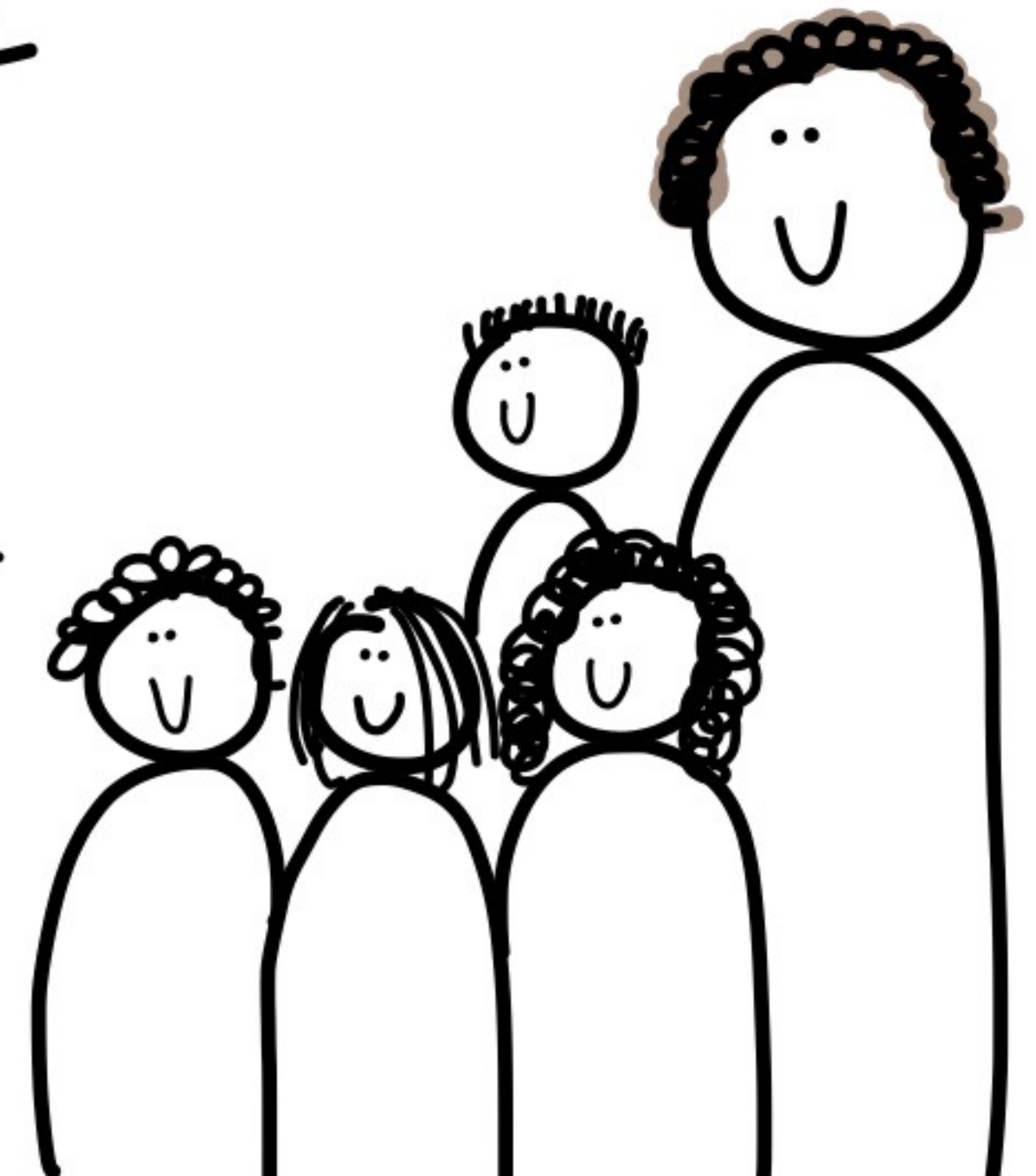
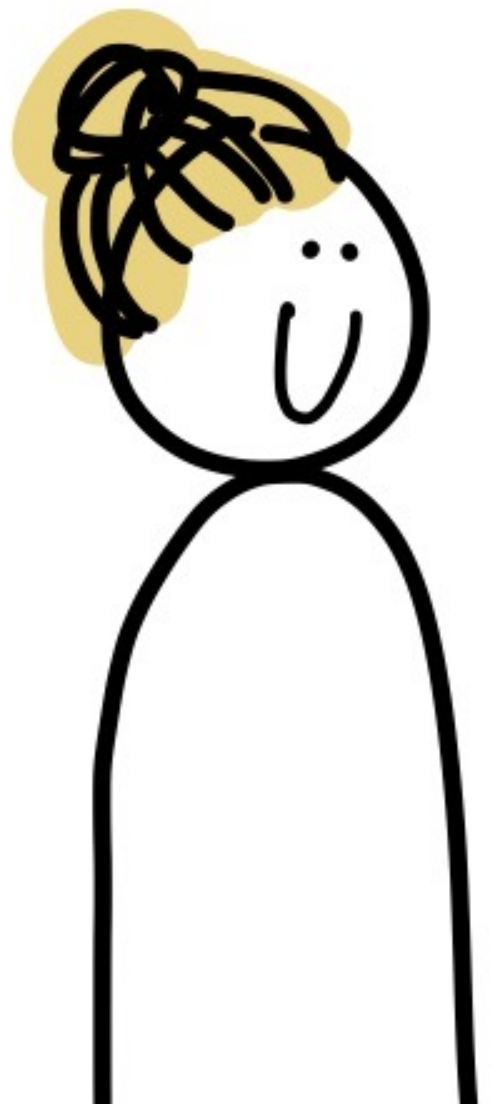
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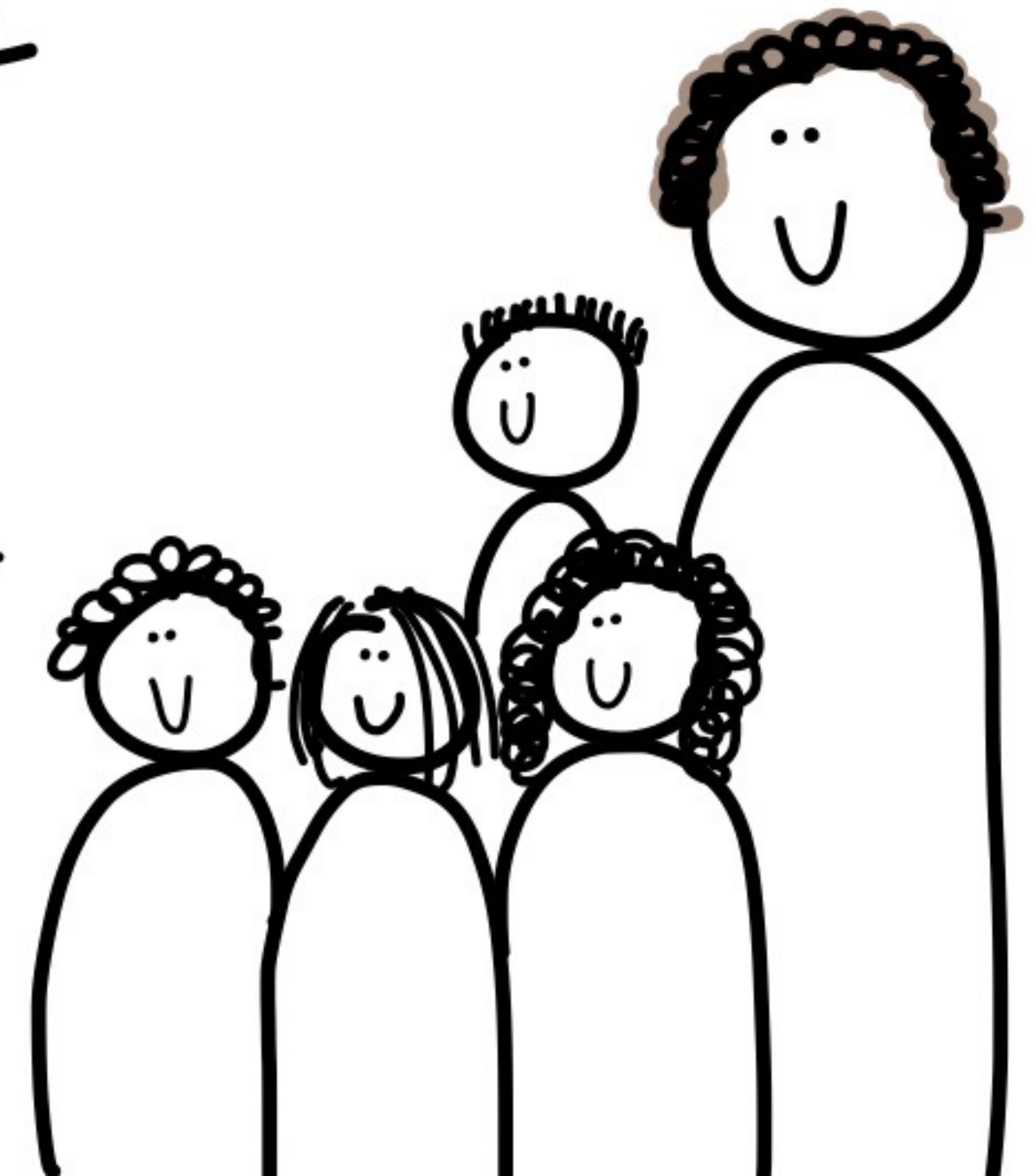
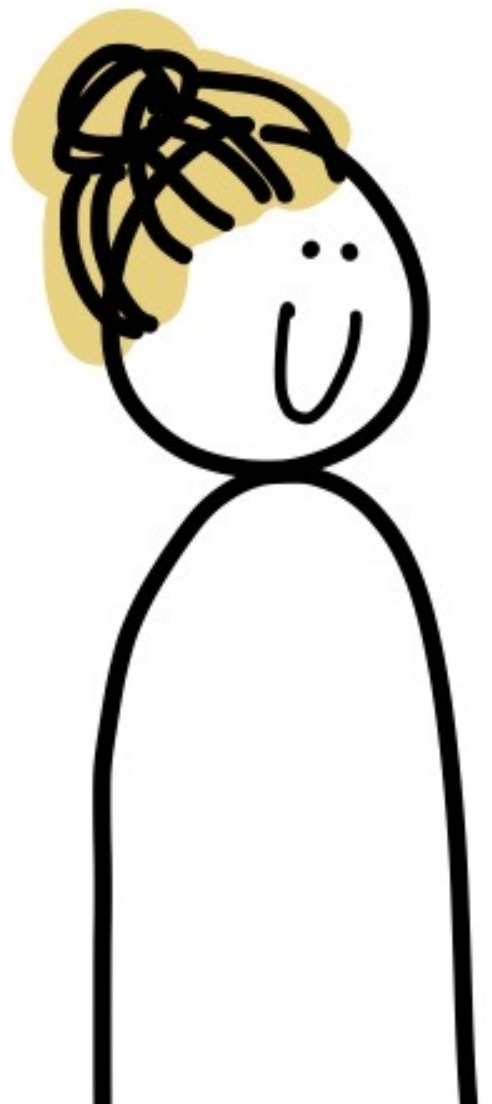


