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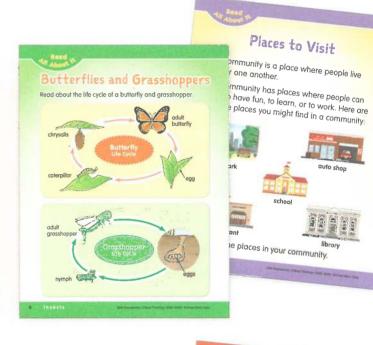
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#### **How to Use This Book**

#### **Practicing Critical Thinking Skills**

Critical thinking comes naturally to young children. They learn autonomy through exploration, observe their environment using logic and reasoning, try new things, and think creatively. As children grow and enter an academic setting, some of their natural curiosity and problem-solving instincts are not engaged as often as they could be. This practice book encourages children to "think about their thinking" through creative, analytical, and evaluative tasks.

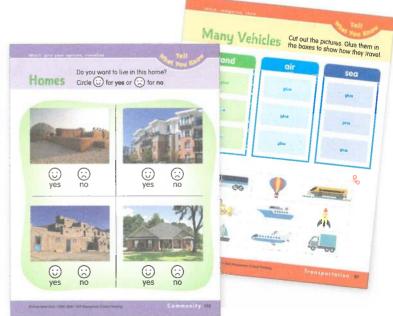


#### **Read All About It**

Read the selection to your child. Discuss how the illustrations help your child better understand the topic. Then, if your child is able, have him or her read the selection to you. After reading the selection, discuss how the topic relates to your child's life.

#### **Tell What You Know**

The activities on these pages provide opportunities for children to connect their knowledge and opinions to the topic. Encourage your child to think about his or her experiences and support his or her curiosity by discussing the questions and topics together.



#### **Critical Thinking Activities**

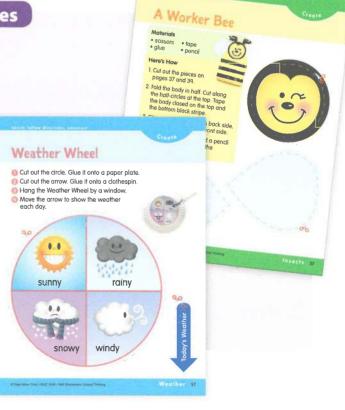
The critical thinking activities are designed to engage children in application, analytical, and evaluative tasks. The crosscurricular activities present science, math, social studies, and language arts content.





#### **Art Projects and Hands-on Activities**

The art projects and hands-on activities provide children with opportunities to use critical thinking skills to create. Encourage your child to tap into his or her creativity and innovation and to have fun with the hands-on activities. After your child completes each project, discuss the steps taken to create it. Encourage your child to explain what he or she enjoyed most and why.





## Butterflies and Grasshoppers

### **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Read All About It Butterflies and Grasshoppers	Butte
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Grasshopper Puzzle12–13	Apply Pretty
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Solve Hungry Caterpillar 18
Analyze Match-up 19
Show In the Garden 20
Apply Pretty Patterns 21
Compare Which Has More? 22
Create Nibble, Nibble, Caterpillar 23

#### Be on the Lookout!

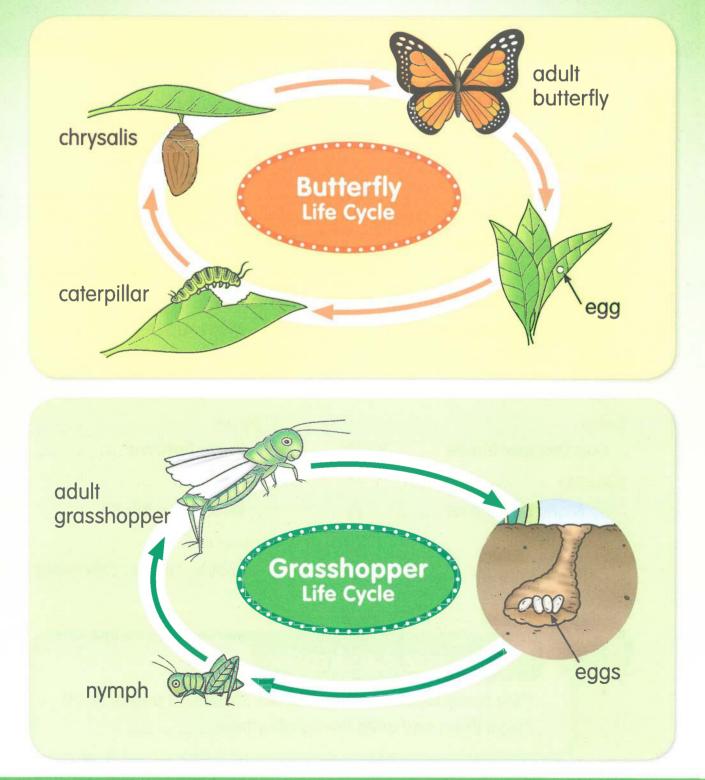
How many different butterflies are shown on pages 11–19? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Butterflies and Grasshoppers**

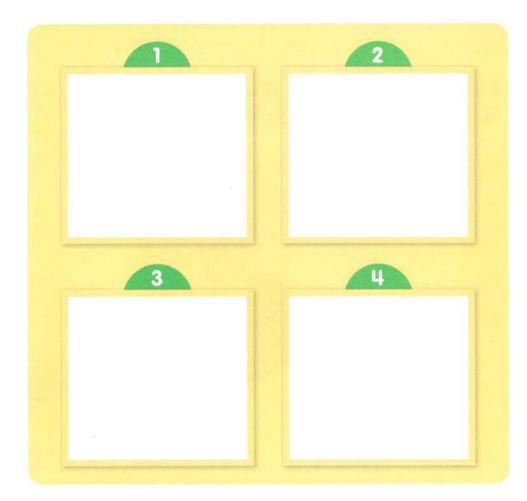
Read about the life cycle of a butterfly and grasshopper.

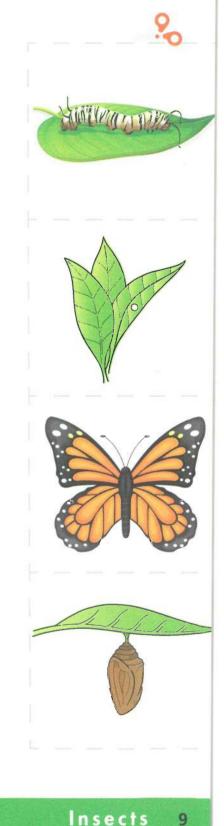


Read

SKILLS: put in order, show

#### Butterfly Life Cycle Cut. Put the pictures in order.





Tell You Kn

A caterpillar hatches out. One day, the caterpillar makes a chrysalis.

I see a little egg on a leaf.

A butterfly comes out.

Soon, the butterfly flies away.

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### **Butterfly or Grasshopper?**

Circle the insect that you like better. Tell someone why you like it.

