3. Using the NXT without software

With a NXT model built it is now time to turn on the NXT and start using it without connecting it to a computer.

1 Turn the NXT on by pressing the orange Enter button, in the centre of the brick.

2 The main menu will be displayed, as shown on the NXT below. Use the left and right arrow keys to explore the various NXT options. Press the orange Enter button to select. See the chart at the bottom of the page for an overview.

**How the NXT brick works**
The brick works in a similar way to a mobile phone... it is menu driven and files are stored in folders.

The main menu icons

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<th>Settings</th>
<th>Try Me</th>
<th>My Files</th>
<th>NXT Program</th>
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<td>Change sound levels. Sleep mode and delete files.</td>
<td>A series of sample programs to test out each sensor.</td>
<td>Your programs and sounds are stored</td>
<td>Program simple actions on the NXT using buttons</td>
<td>View all the sensors attached to the NXT</td>
<td>Find and connect to other Bluetooth devices</td>
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<td>Probably a section not needed in your early stages.</td>
<td>Great for showing all the sensors in action</td>
<td>Once programs are downloaded they can be run again through here.</td>
<td>A simple program feature to use the NXT without software...</td>
<td>Useful when wanting to use the NXT as a meter. Great for writing programs with sensors</td>
<td>Recommended for confident users. Stick with USB in the early stages.</td>
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Programming without using a computer
Although the NXT was designed to be used with a computer and software, it can be used to carry out some simple programming/cause and effect tasks using the icons below.

![Try Me Programs](image)
![NXT Program](image)