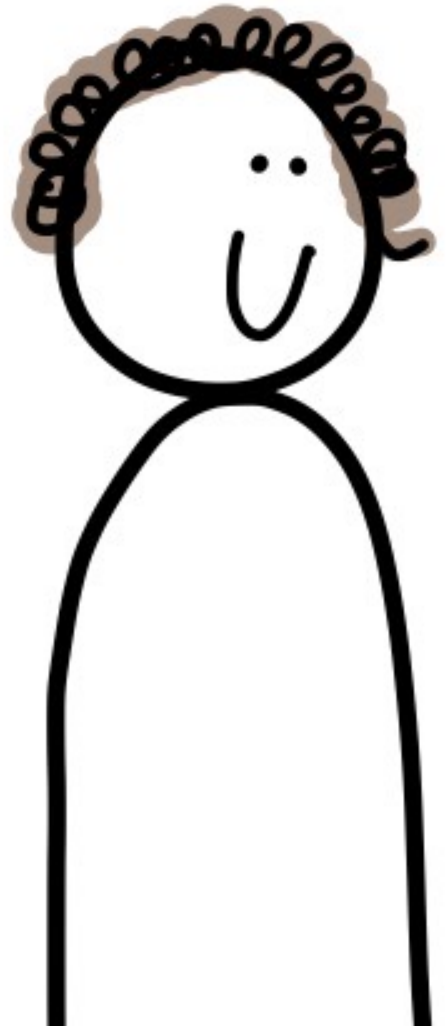
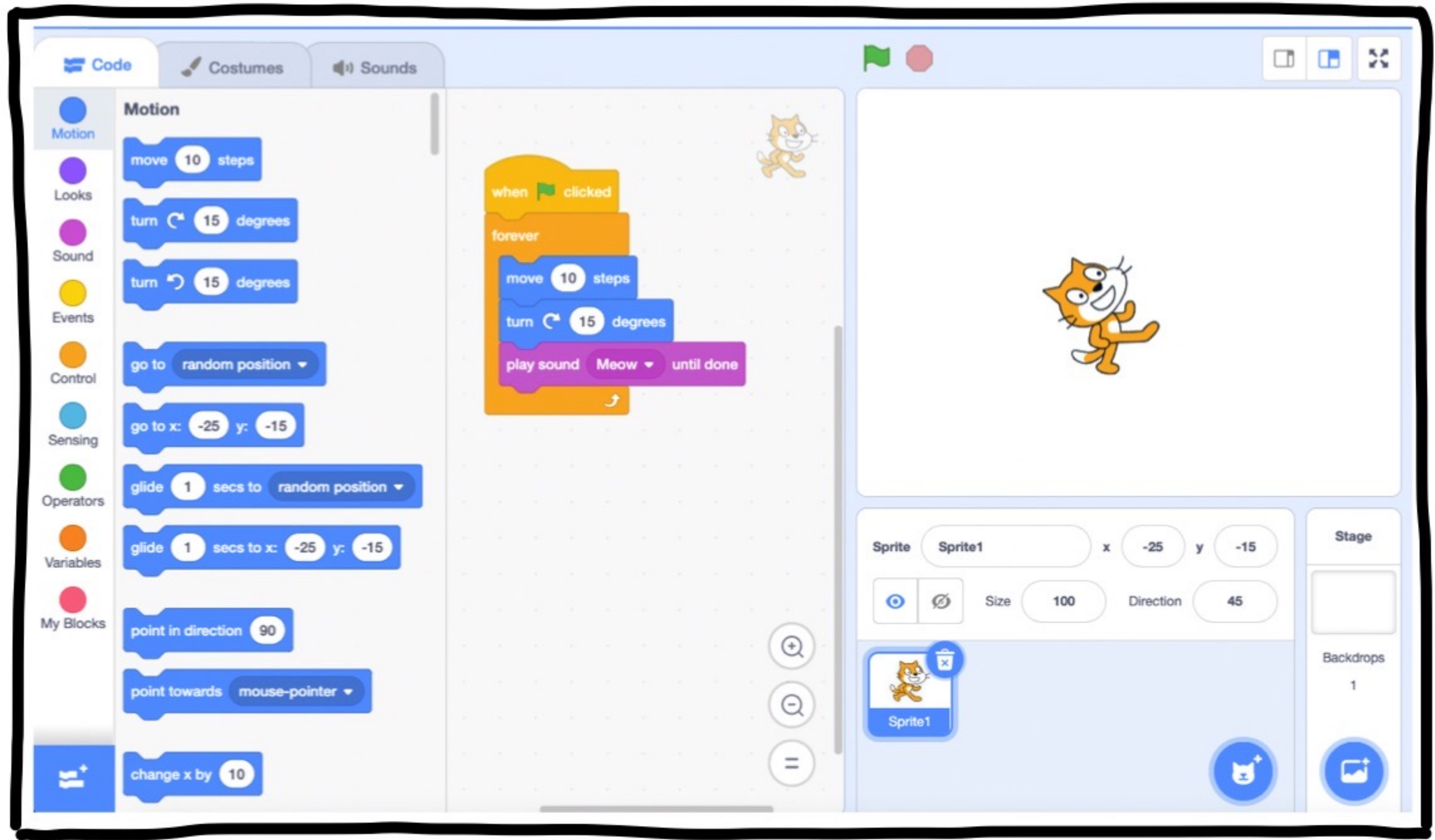
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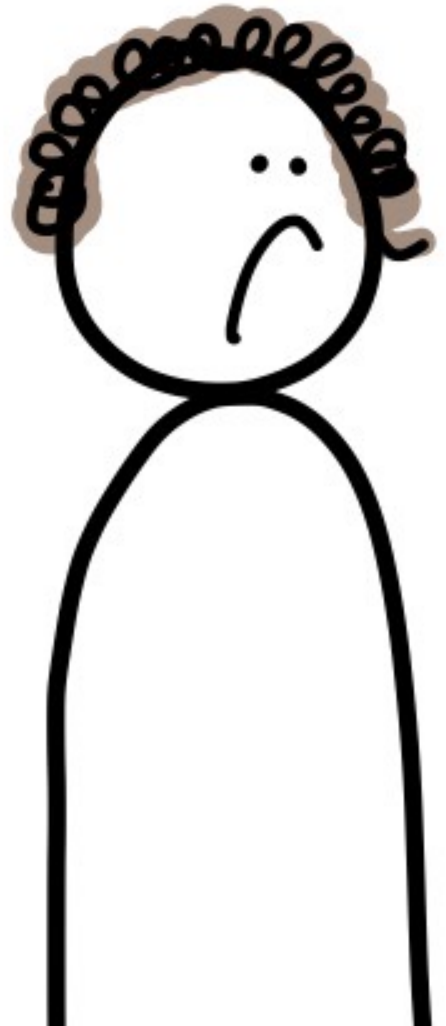
Less overwhelming for
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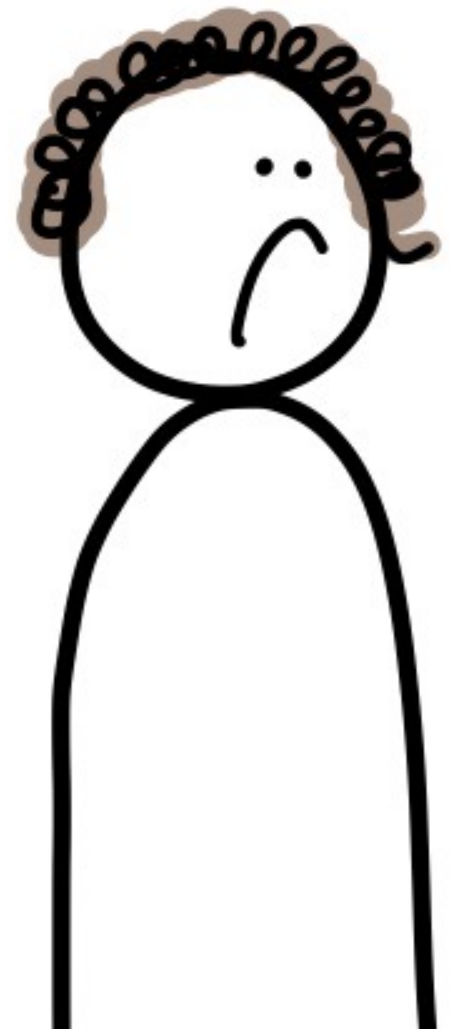