Match

### **Color Match**

#### Draw a line to match.

orange

purple

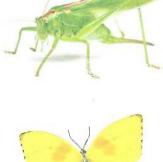
yellow

red

green

### brown

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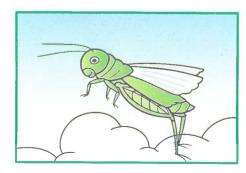
SKILLS: construct, rearrange

Solve

### Grasshopper Puzzle

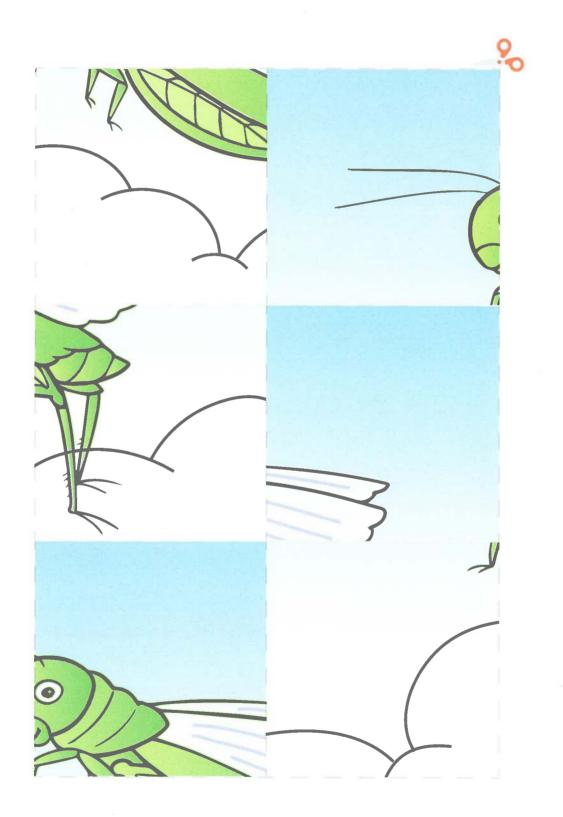
Cut out the puzzle on page 13. Glue the pieces inside the frame.

glue	glue	glue
glue	glue	glue



Trace the letters.

grasshopper

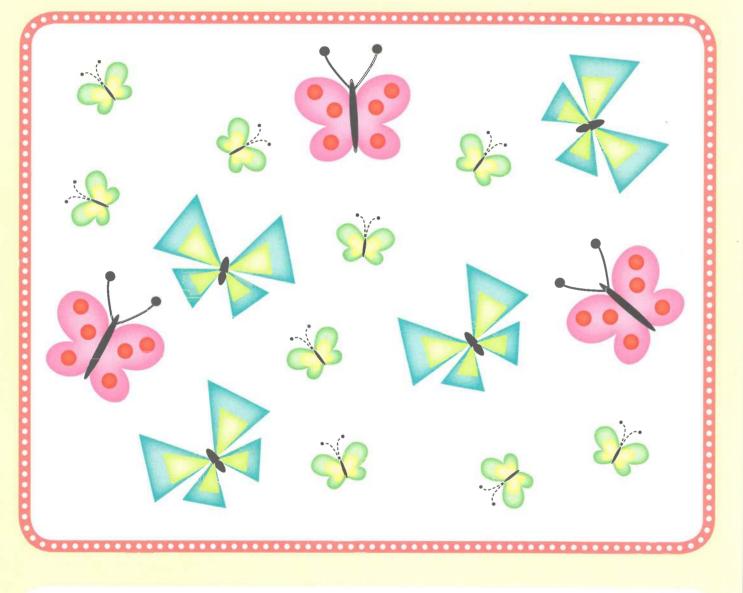






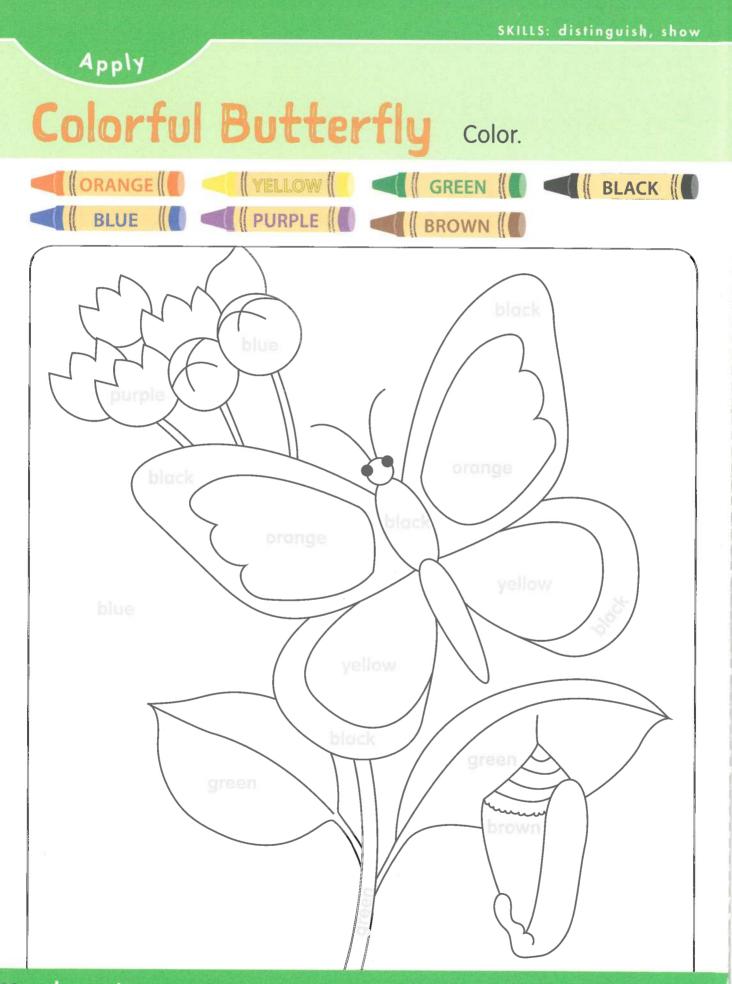
### So Many Butterflies!

Count.



