

# ACTIVITY SHEET



## SESSION 14

### Road Sign Detector

In this session, we are going to create a script in PictoBlox that detects different road signs from the camera and displays them in the LED matrix of quarky. Also, it speaks out the name of the sign detected.

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### MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Computer/Laptop/Tab with **PictoBlox** installed
- USB Cable
- Quarky Robot

### STEP-BY-STEP

1. Let's begin by first connecting Quarky to PictoBlox.
  - 1.1. First, connect **Quarky** to your laptop using **USB cable**.
  - 1.2. Open **PictoBlox** and create a new file. Select the coding environment as **Block Coding**.
  - 1.3. Select the **Board** as **Quarky**. Next, select the **Serial port** to connect Quarky and press **Connect**.
2. Go to the **Events** palette and add a **when flag clicked** block into the scripting area.
3. Now, to detect the traffic signs, we're going to add the **Recognition Cards** extension by clicking on the **Add Extension** button.
4. Add a **turn () video on stage with () % transparency** block below the **when flag clicked** block.
5. Add a **() bounding box** block. *When we display the traffic sign in front of the camera, this block will create a bounding box on the stage, around the traffic sign that it will detect.*
6. Add a **set detection threshold to ()** block. Here, the numbers displayed in the dropdown are the confidence level. The default value of confidence is 0.8.
7. Go to the **Control** palette and add a **forever** block below the **set detection threshold to ()** block.
8. Inside the **forever** block, add an **analyse image from ()** block. Here, *Camera* is set as the default source.
9. Add an **if () else** block below the **analyse image from ()** block from the **Control** palette.
10. Add an **is signal () detected?** block from the **Recognition Cards** palette into the if-condition. Here, "Go" is the default option.



11. If the system detects the “Go” traffic sign, we want it to display “Go” sign on the Quarky LED matrix and also say out loud: “Go”. For this -:
  - 11.1. Go to the **Display** palette and add a **display matrix as ()** block below the **if** arm of the **if-else** block.
  - 11.2. Draw the “Go” sign as shown in the image.
12. To play (speak) the name of the traffic sign on Quarky’s speaker, we use the **Speaker** palette.
13. Add a **play sound () until done** block from the **Speaker** palette below the **display matrix as ()** block. Select “Go Straight” from the drop-down.
14. Now, we also want our **Road Sign Detector** to detect other signs, apart from ‘Go’ sign. So let us include detection for other signs as well.
15. Duplicate this **if () else** block and add this duplicate block, below the **else** arm of the first **if () else** block.
16. Now, change the sign in **display matrix as ()** block to left arrow and in **play sound () until done** block, change the dropdown to “Turn Left”.
17. Similarly, create the script “Turn Right” sign.
18. Finally, below the **else** arm of the third **if () else** block, drop a **clear screen** block from the **Display** palette.

## SAVING THE PROGRAM

Save the project file as **Road Sign Detector**. Check page 3 if you missed how to save the project.

*FINAL SCRIPT*

The script is titled "FINAL SCRIPT" and is written in Scratch. It begins with a "when clicked" event block. This is followed by three red blocks: "turn on video on stage with 0 % transparency", "show bounding box", and "set detection threshold to 0.8". A yellow "forever" loop block contains the main logic. Inside the loop, there is a red "analyse image from camera" block. This is followed by a series of "if-then" blocks. The first "if" block checks "is signal Go detected?". If true, it displays a green "Go" sign on the LED matrix and plays the "Go Straight" sound. The "else" block contains three more "if-then" blocks. The first checks "is signal Turn Left detected?". If true, it displays a blue left arrow sign and plays the "Turning Left" sound. The second checks "is signal Turn Right detected?". If true, it displays a blue right arrow sign and plays the "Turning Right" sound. The final "else" block in the "if-then" chain contains a red "clear screen" block.