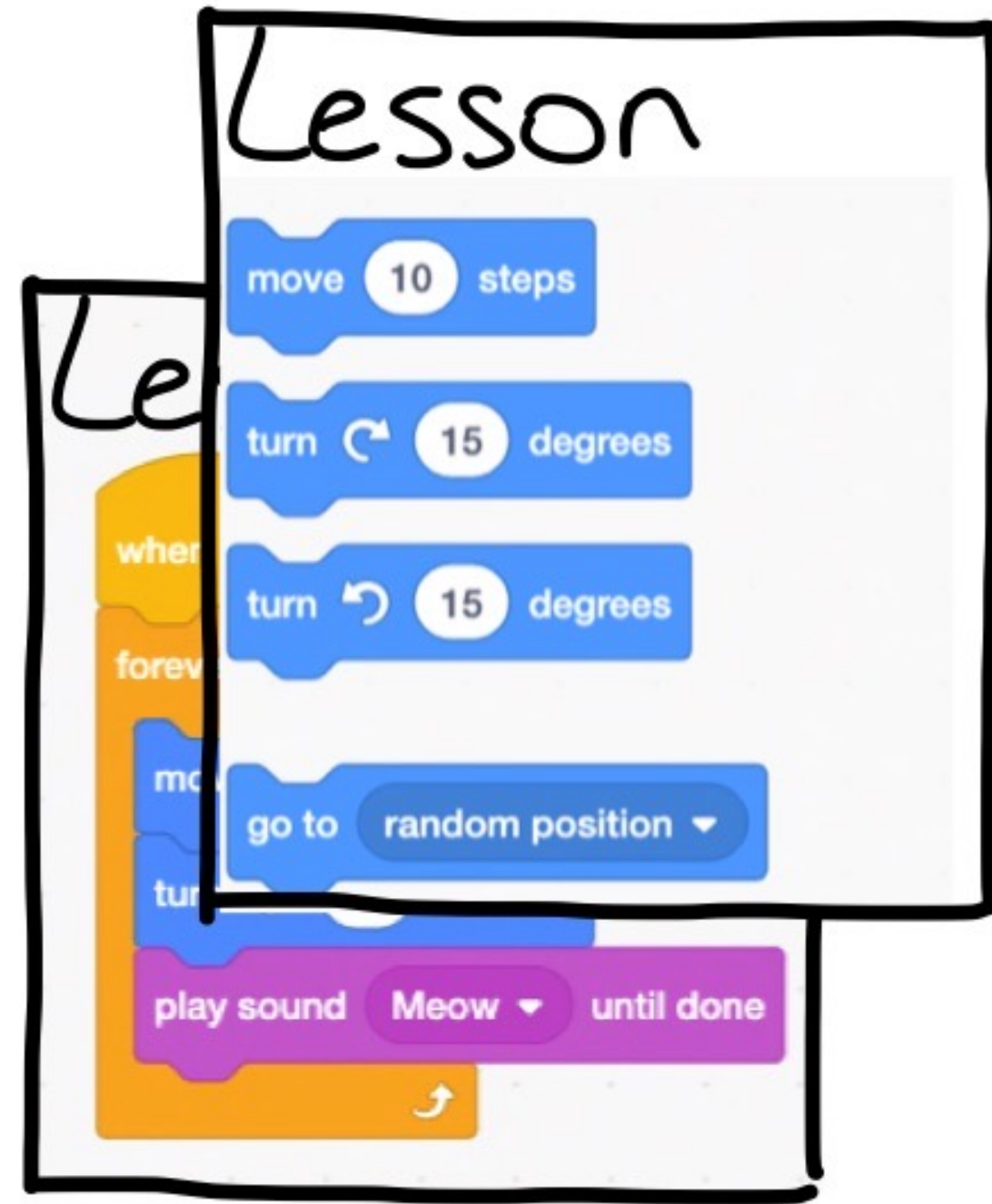
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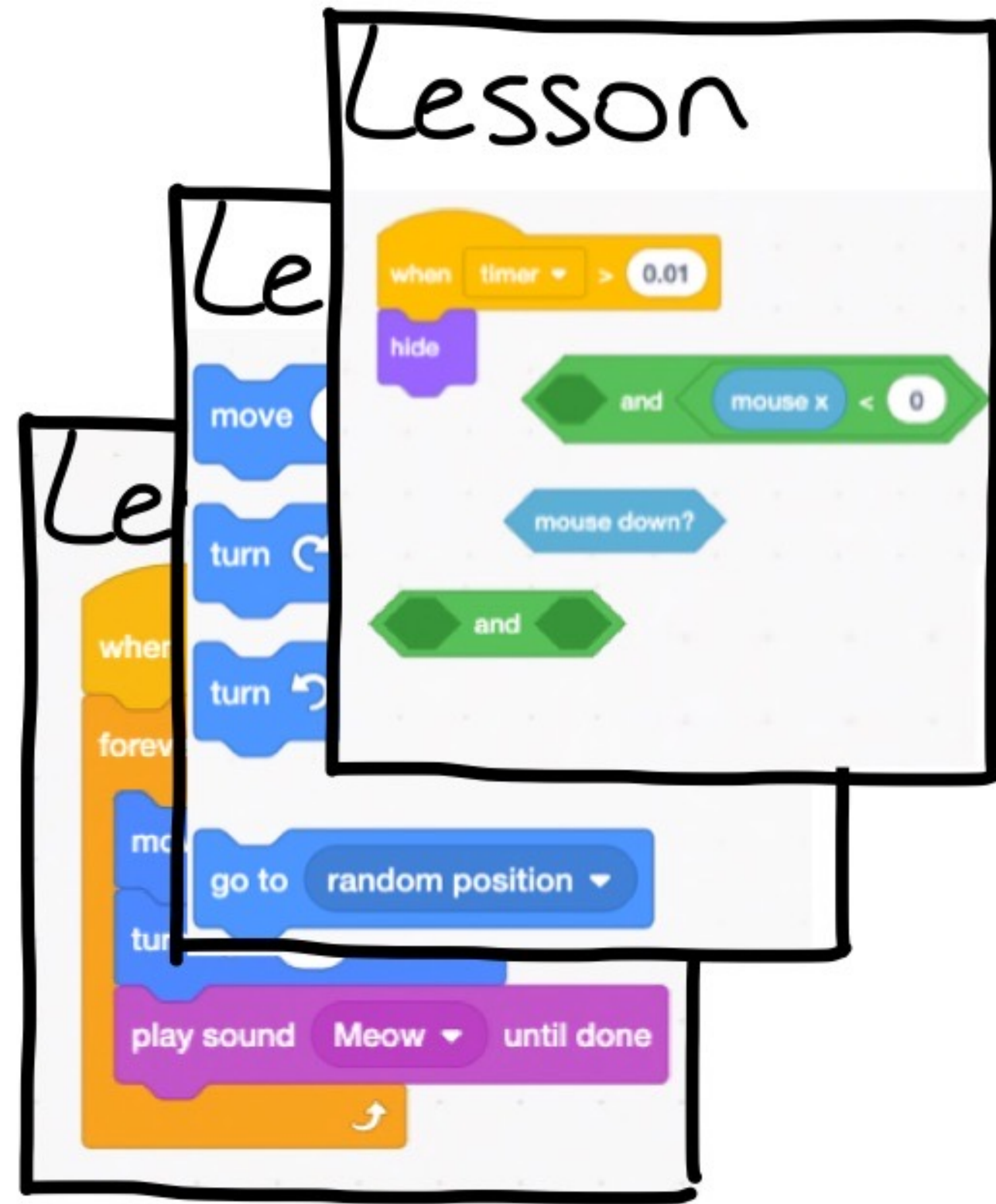
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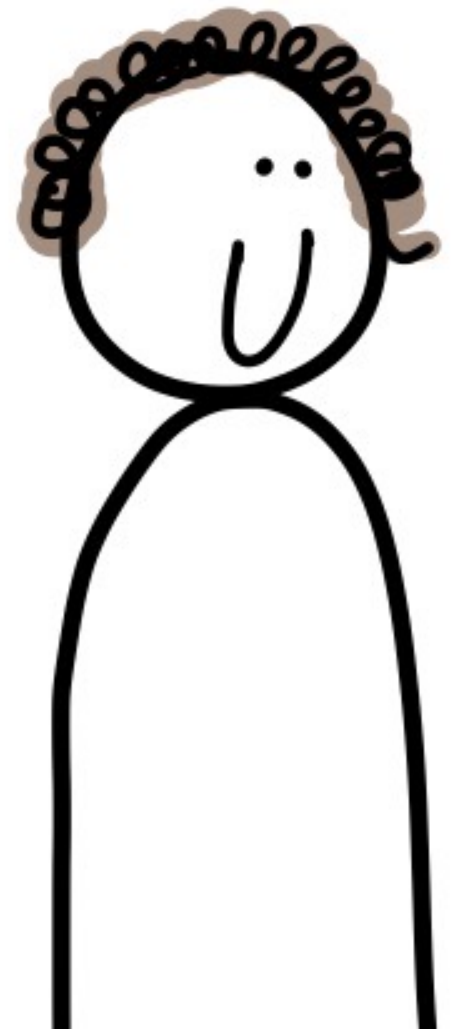
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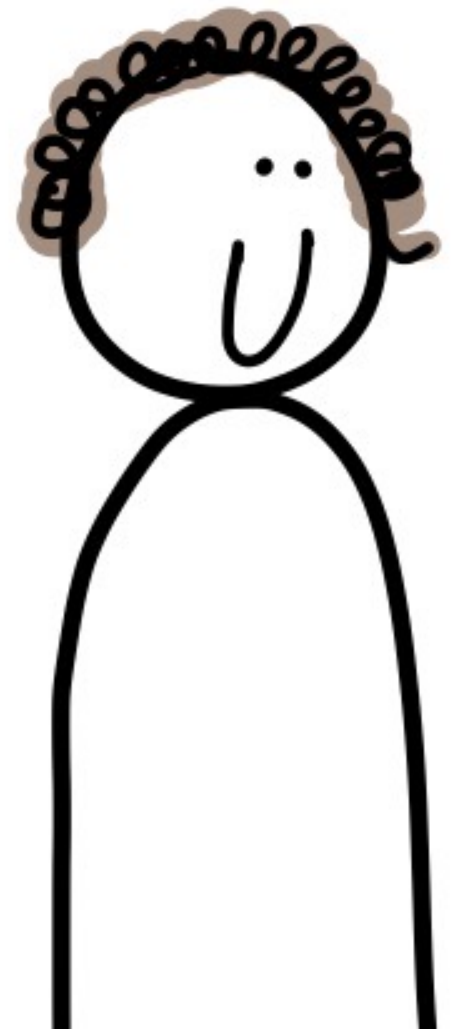
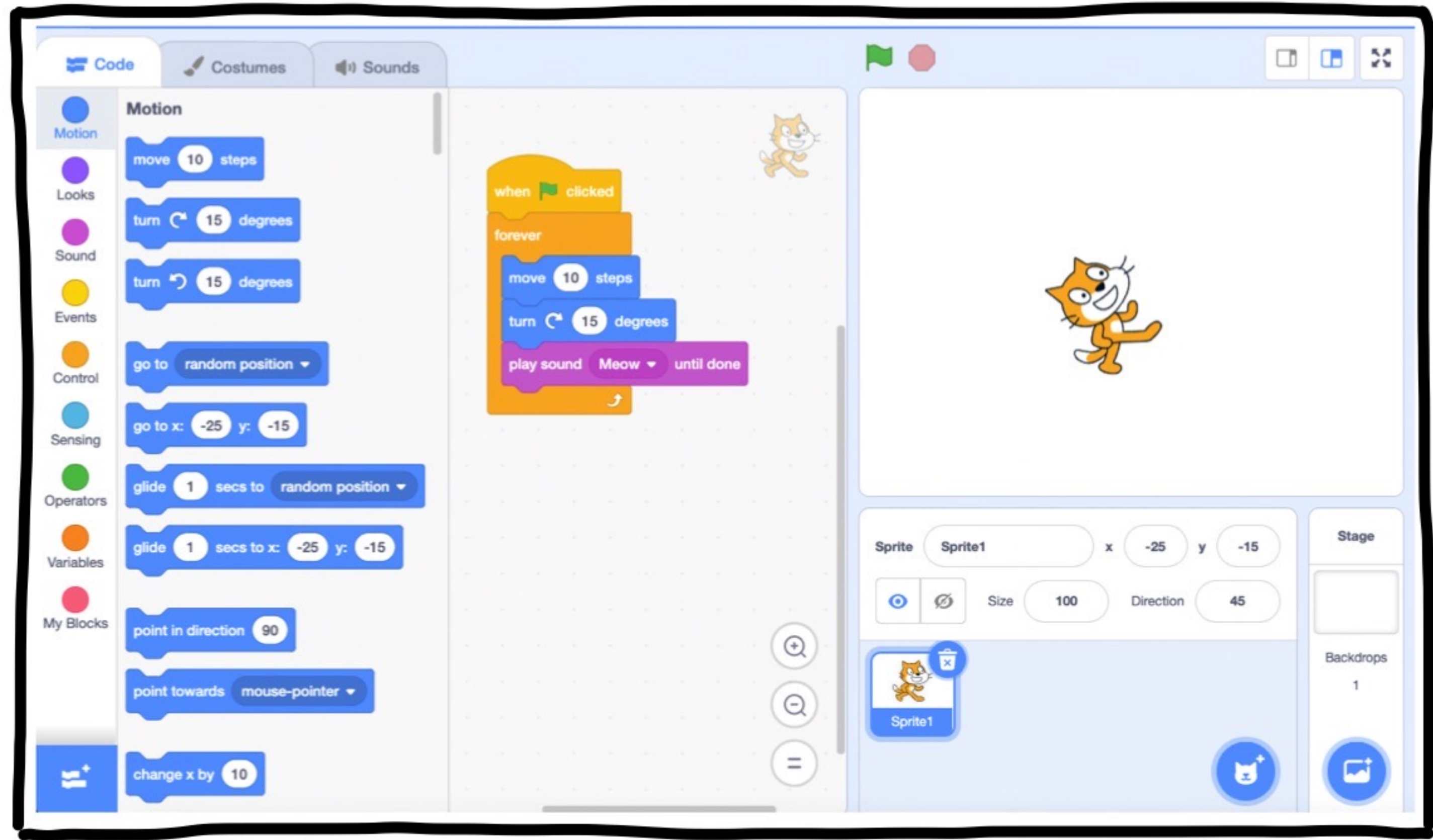
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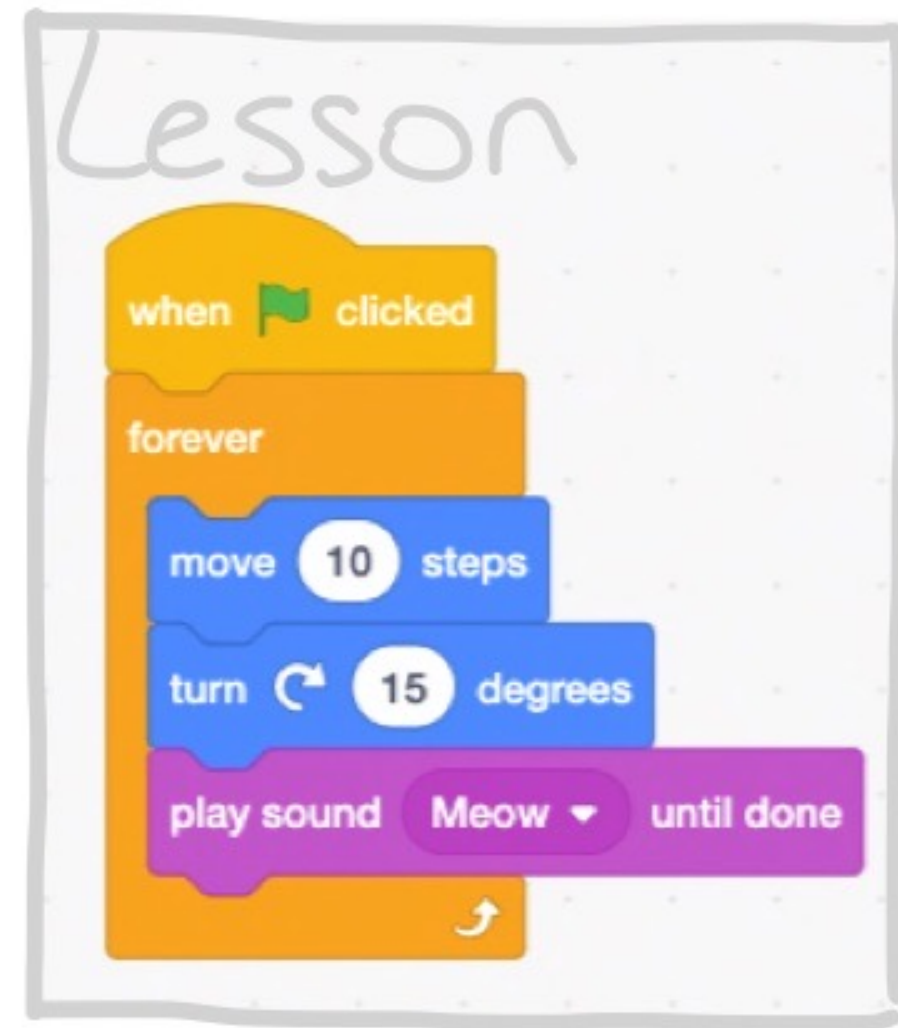
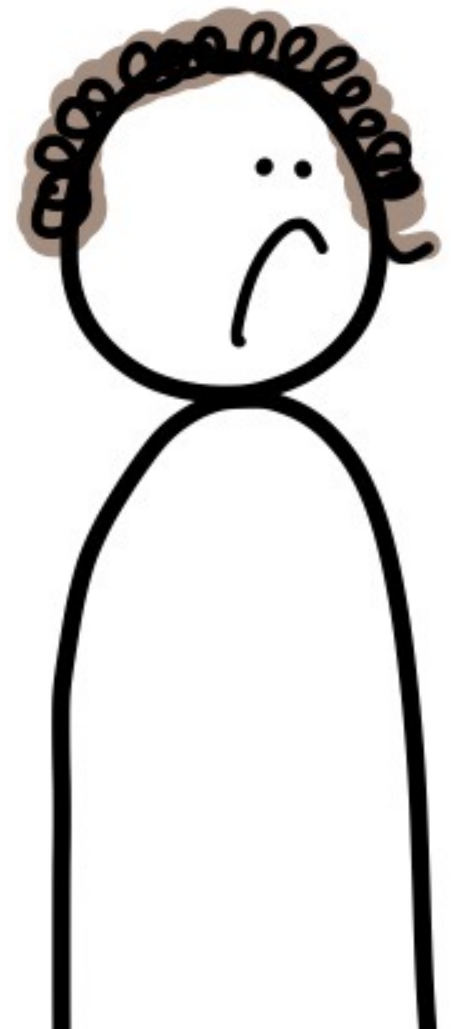
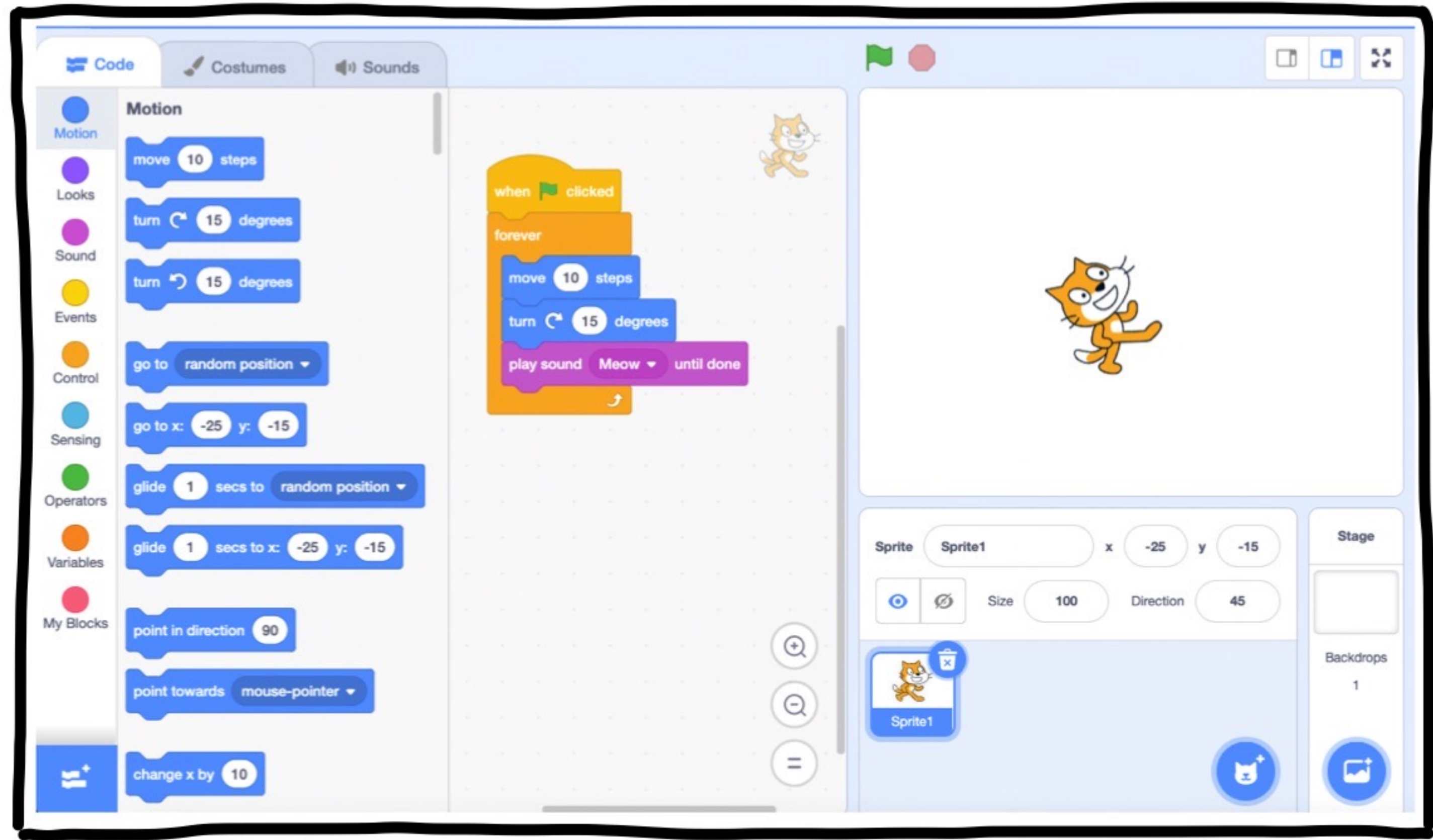
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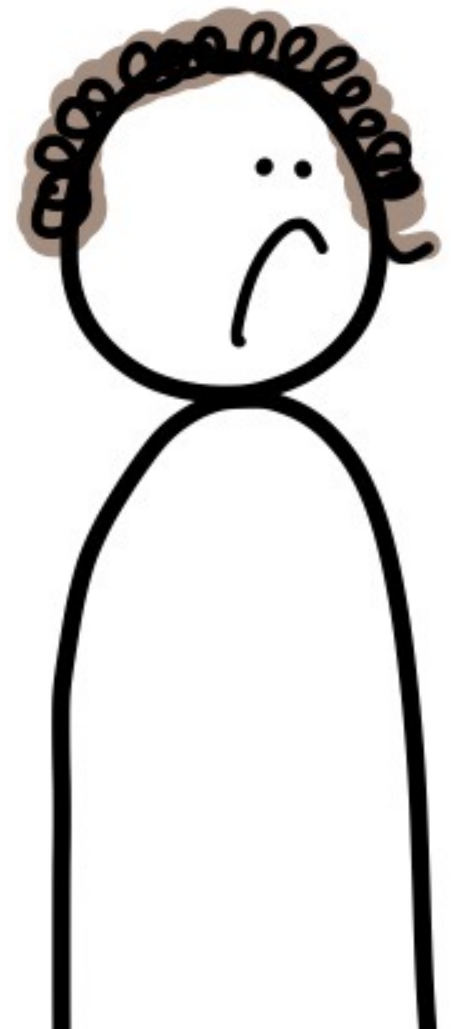
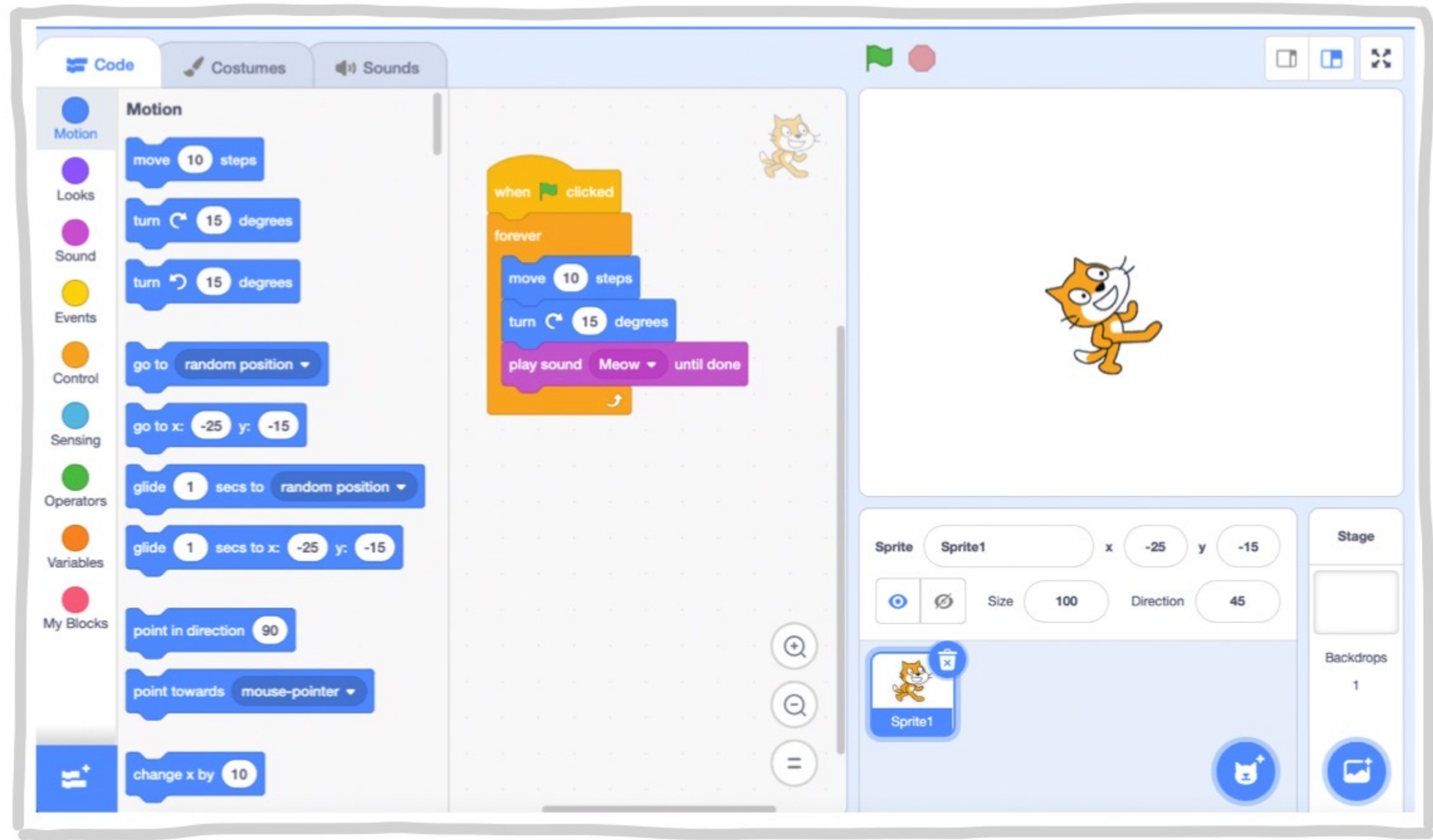
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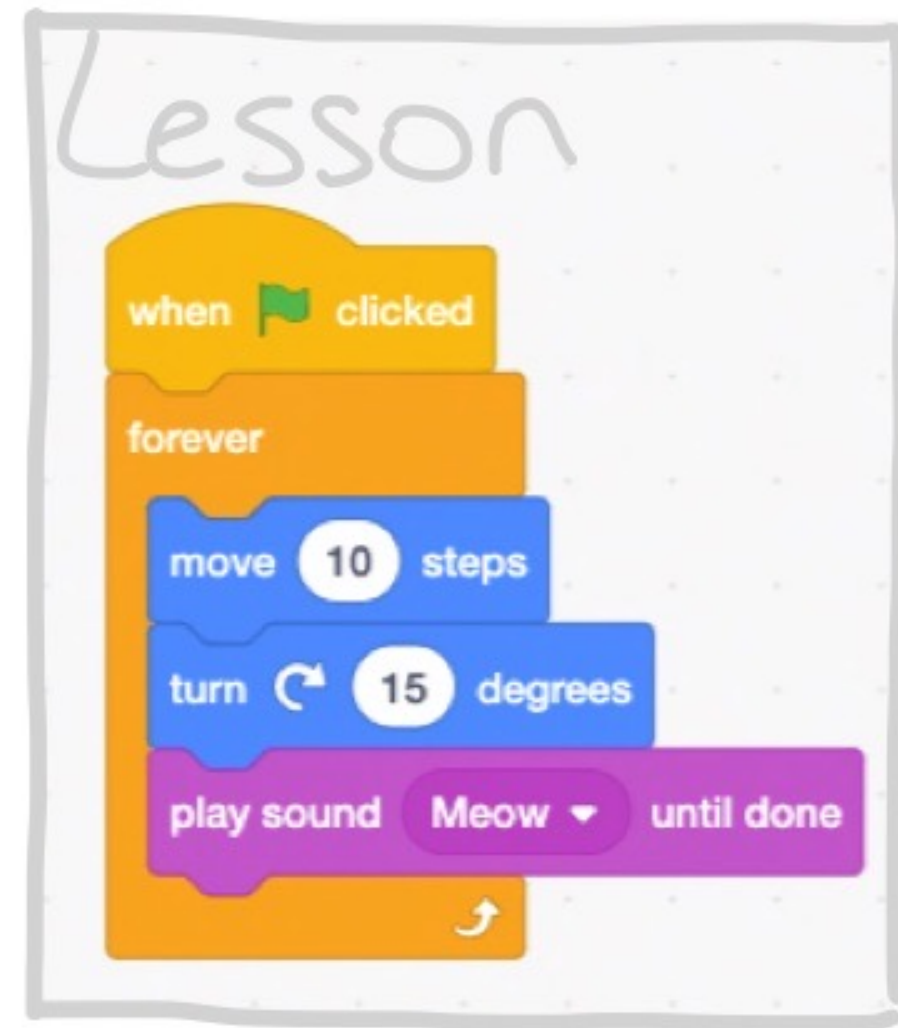
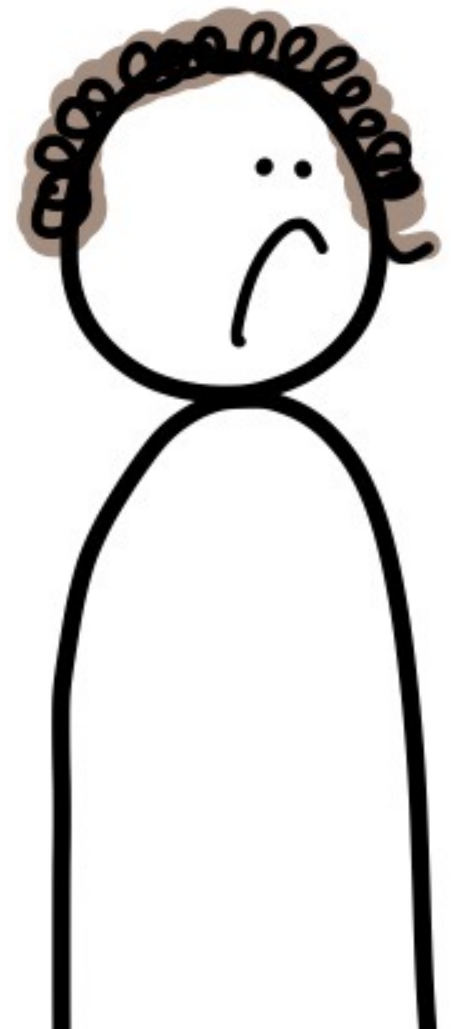
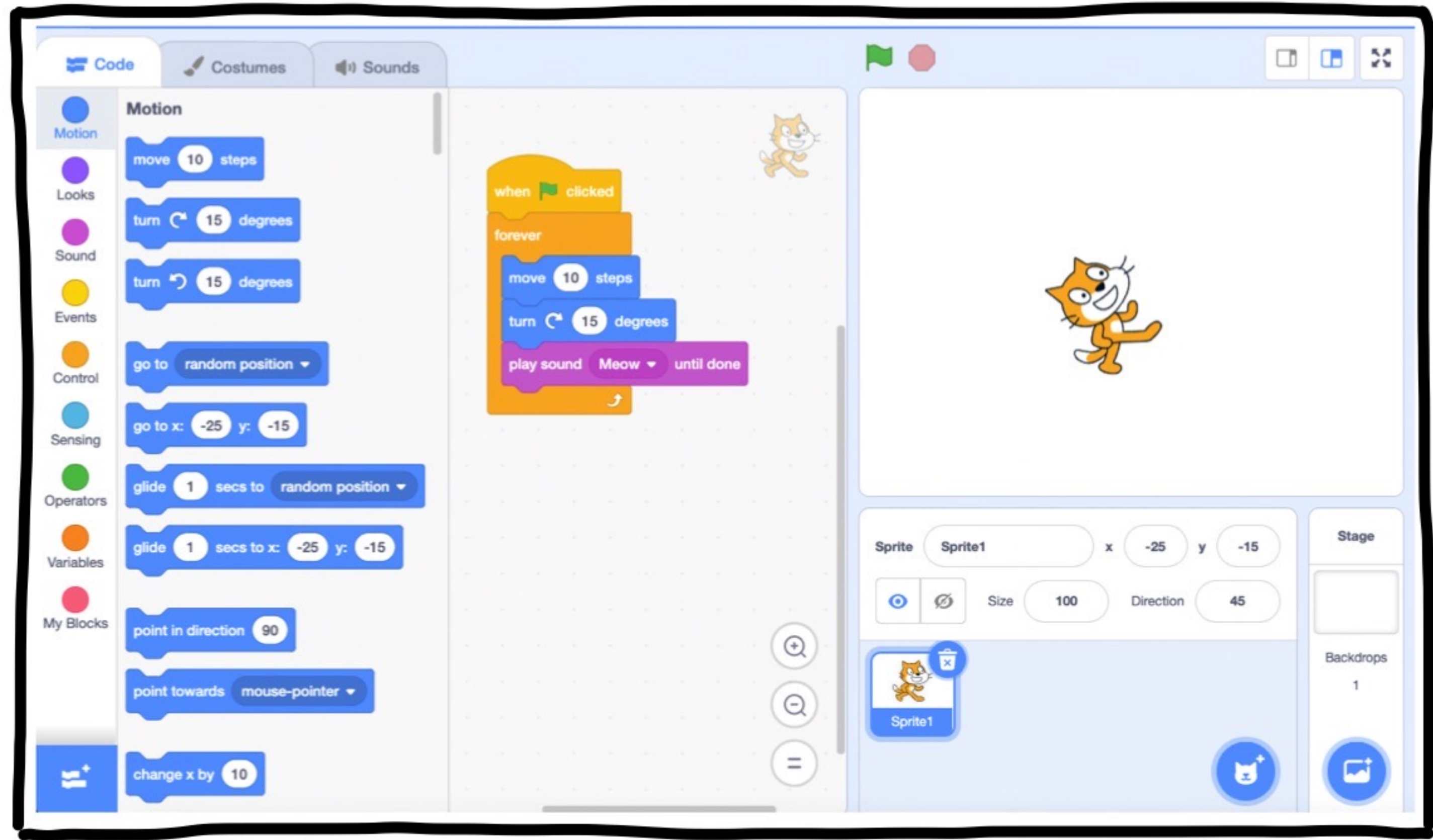
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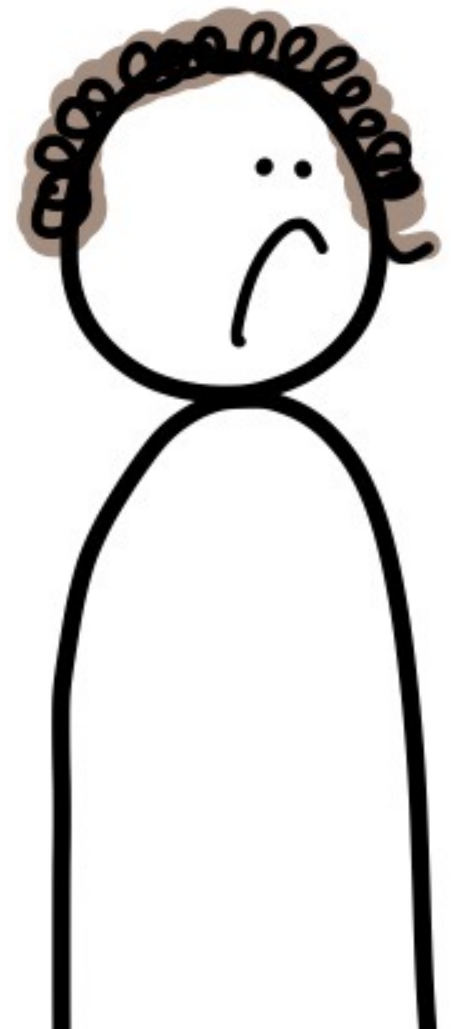
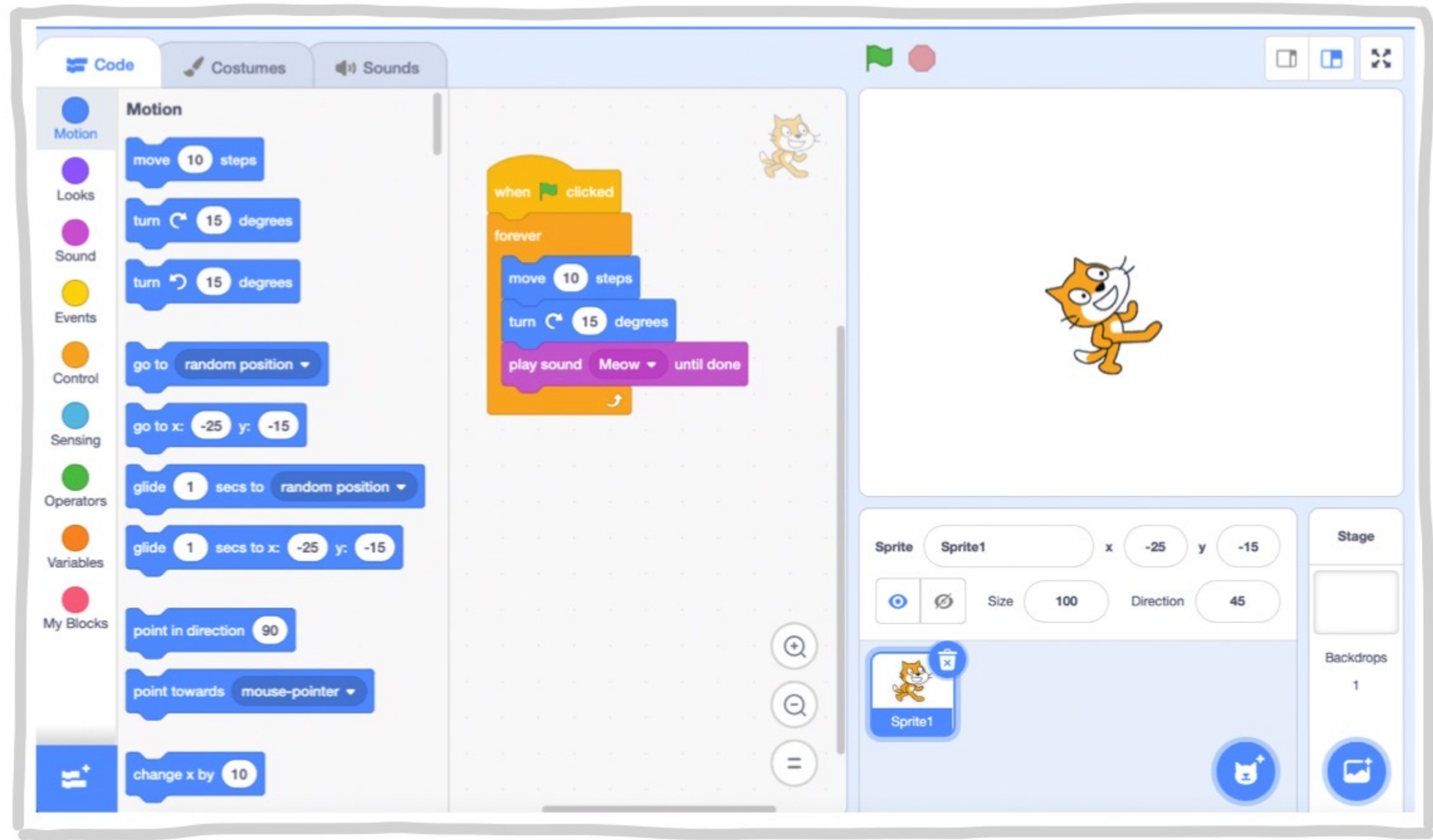
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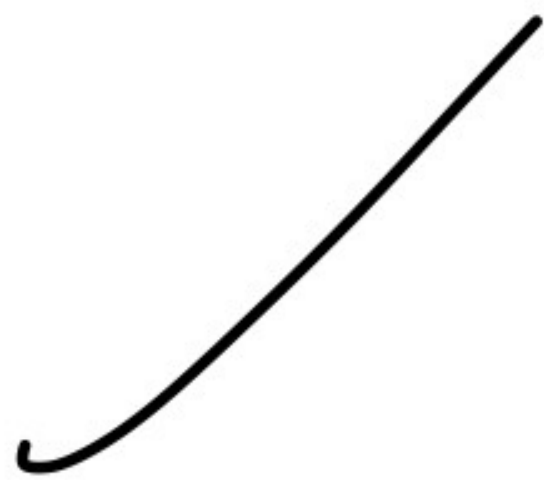
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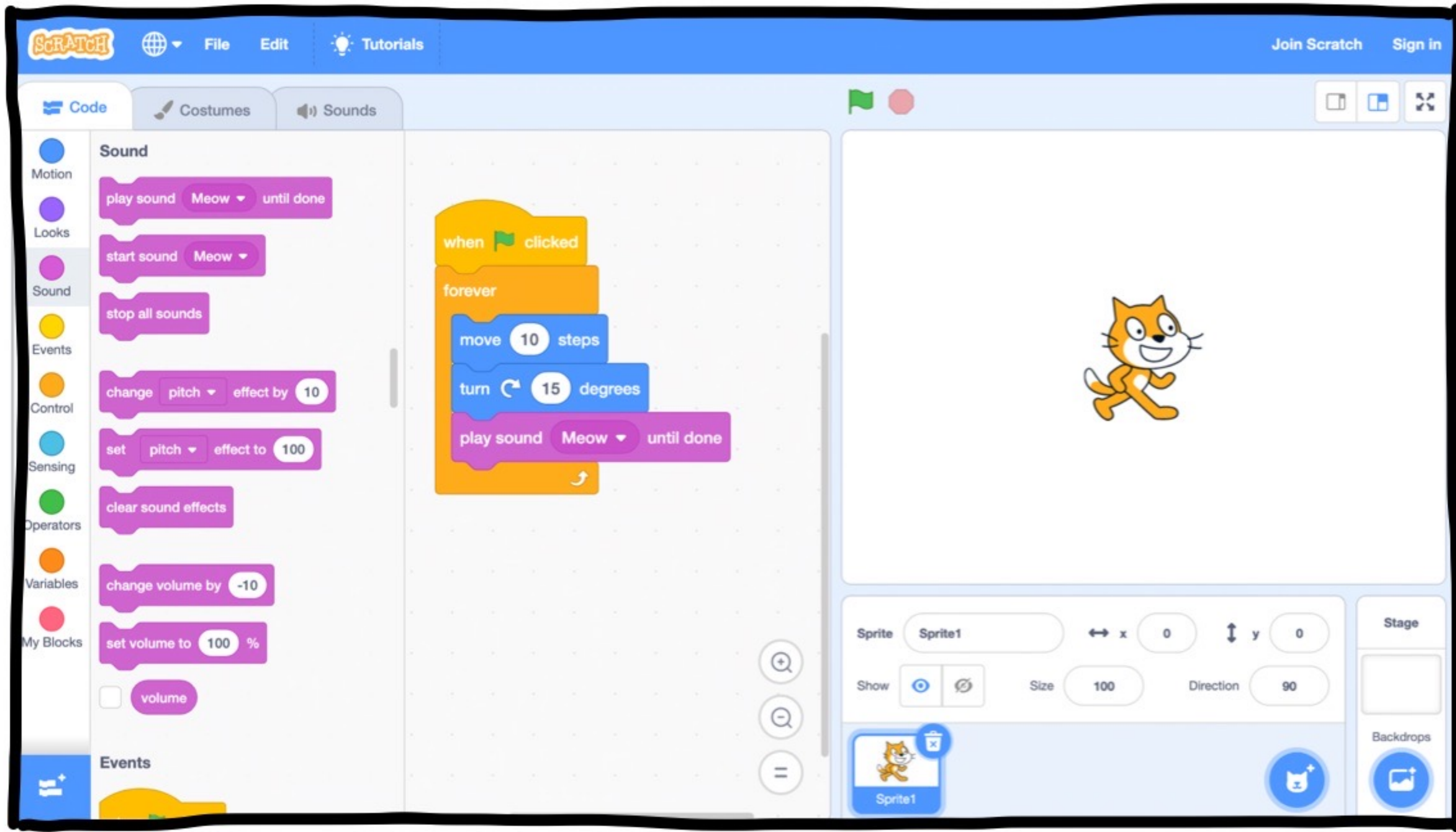