#### How many do you see?







### **Butterfly Twins**

#### Draw a line to match.

















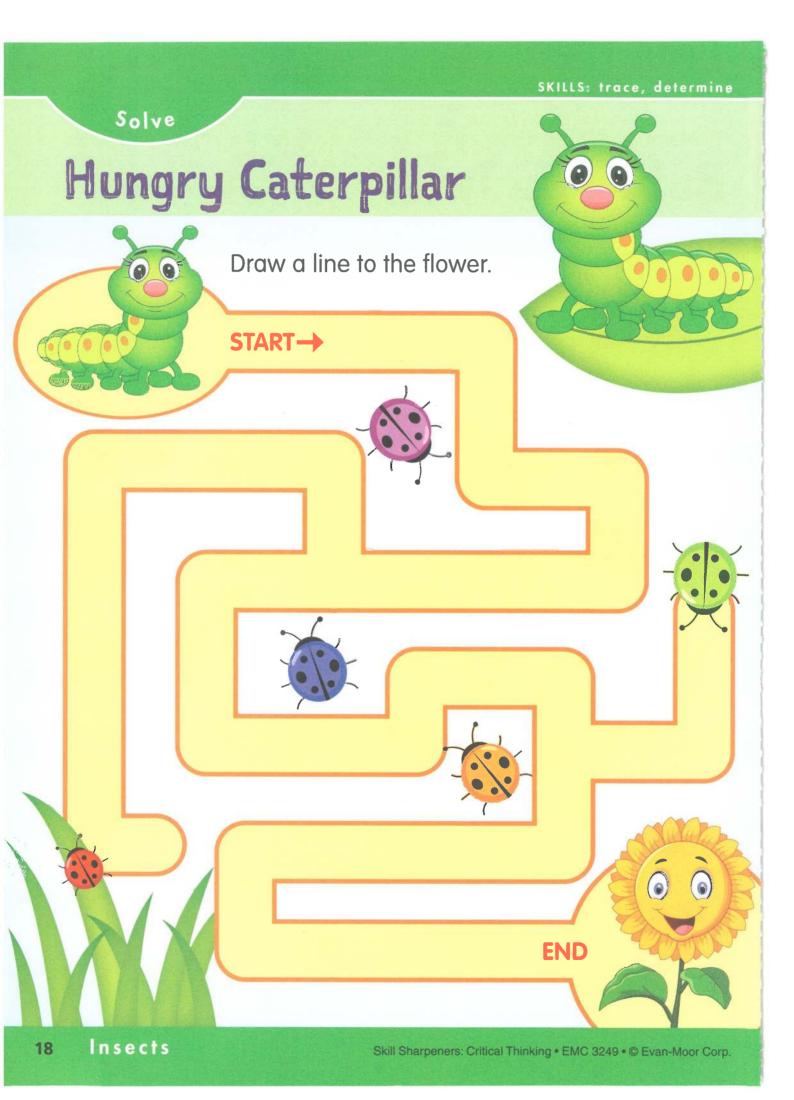








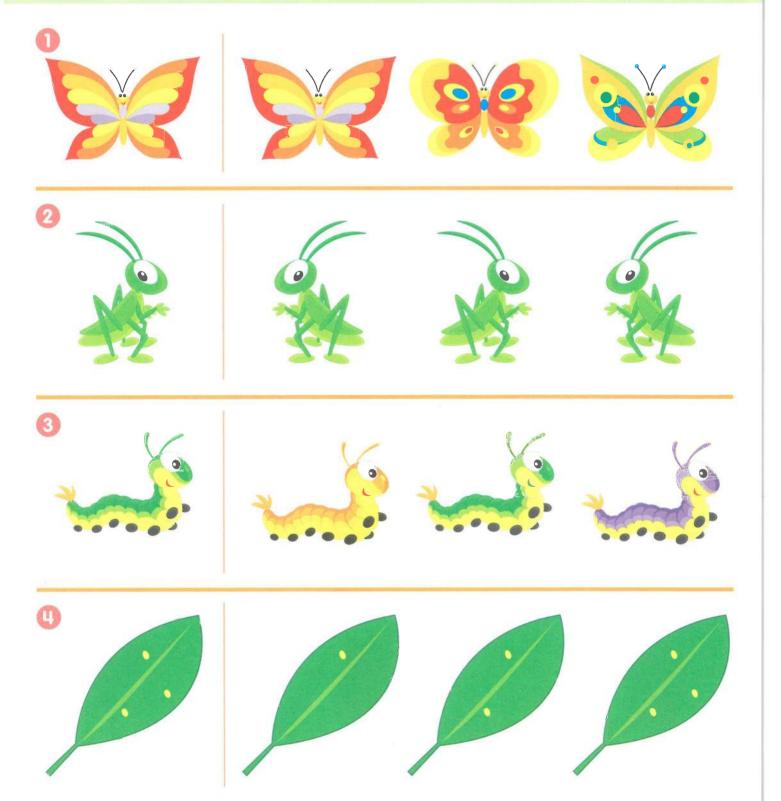
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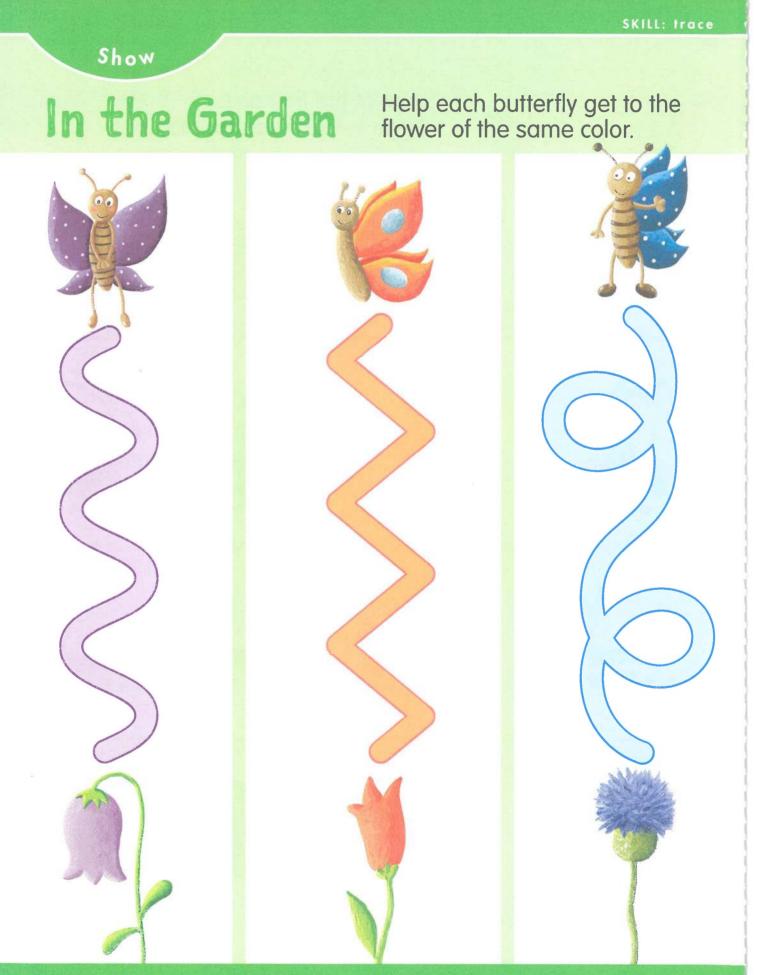


#### Analyze

### Match-up

Look at the first picture. Circle the picture that matches.

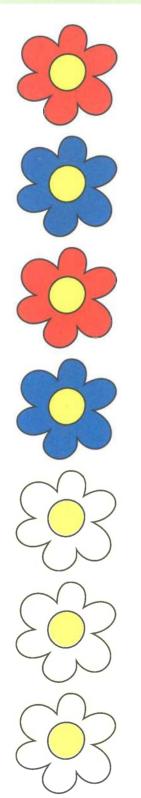


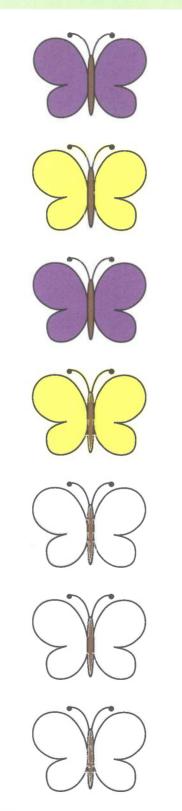


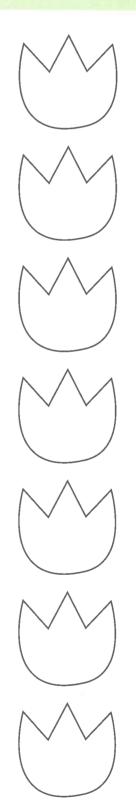
#### SKILLS: analyze, create

### Pretty Patterns

Color the flowers and butterflies to continue the patterns. Then create your own pattern.







