

# WHAT IS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING?

Computational Thinking is a problem solving tool that uses abstraction, decomposition, pattern recognition, and algorithms.

Examples: Planning a vacation or reading and making maps

## REAL LIFE APPLICATION/ CONNECTION:

Computational thinking serves as a problem-solving method that your child is likely already mastering. Here are the key techniques involved:

- Decomposition involves breaking down complex problems into smaller components.
- Algorithms provide a sequence of steps to accomplish a task.
- Abstraction focuses on disregarding irrelevant details.
- Pattern recognition entails identifying similarities among various problems.

**Scan for more resources!**

<https://bit.ly/3TTyImU>

## HOW DID WE PRACTICE THIS SKILL?

- Unplugged Activity- Find My Number
  - Students were tasked to find a masked number. Scan the QR code for a printable resource and more information
- Made a Hide and Go Seek Game on Scratch Jr.

## CONTINUE LEARNING:

- Continue coding and creating on Scratch Jr.
- Model and use the term “computational thinking” with your child
- Recreate “Find My Number” with letters, colors, or animals.