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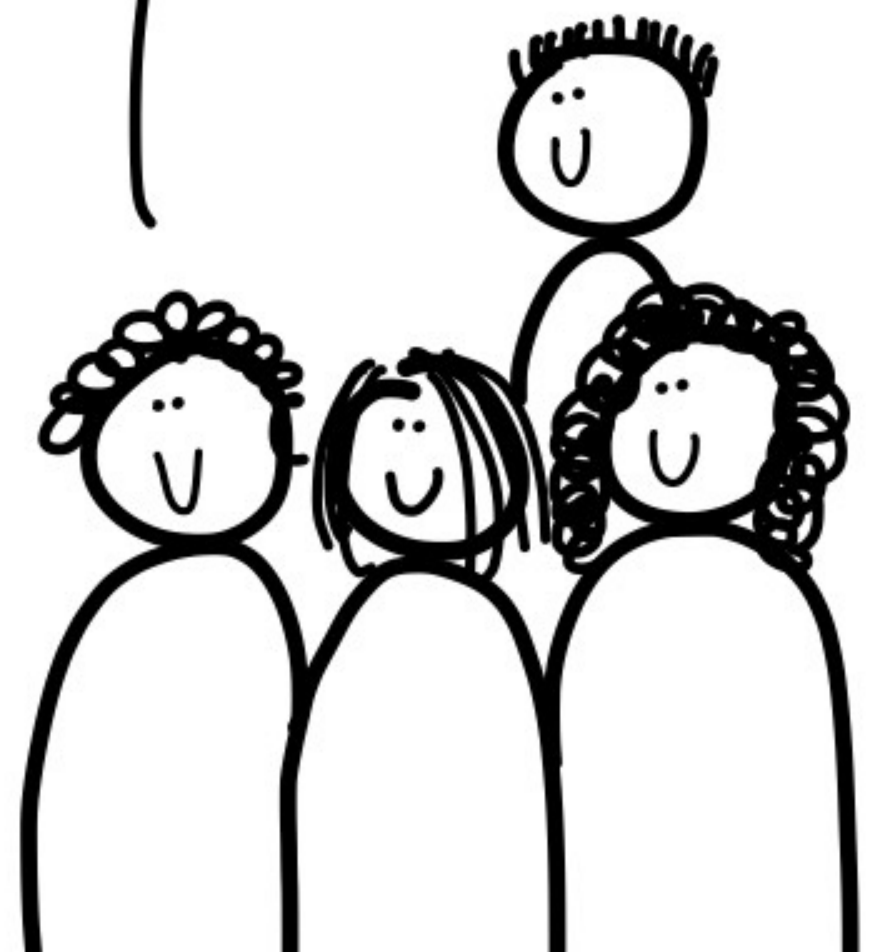
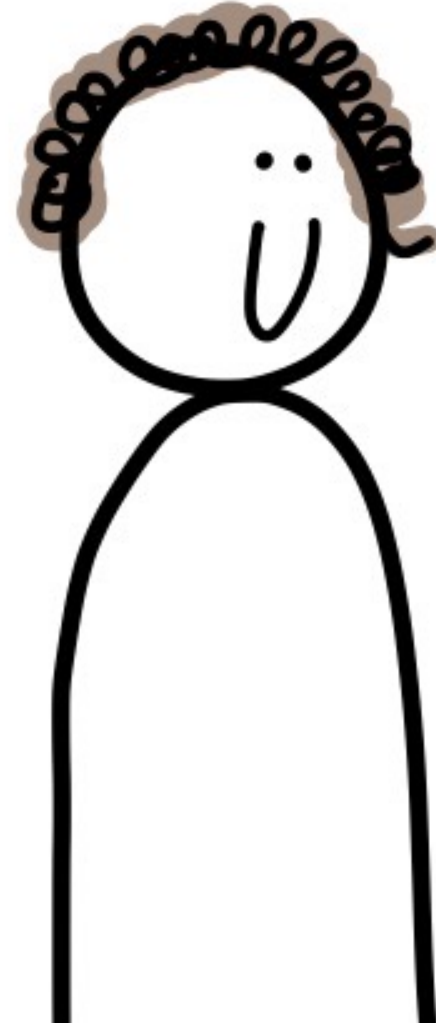