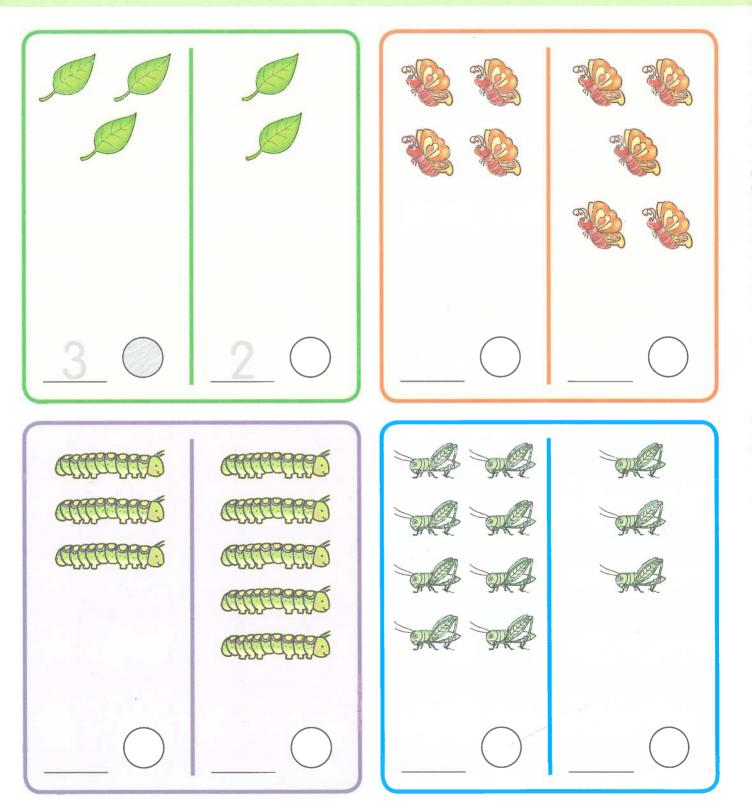
Apply

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Compare

## Which Has More? Fill in the circle to show which has more.

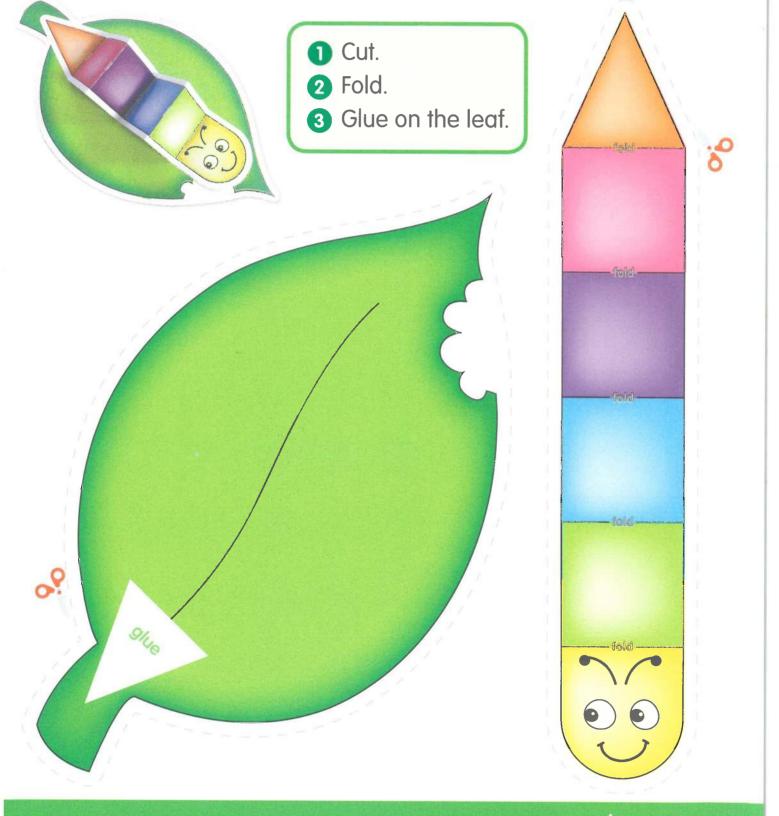
Count. Write the number.



SKILLS: follow directions, construct

Create

### Nibble, Nibble, Caterpillar



24 Insects

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# Honeybees and Ladybugs

### **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Read All About It Honeybees and Ladybugs	Determine           What Is It?         32
Tell What You Know           Helpful Insects	Ten Little Honeybees
I Can Draw 28	Analyze Match-up 34
Analyze Look Carefully 29	Find Find the Flowers
Fly Away Home 30	Draw Missing Parts
Distinguish Lovely Ladybugs 31	A Worker Bee 37–39

#### Be on the Lookout!

How many bees are shown on pages 32–34? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

### Honeybees and Ladybugs

Read about these two insects that are helpful in the garden.

Honeybees move pollen from flower to flower. This helps make new flowers.

Ladybugs eat little bugs that eat plants.



Circle the two helpful insects you learned about. Tell someone why they are helpful.



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SKILLS: draw, recall

### I Can Draw

Tell Not You Knot

Draw something that a honeybee likes.



#### Draw something that a ladybug likes.



SKILLS: differentiate, compare, match

#### Analyze

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### Look Carefully

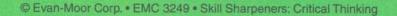
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Circle the two ladybugs that are the same.

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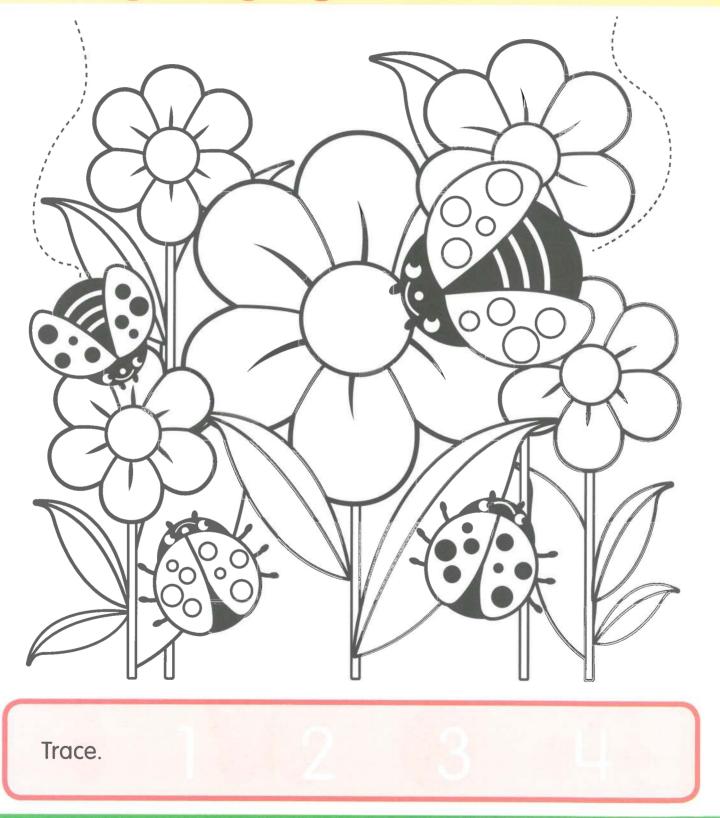


SKILLS: trace, count

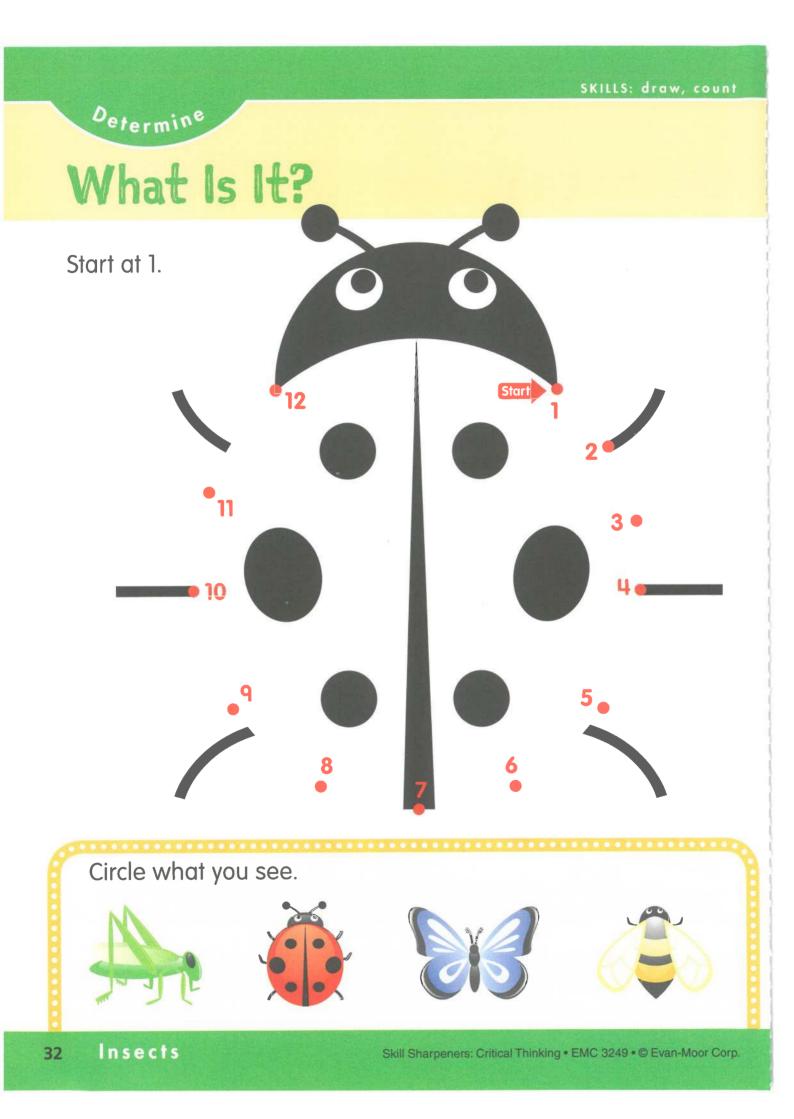
Distinguish

### Lovely Ladybugs

Color the ladybugs. Count the ladybugs.



