

# **TITLE: Connecting sensors**

| LEARNING SCENARIO |                        |    |
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| School:           | Duration<br>(minutes): | 90 |
| Teacher:          | Students<br>age:       | 14 |

| Essential Idea: | Connecting sensors |
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### Topics:

- Pupils deepen their understanding of the meaning, potential and risks of programming at a society level.
- Pupils learn to use artificial intelligence.

#### Aims:

• Pupils are able to design, create, document, and present programs and robots that solve a particular real-life problem. Created programs include search algorithms, tables and automatic functions. Several simultaneous events happen in these programs.

#### **Outcomes:**

- Pupils create more complex games, applications or mobile applications that simulate subject matters.
- Pupils learn about the potential and features of more advanced microcontrollers.

#### Work forms:

- individual work
- work in pairs
- group work

### Methods:

- presentation
- discussion
- interactive exercise



# ARTICULATION

# Course of action (duration, minutes)

### INTRODUCTION

Teacher starts discussion with pupils:

We can attach many additional sensors to the micro:bit.

### MAIN PART

One of the sensors that is easily attached is a GL5528 photo sensor.

That's basically a resistor that changes it's resistance depending on how much light is falling on it.

It has two pins and we don't need to worry about polarity when connecting it.

One of the pins is connected to pin 0 on the micro:bit, whil the other is connected to pin 3 V. (You can also connect it to the GND pin instead of the 3 V).



The next program reads the value from the photo sensor and displays it on the micro:bit screen.

Command pin0.read\_analog() returns a value between 0 and 1023.

Depending on what type of photo sensor we're using, how it's connected and how much light is falling on it, the values we get will be between the numbers 0 and 1023.

If you put your hand over the sensor you'll see how the value on the screen is changing.

# EXCERCISE

According to the previous example, pupils can design, create and test their own programs. **Examples:** 

https://makecode.microbit.org/reference/input onButtonPressed



onGesture onPinPressed onPinReleased buttonIsPressed pinIsPressedisgesture **compassHeading** temperature acceleration lightLevel **rotation** magneticForce runningTime <u>setAccelerometerRange</u> calibrate-compass

### CONCLUSION

Pupils and teacher discuss and evaluate the presented solutions.

### Methods

presentation interview discussion work on the text role playing graphic work interactive exercise /simulation on the computer

demonstration

individual work work in pairs group work frontal work

Work forms

Material:

micro:bit

### Literature

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| onPinPressed                 |
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| <u>onPinReleased</u>         |
| <b>buttonIsPressed</b>       |
| <u>pinIsPressedisgesture</u> |
| <u>compassHeading</u>        |
| temperature                  |
| acceleration                 |
| lightLevel                   |
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PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS AND NOTES