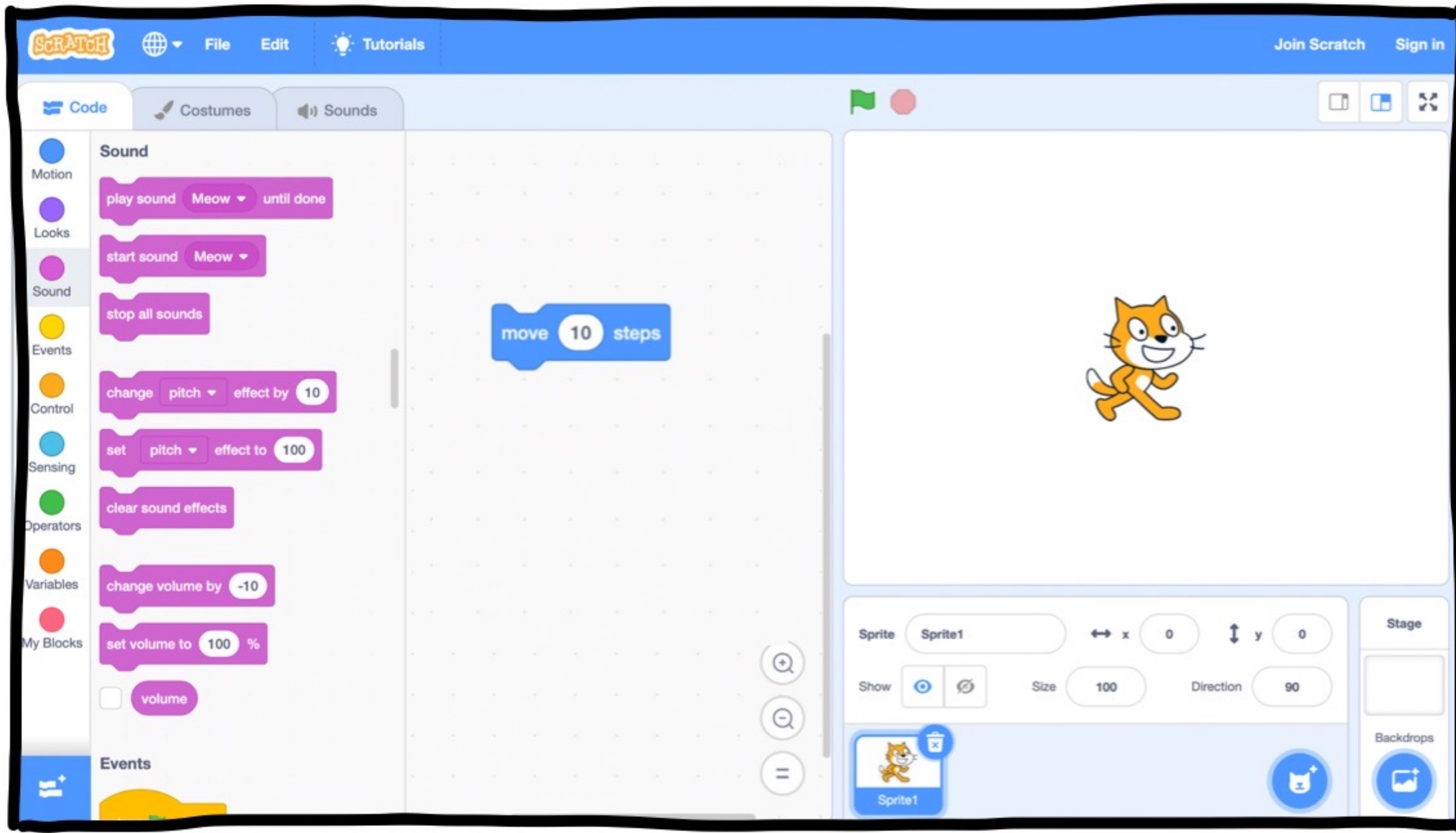
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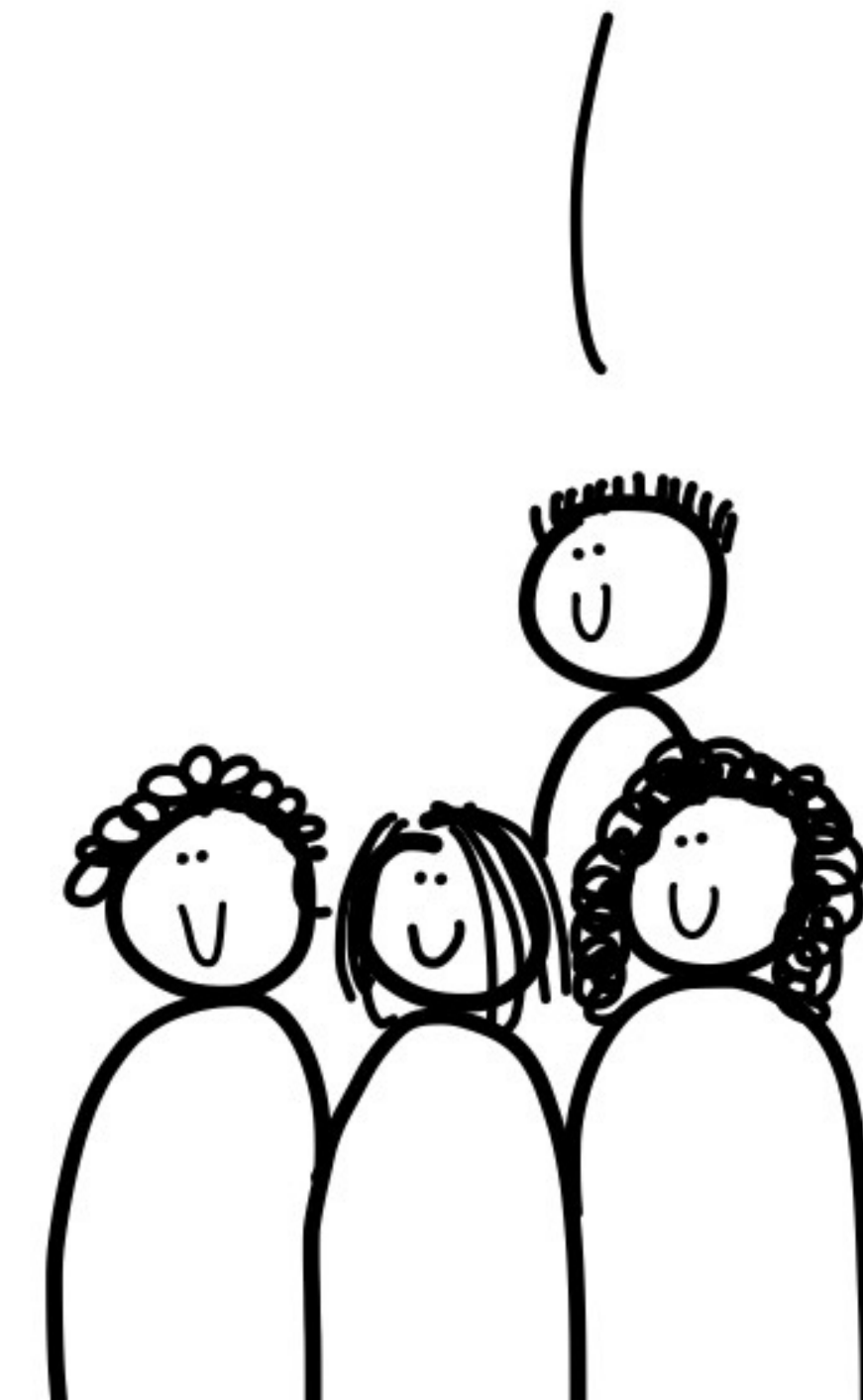
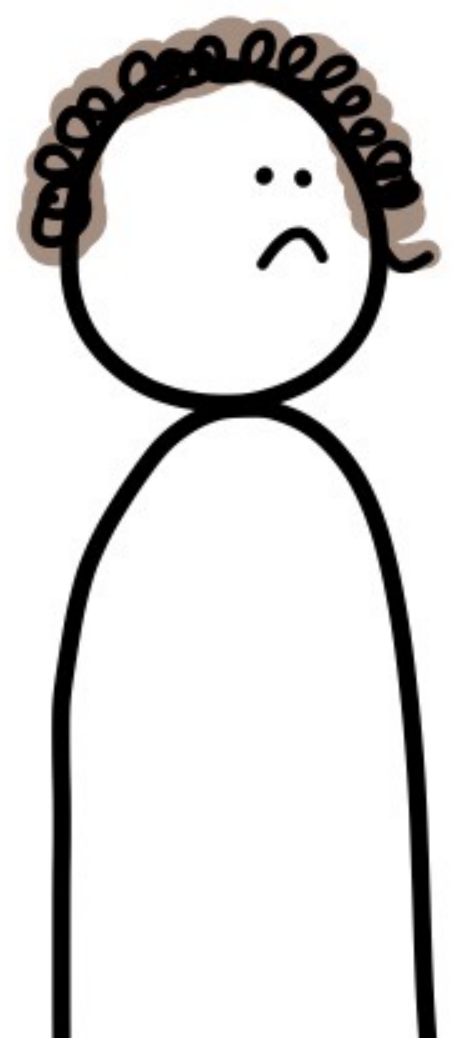


