Unit 2: Scripting

Lesson 7: Removing objects and components

Activity 3 (10' minutes): Gap text

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

The Destroy function can be used to remove GameObjects or Components from GameObjects at runtime. This can also be done with a time delay by using its second argument, a float number:

To destroy a GameObject, for example, we could simply refer to the GameObject that the script is attached to. Now a problem could be that you may be using the script for various purposes, so it doesn't make sense to destroy the object as the script component will be removed too, as it's attached to it. Instead, we would likely use a reference to another object.

We can also use the Destroy command to remove components, rather that entire GameObjects. For this, we use the GetComponent function inside the Destroy parenthesis to refer to a component.

All of these examples can include a number as the second argument in order to create a timed delay. For example, if I add 3 as a floating point number, as my second argument, there will be a 3 seconds delay and then my object or component will be removed.