Unit 1: Unity Editor

Lesson 2: GameObjects and Prefabs

Activity 3 (15' minutes): Gap text

Fill the gaps with the words you've heard in the video.

Gameobjects are the items that make up your Unity scenes.

Everything within a scene is considered a gameobject, and these objects can own a number of components. One of these is the Transform that contains the position, rotation and scale of the gameobject, and it's necessary.

Scripts are also considered as components and can be added using the menus, or by drag and drop to the hierarchy, to the object in the scene or to empty space in the inspector.

Gameobjects are seen in the hierarchy view as a list, with a hierarchy of parent - child relationships, demonstrated by arrows to the left of their name. The hierarchy is a list of all the gameobjects currently in the scene.

In Unity, Prefabs are preconfigured gameobjects that you create in the scene and store in the project. They can be instantiated or cloned, i.e. we can create an instance of them during the game.

To make a prefab, simply create your gameobject in its desired configuration in your scene from whatever components you need, and then drag it to the project panel to save it as a prefab.

If you have many instances of a prefab, and you make edits to one of them, and decide you would like others to be the same, you can hit Apply. The original prefab and the other instances will inherit this update from the prefab settings.

Likewise, if you make a change to one of your instances and you decide you don't like it anymore you can revert the settings of the prefab by clicking the relative button at the top.