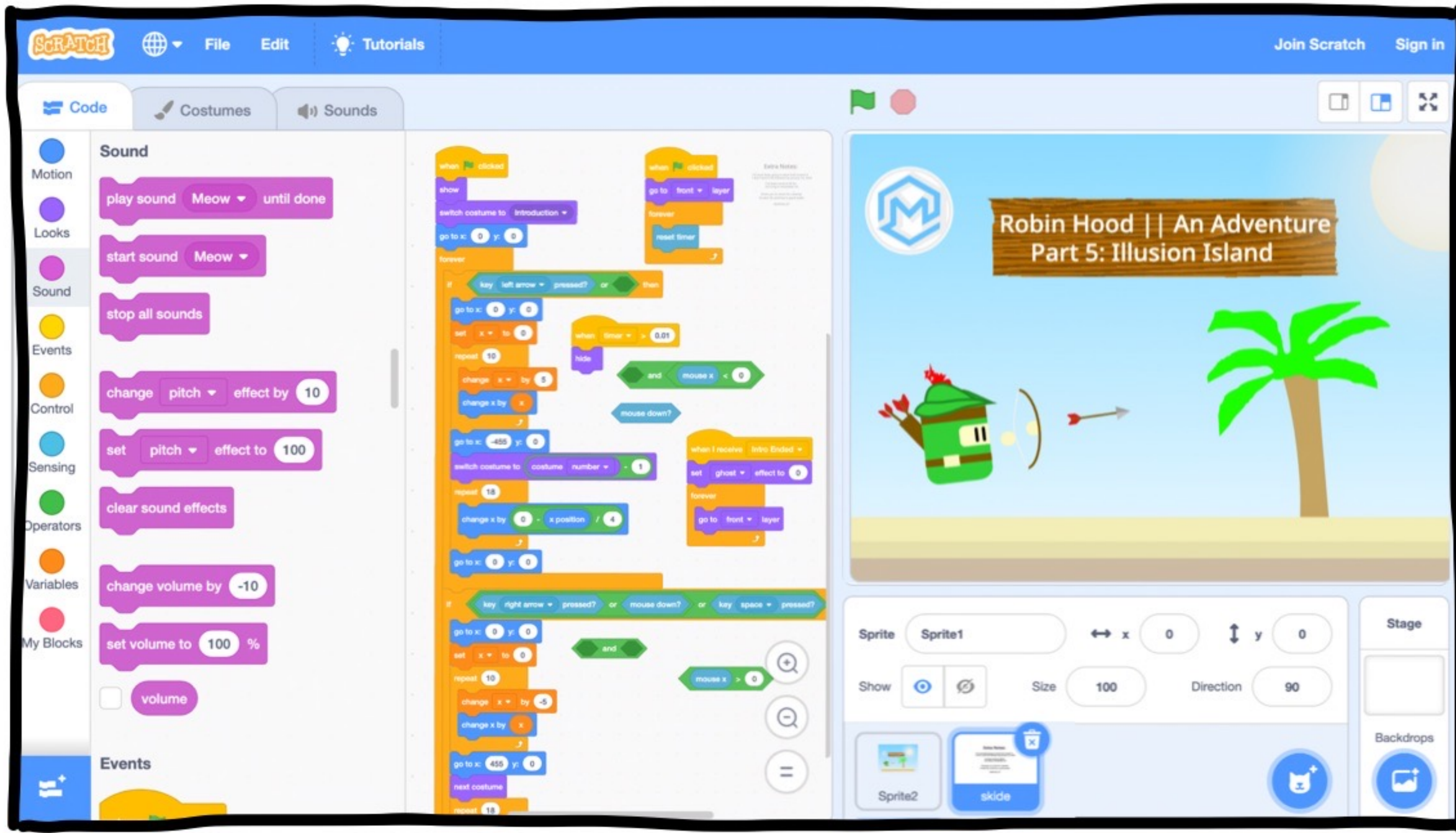
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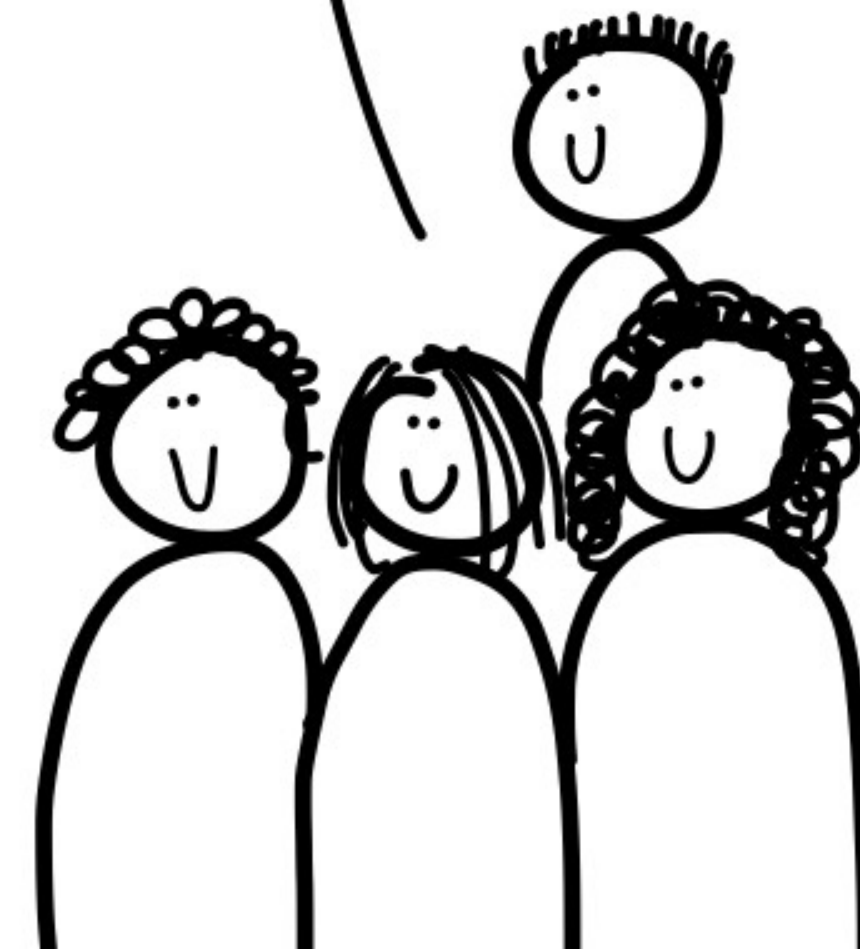
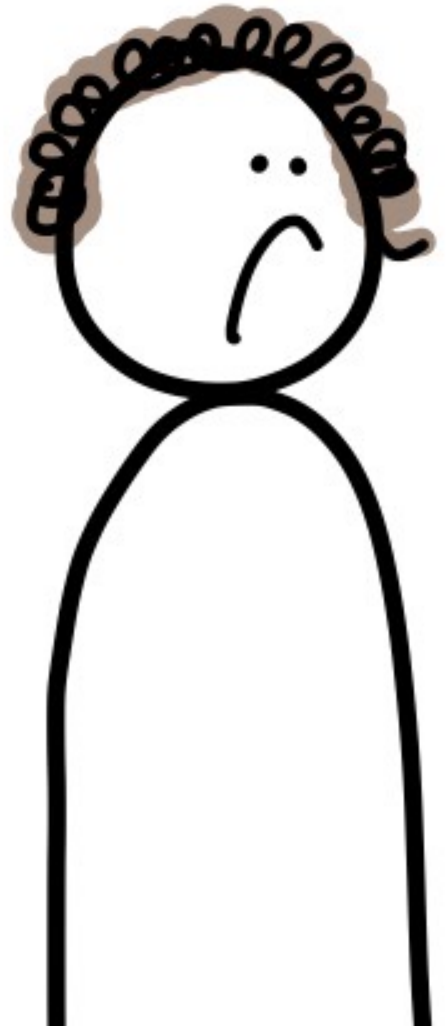


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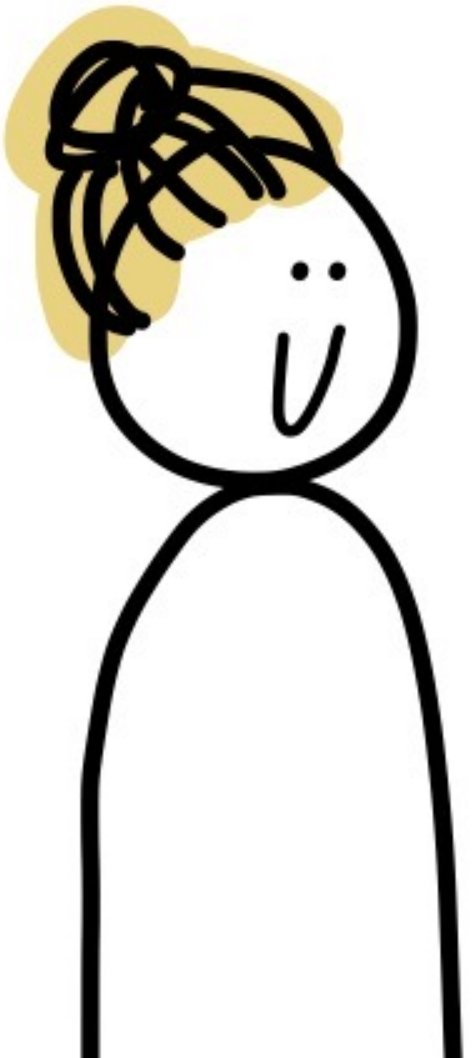