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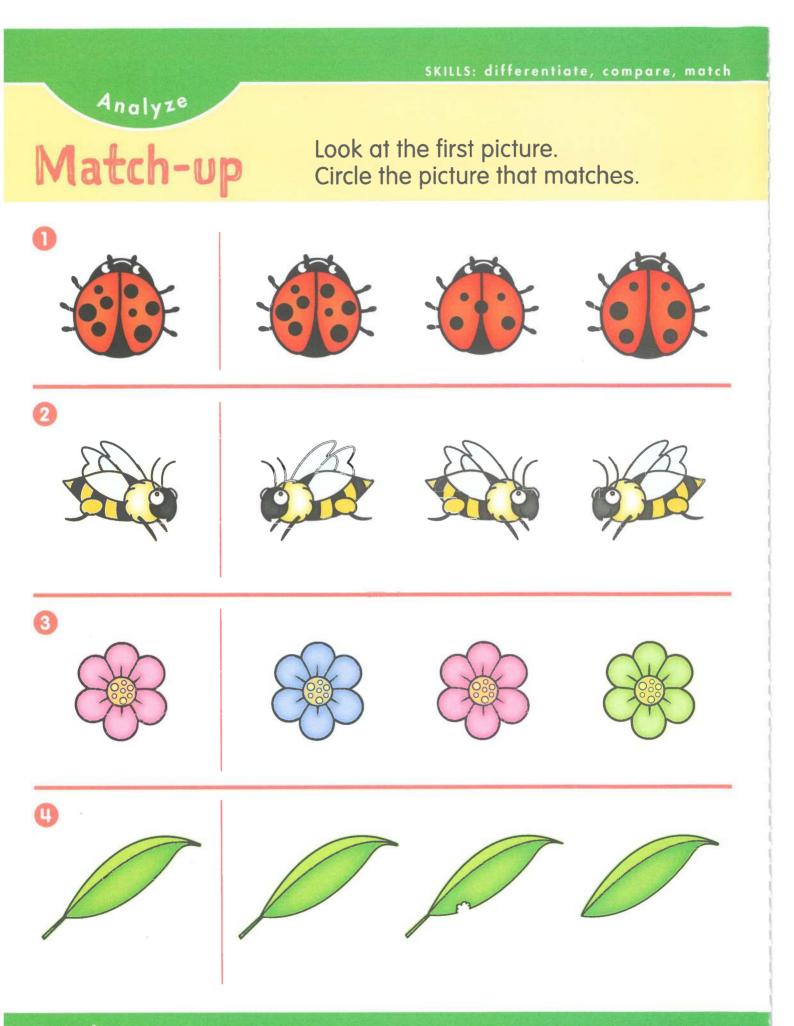
### Ten Little Honeybees

1 little, 2 little, 3 little honeybees 4 little, 5 little, 6 little honeybees 7 little, 8 little, 9 little honeybees 10 little honeybees buzz

Count the honeybees. Write the numbers.



