## **Essential Skills for Algorithms & Programming: Variable**

Grade	Standards AP.V.01	Essential Skills
К	With guidance, model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction).	Identify and interpret symbols that are used to represent information such as numbers for quantities or letters for sounds. Create and use symbols to represent information such as establishing hand signals for "I agree" or creating emoji-like symbols for feelings.
1	With guidance, model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction)	Identify and interpret symbols that are used to represent information such as mathematical operators, pictographs, Create and use symbols to represent information such as comparative quantities, repeating patterns, a series of actions, or directions.
2	Model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction).	Encode or decode messages that use representations such as arrows, pictographs, etc. when given a key.
3	Create programs that use <b>variables</b> to store and modify grade appropriate <b>data</b> .	Create a <b>computer program</b> , using <b>code</b> that is provided, in which <b>variables</b> are used to store <b>data</b> . Identify the data that is stored in a variable in a computer program that uses a variable.
4	Create programs that use variables to store and modify grade-appropriate data.	Create a computer program in which a variable is used to store data. Identify how a variable changes within a computer program that uses a variable.
5	Create programs that use variables to store and modify grade-appropriate data.	Create a computer program in which the value of a variable changes, resulting in a change in the <b>output</b> of the program. Use variables for more than one type of data (e.g., text and numbers) in a computer program.

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