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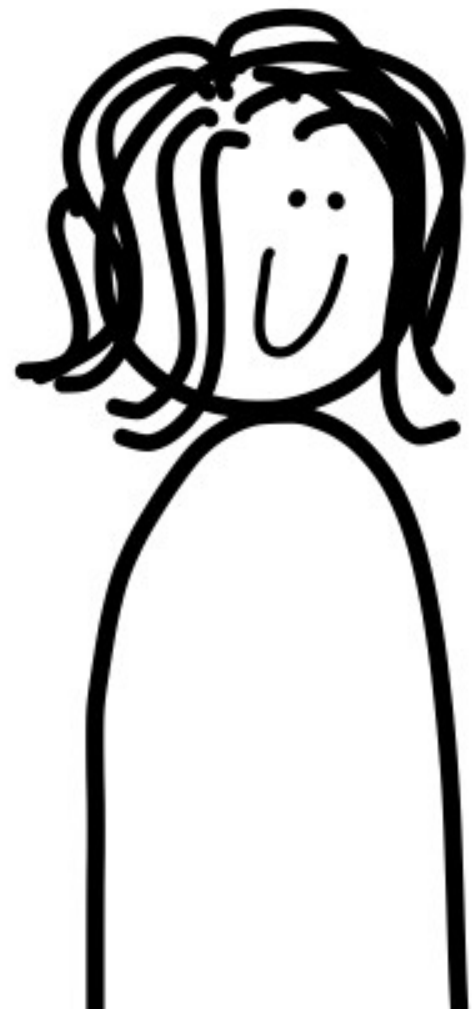
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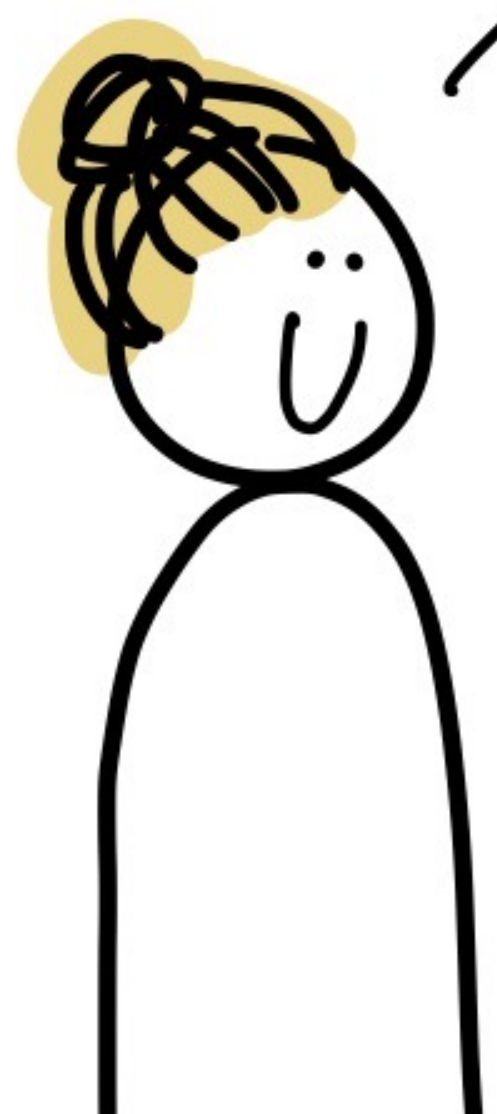
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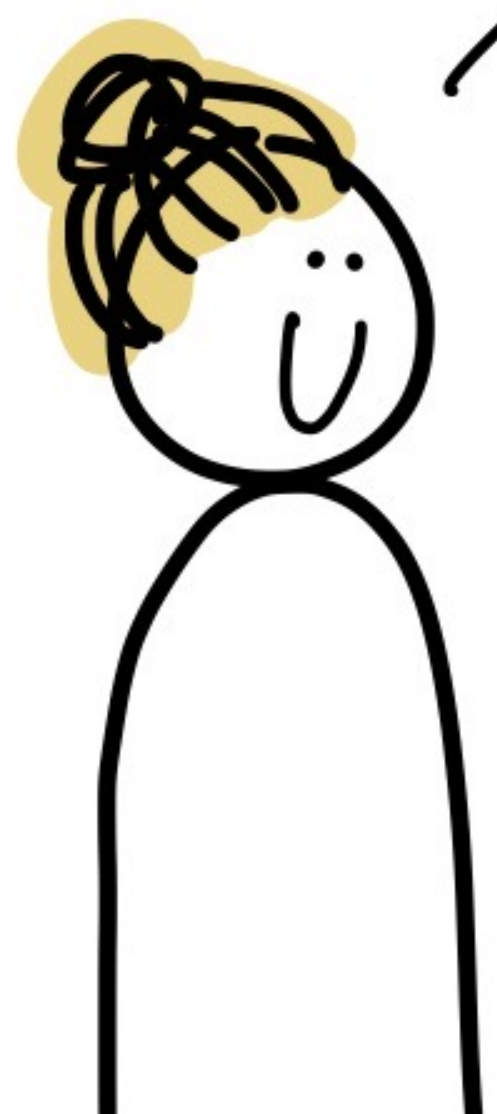


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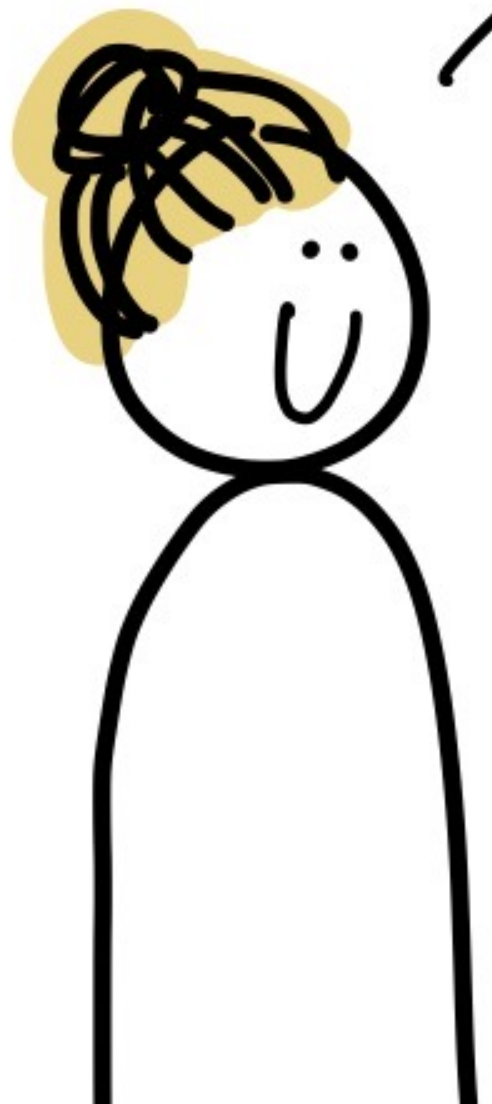
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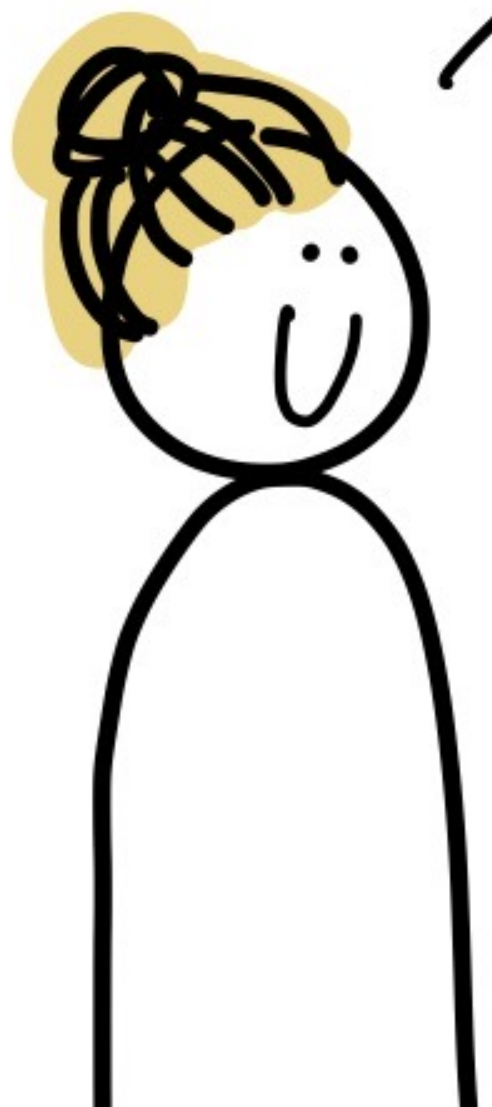
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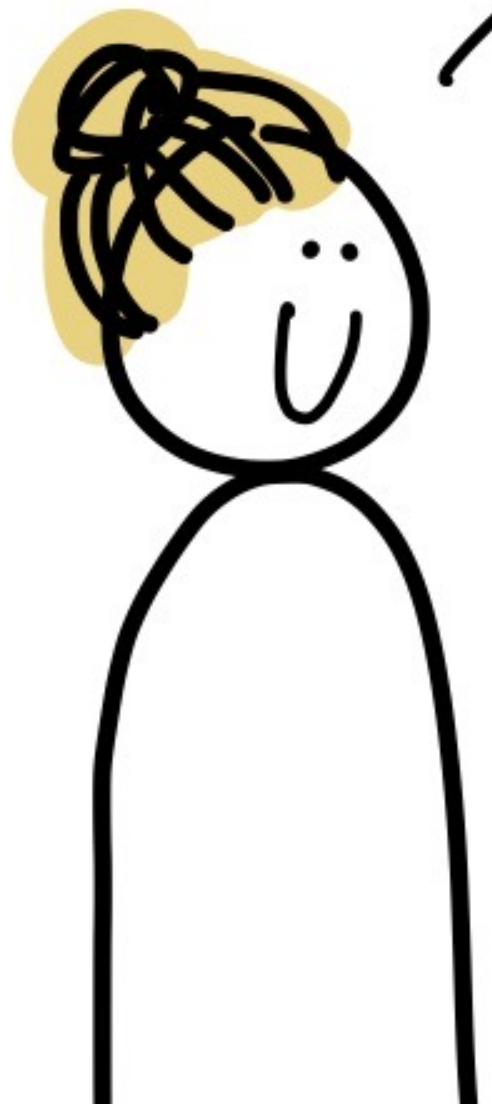
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- Introduces an EBNF extension used for merging partial grammars to enable gradual language implementation.
- Describes the first user study on Hedy.

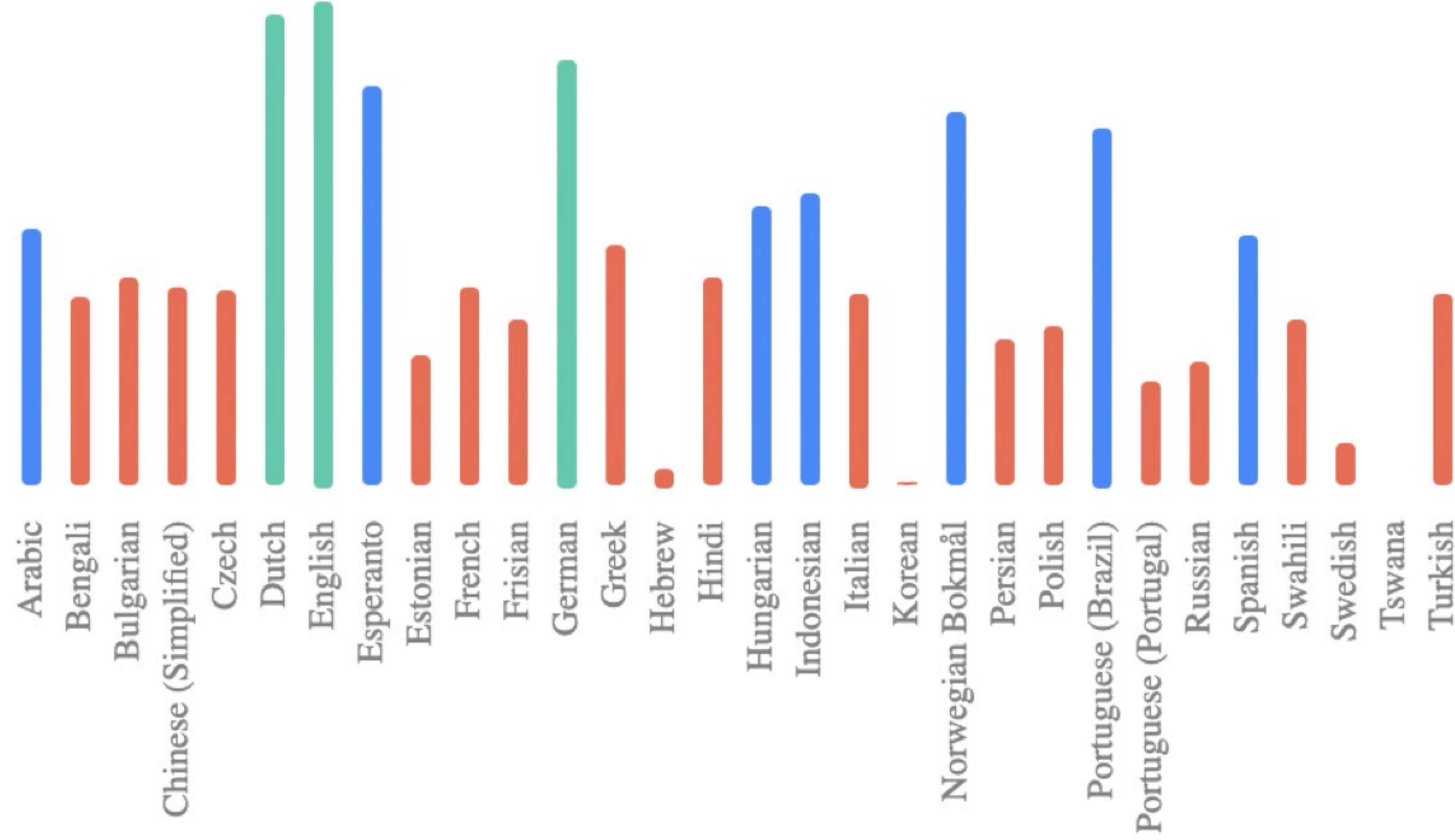
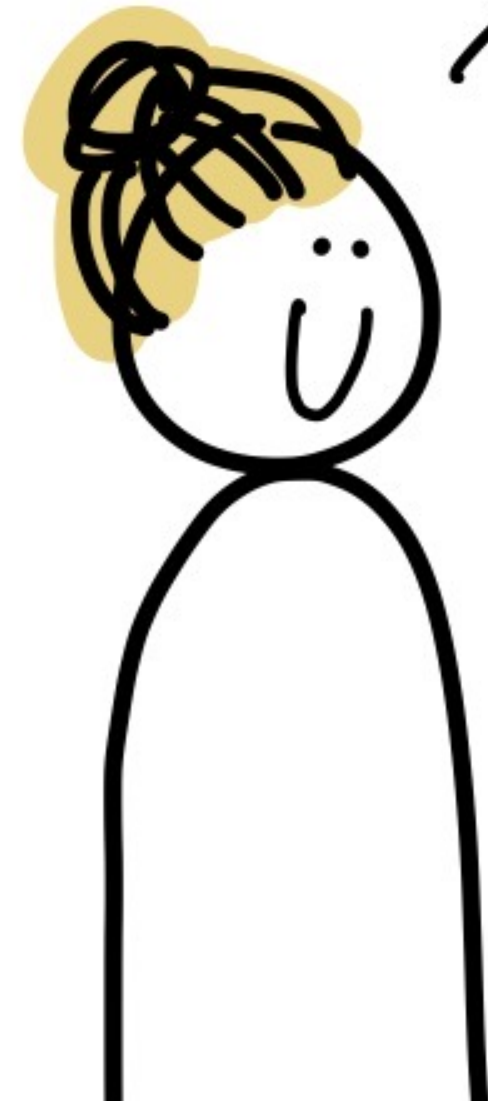