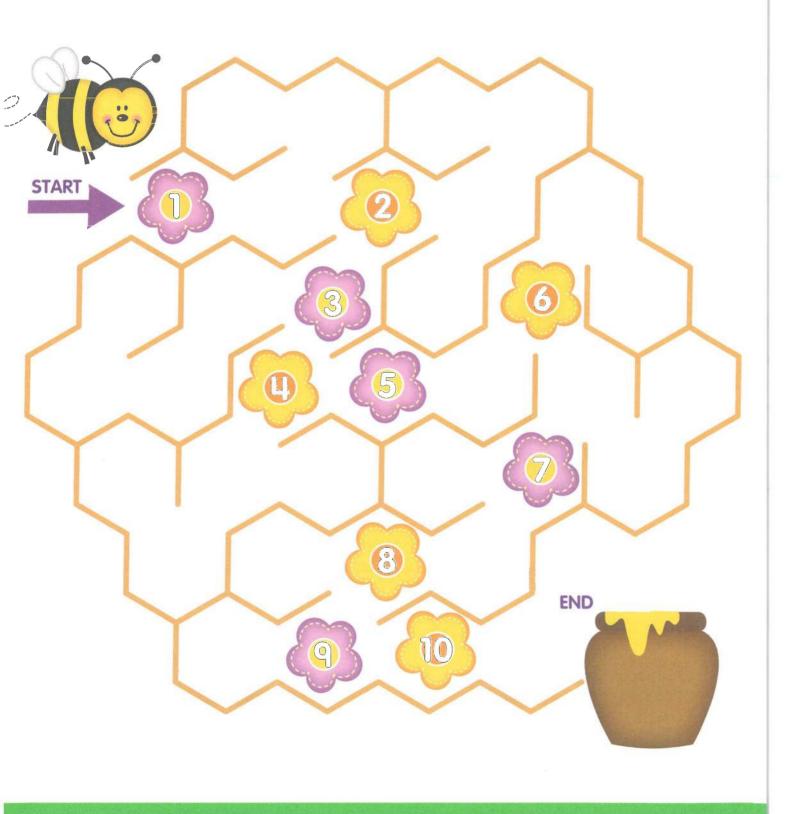
Count

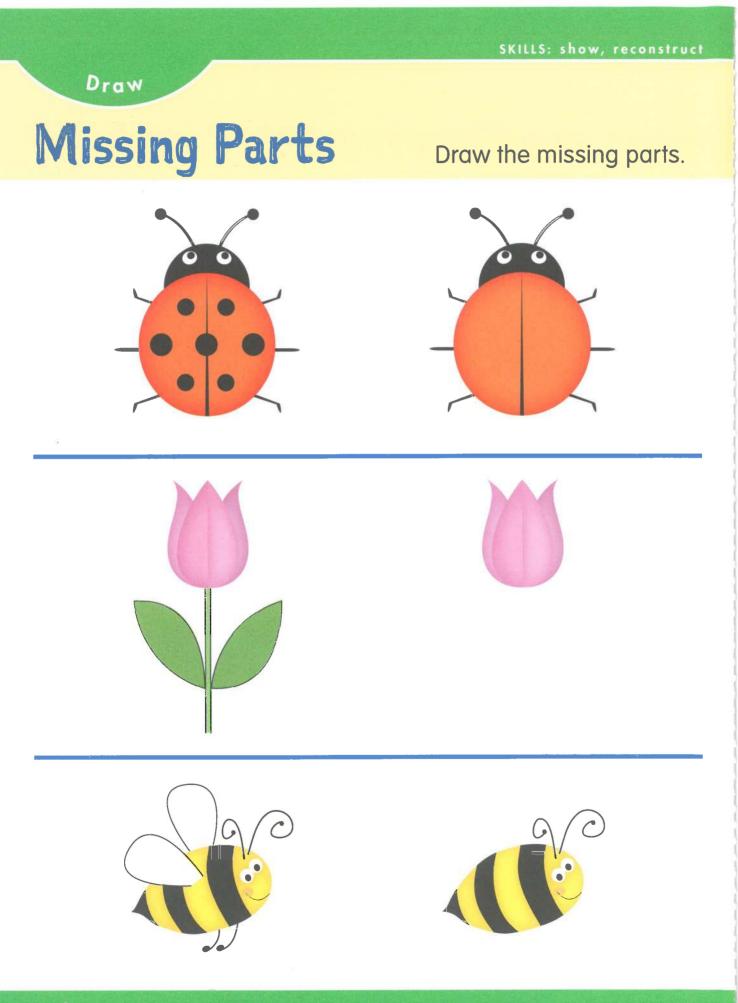


Find

### Find the Flowers Draw a line to show the way to the honey.

Draw a line to show the bee







### **A Worker Bee**

#### **Materials**

- scissors
- glue
- tape pencil

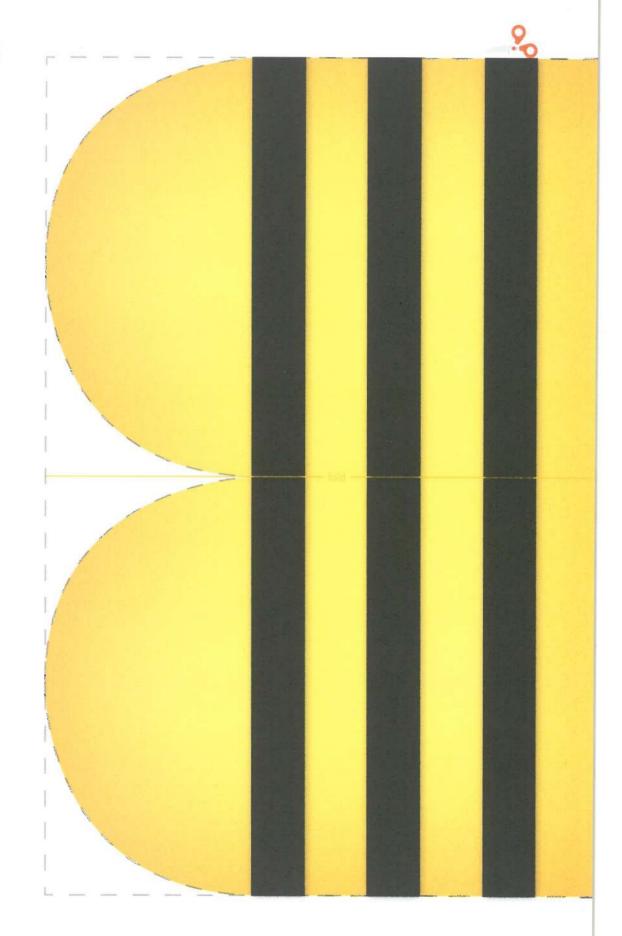
#### Here's How

- 1. Cut out the pieces on pages 37 and 39.
- 2. Fold the body in half. Cut along the half-circles at the top. Tape the body closed on the top and the bottom black stripe.
- 3. Glue on the wings to the back side. Glue on the face to the front side.
- 4. Roll the antennae around a pencil to make them curl. Glue the antennae to the head.











# Different Types of Weather

### **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Read All About It What Will the Weather Be Today?	Find the Twin 51
Tell What You Know           Playing Outside	Down a Snowy Hill 52
Tell What You Know           Your Favorite Weather	Rain, Rain, Go Away 53
Analyze Snowflakes 45	Puddle Fun 54
Rainy Puzzle 46–47	Counting Weather Symbols 55
Counting Raindrops 49	Compare Which Has More? 56
Sunny Days 50	Create Weather Wheel 57

### Be on the Lookout!

How many puddles are shown on page 54? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_

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### What Will the Weather Be Today?

### Will it be sunny or rainy?



Will it snow today?

Will it be windy? What will the wind blow?







SKILLS: recall, sequence

# Playing Outside cut. do

Glue. GLUE

Tell You Kno

?





SKILLS: choose, justify

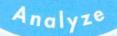


# Your Favorite Weather

What is your favorite type of weather? Why do you like it? Tell someone about it.



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# Snowflakes

#### Draw a line to match.











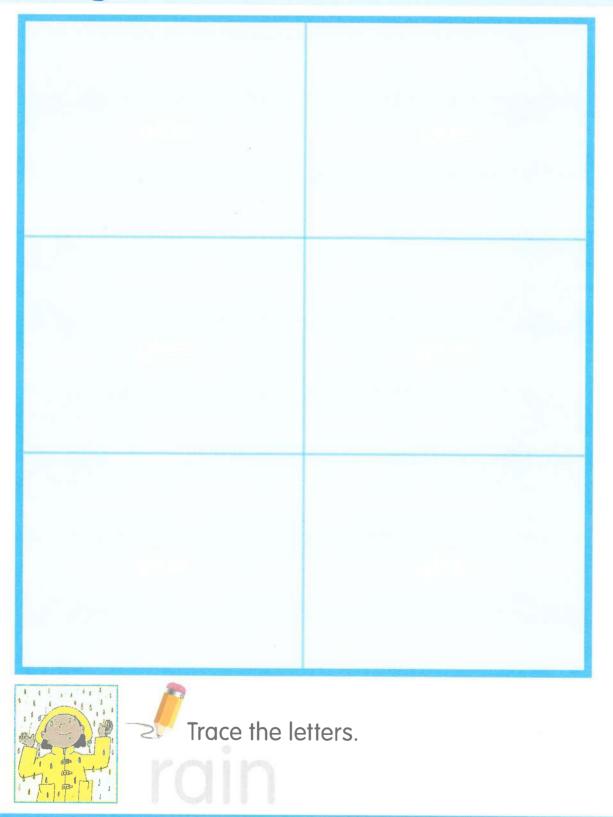
#### Snow falls in soft, white flakes.

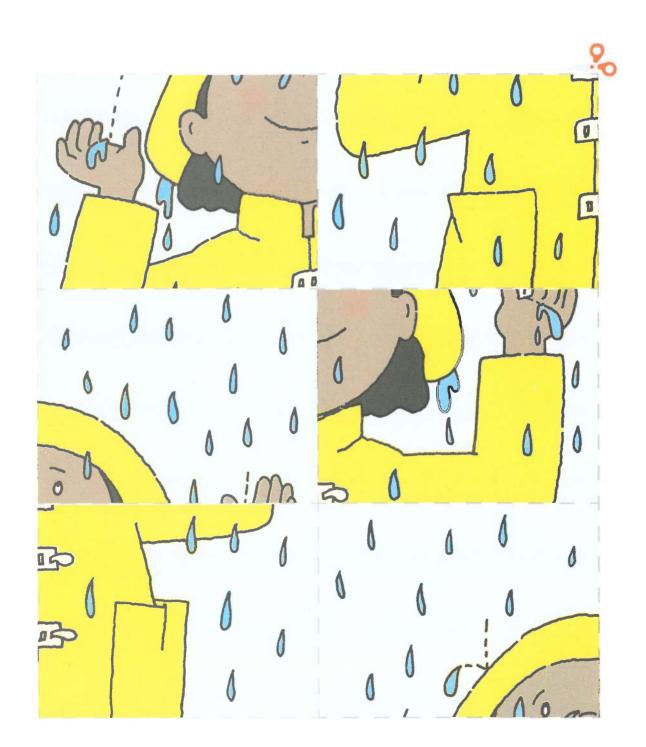


SKILLS: construct, rearrange

Solve

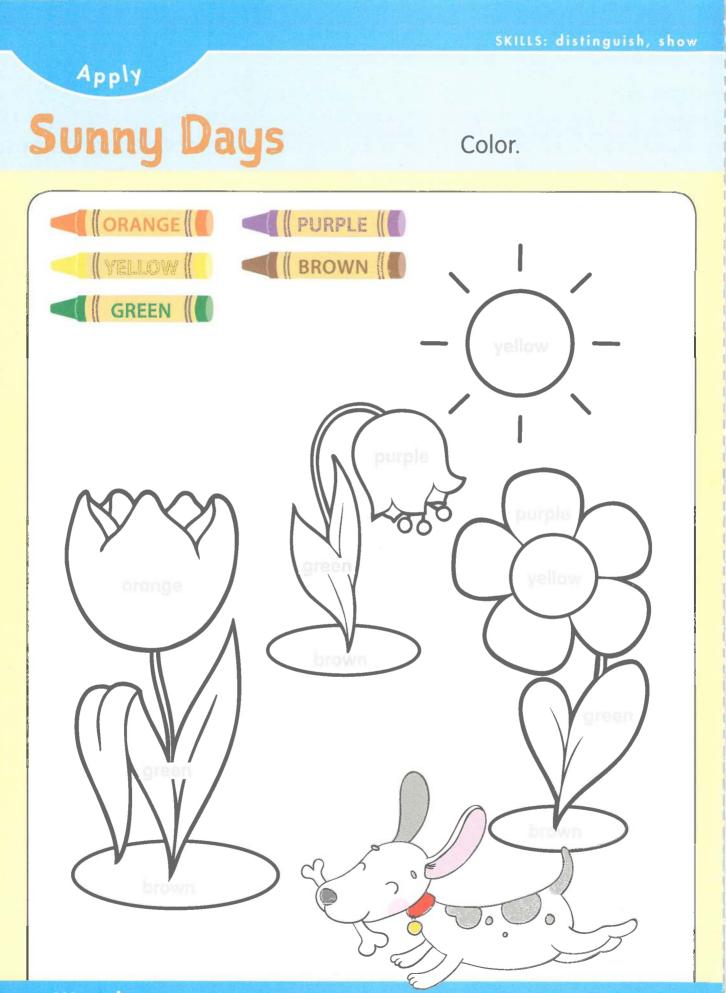
#### Rainy Puzzle Cut out the puzzle on page 47. Glue the pieces inside the frame.











