

Kit's Clever Computing: What is an Algorithm?

Follow the steps to success with Kit the Fox!

- An algorithm is a list of steps that tells us exactly what to do.
- The order of your steps matters! If you put your socks on before your shoes, it makes sense.
- Computers use algorithms to know how to play a game or show a picture.
- You can be a computer programmer by writing your own clear instructions.
- If a step is in the wrong place, we call it a 'bug' and we have to fix the order.

Did you know? Did you know? Every time you brush your teeth or get dressed for school, you are following an algorithm! An algorithm is just a fancy word for the instructions you follow to finish a job.

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