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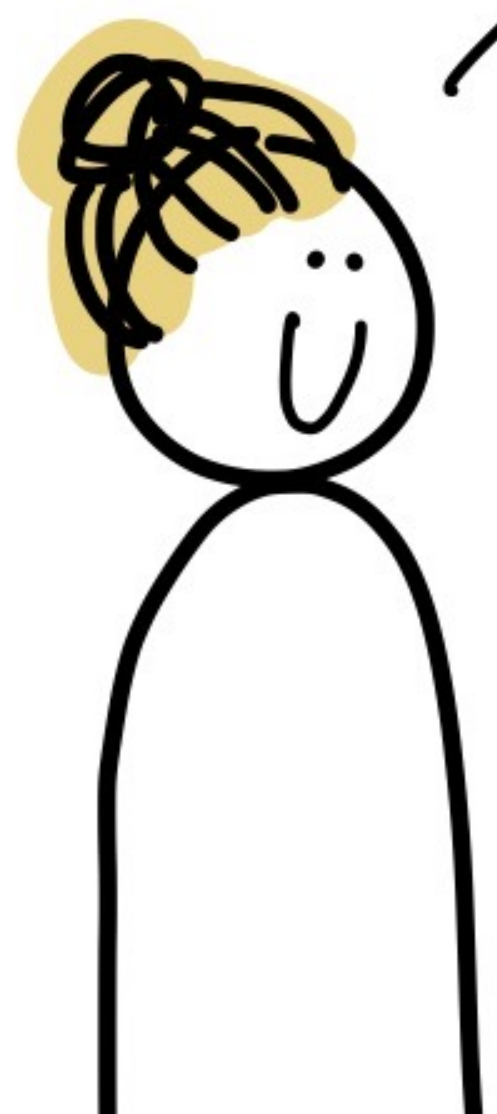


Hedy is multi-lingual



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Introduction Story Parrot Turtle Rock, paper, scissors Fortune teller Restaurant Haunted House What's next? Puzzle End quiz

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In Level 1 you can use the commands `print`, `ask` and `echo`. Type your code in the programming field. Or press the green button in the example code block, and the code will be typed for you! Try the code yourself with the green 'Run code' button under the programming field.

You can print text to the screen using the `print` command.

You can also ask for input with `ask` and repeat it back with an `echo` command.

Example Hedy Code

```
print Hello!  
print Welcome to Hedy!
```

Example Hedy Code

```
ask What is your name?  
echo hello
```

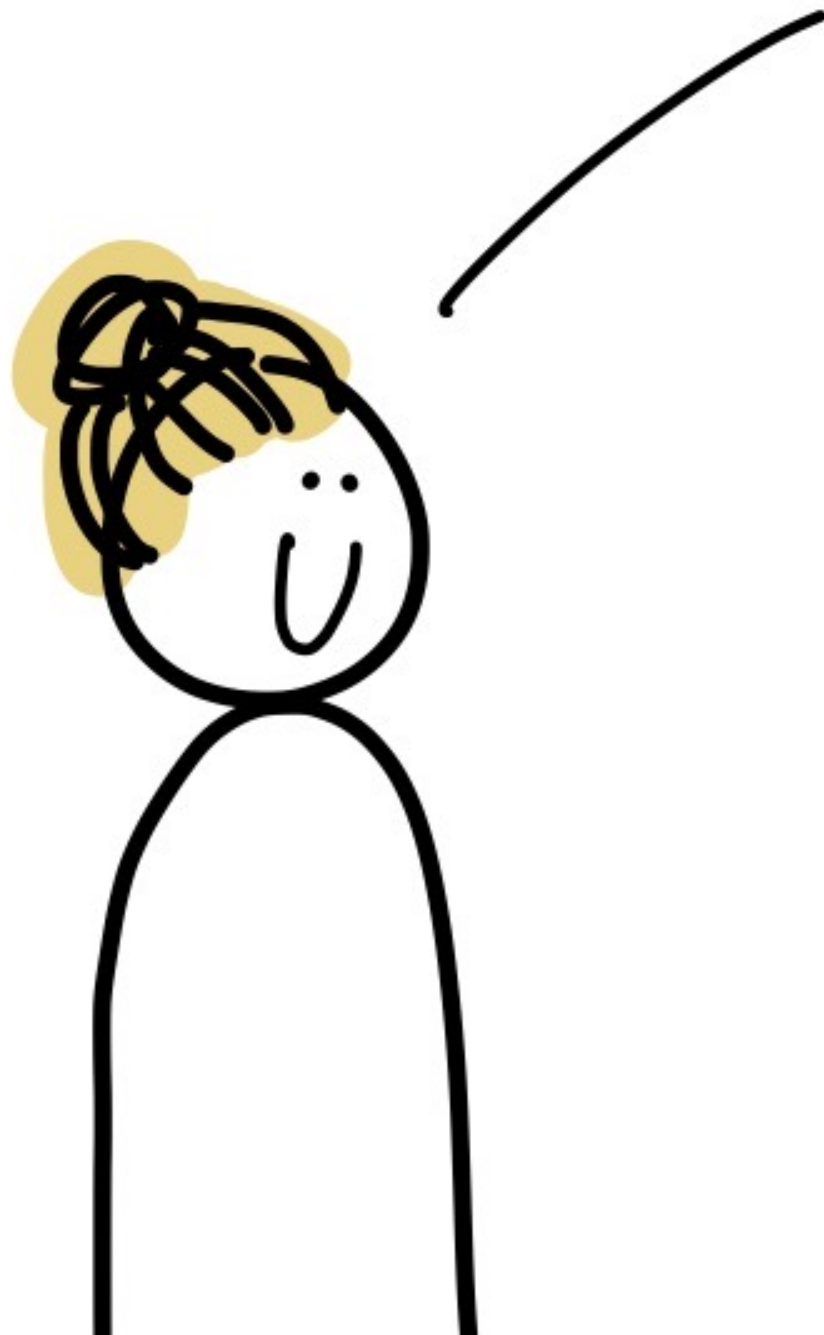
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Hello welcome to Hedy!

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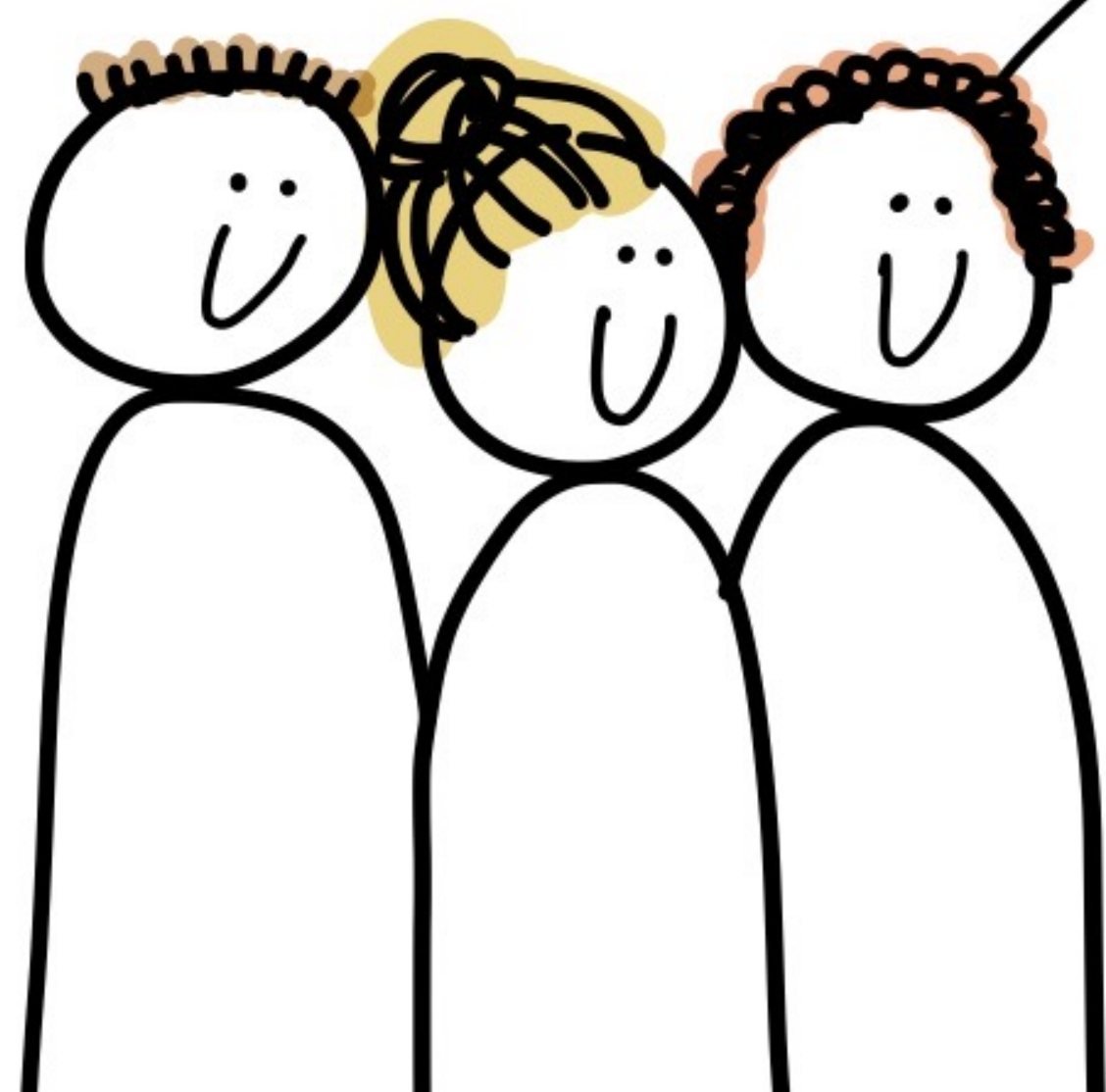
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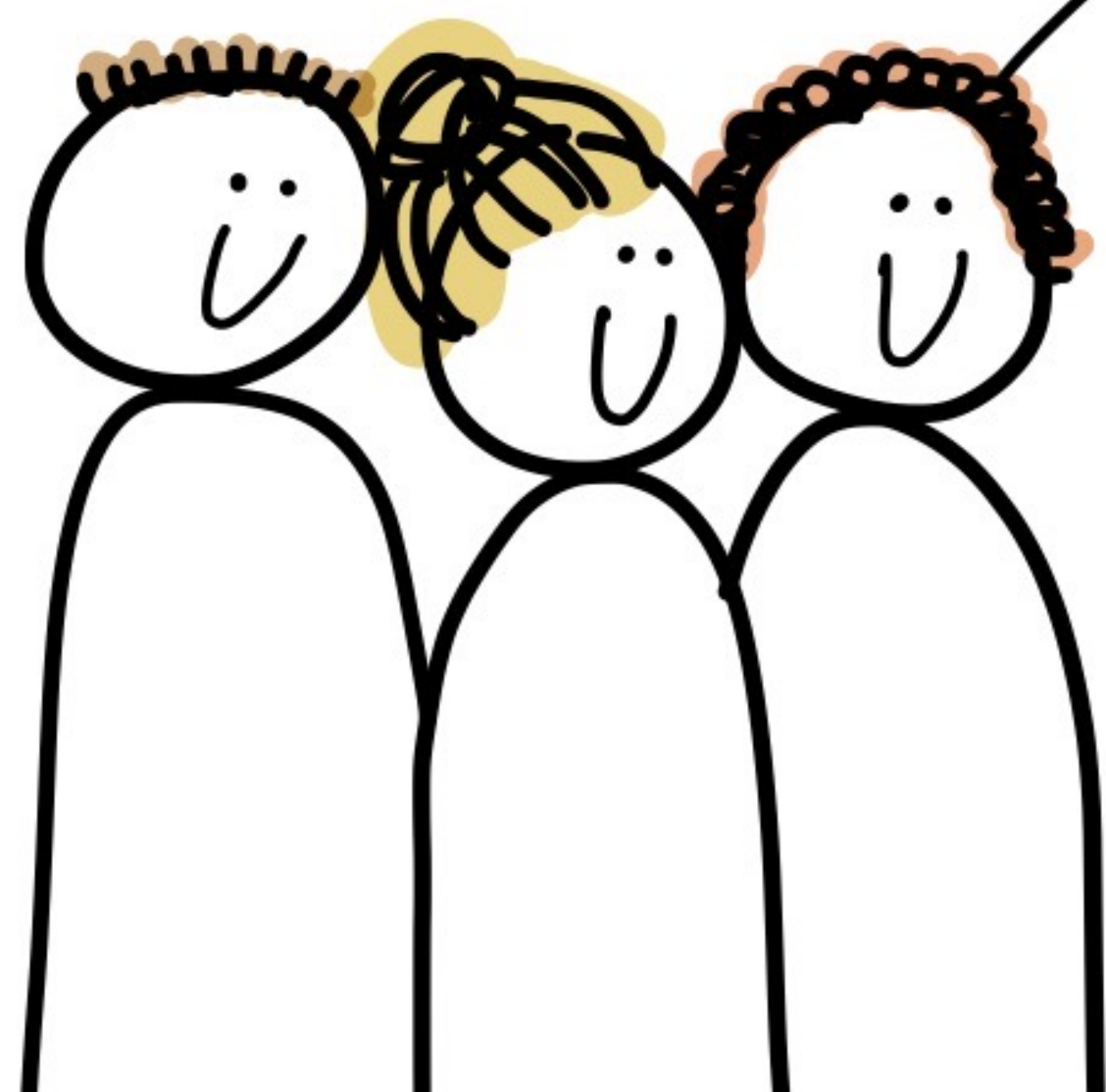
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