#### Analyze

## Find the Twin

Circle the two snowmen that are the same.













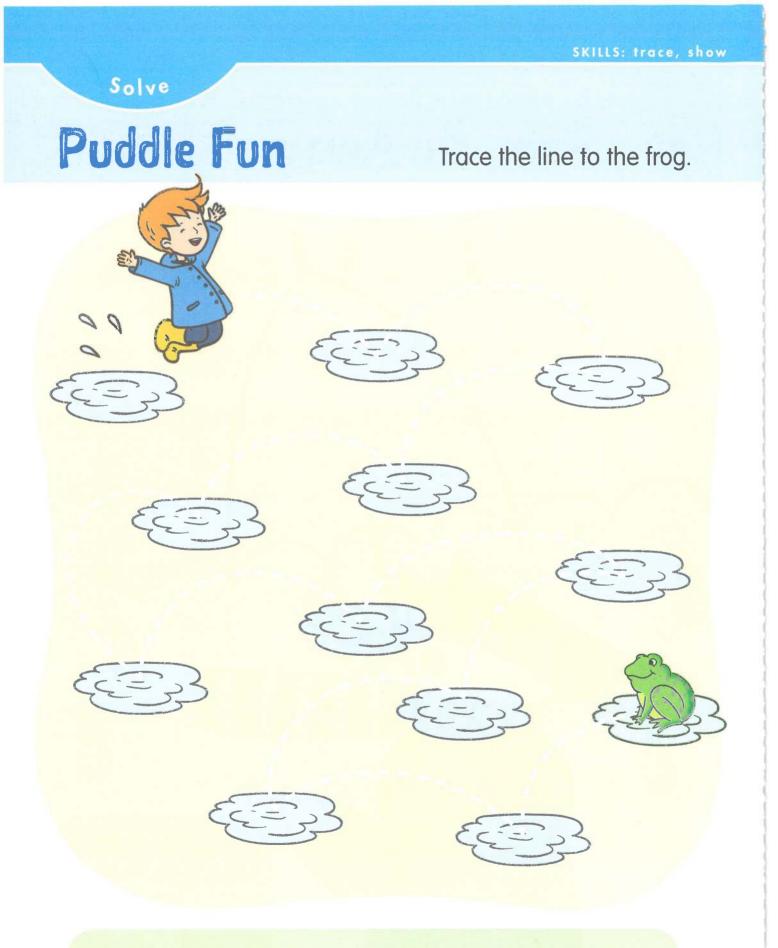




Solve Down a Snowy Hill Draw a line to help the snowman down the hill. FINISH Trace the letters. The sled is red

SKILLS: trace, distinguish





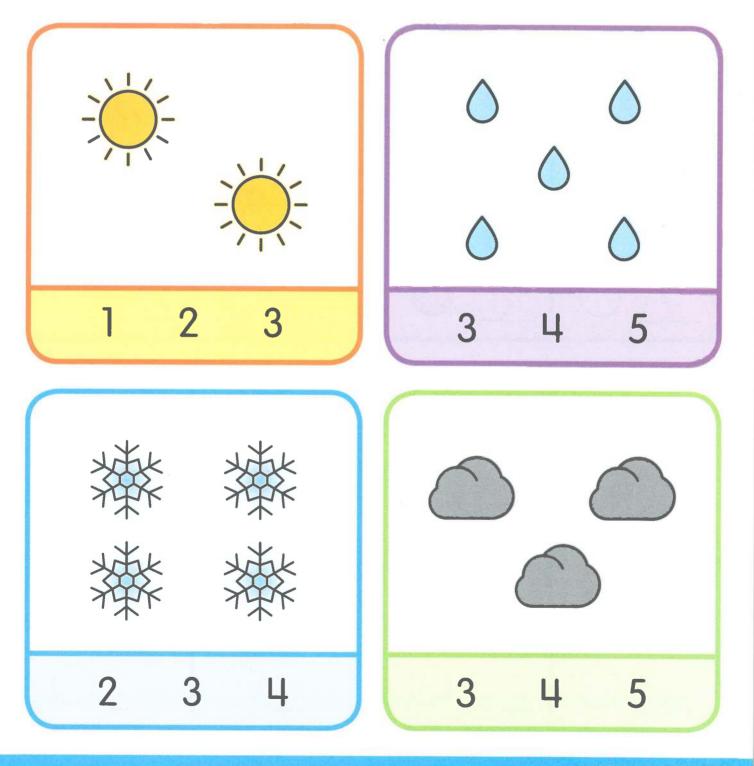
### Tell someone how the puddles got there.

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# **Counting Weather Symbols**

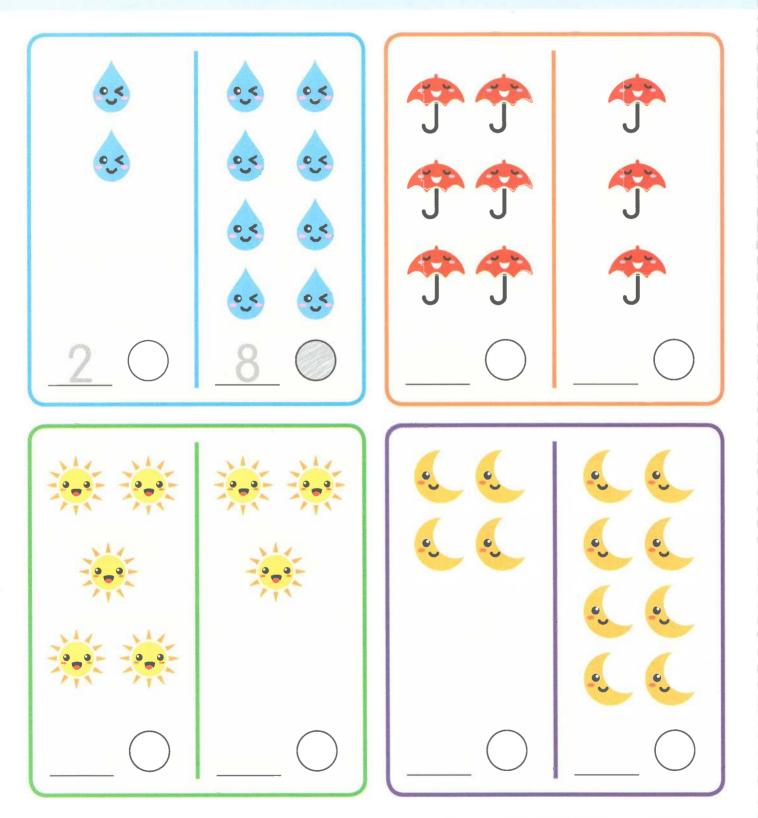
Count. Circle the number.



SKILLS: determine, rank

Compare

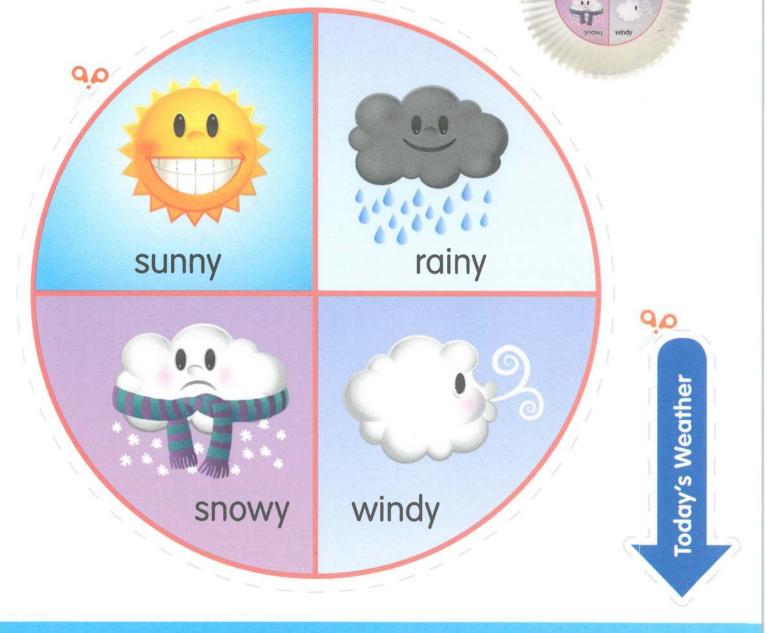
Which Has More? Count. Write the number. Fill in the circle to show which has more.

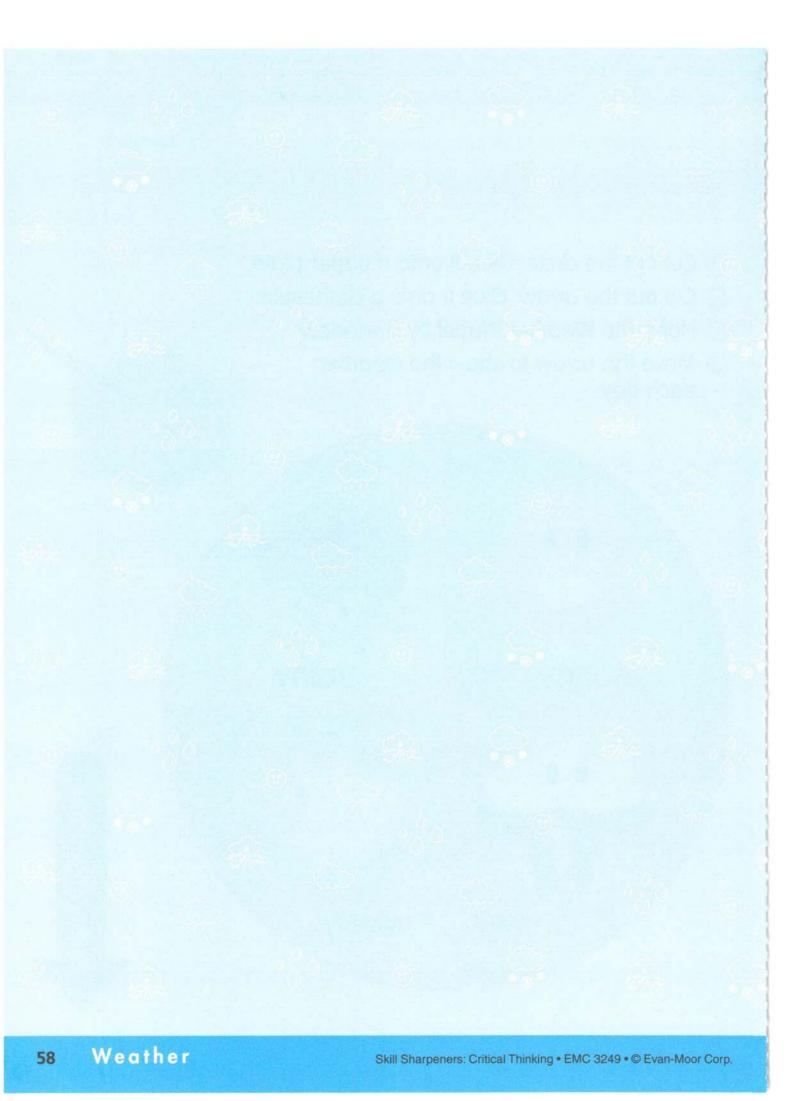


#### Create

### Weather Wheel

- Cut out the circle. Glue it onto a paper plate.
- 2 Cut out the arrow. Glue it onto a clothespin.
- Output the Weather Wheel by a window.
- Over the arrow to show the weather each day.





# We Dress for the Weather

# **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Read All About It What Should I Wear? 60
Tell What You Know Choose the Clothing Item 61
<b>Tell What You Know</b> Today's Weather 62
Match Dressing for the Weather 63
Solve Summer Day 64–65
Analyze Match-up 67

Mitten Pairs 68
Match Match the Mittens 69
Show Hats!
Odd One Out 71
Read and Color
Create Summer and Winter Puppets

### Be on the Lookout!

How many different mittens are shown on page 68? Count them and write the number here:



### What Should I Wear?



What will you wear today?

# **Choose the Clothing Item**

Vou

Weather

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Circle the answer.



SKILLS: draw, observe, interpret



# Today's Weather

What is the weather like today? Circle the picture.

Draw yourself dressed for the weather.

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Match

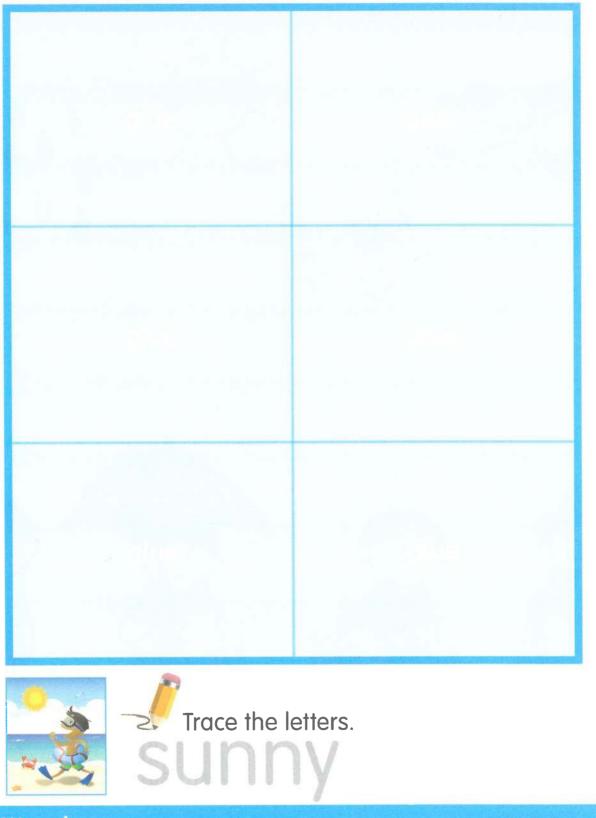
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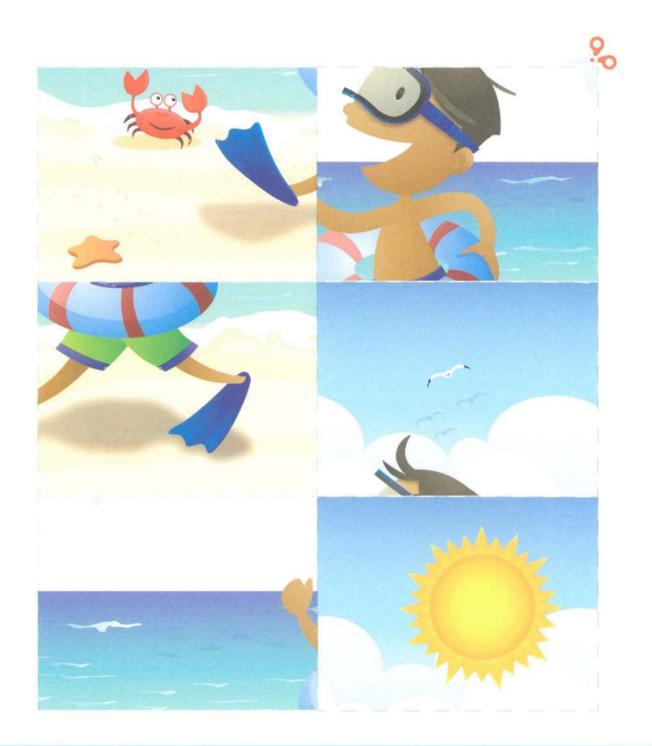


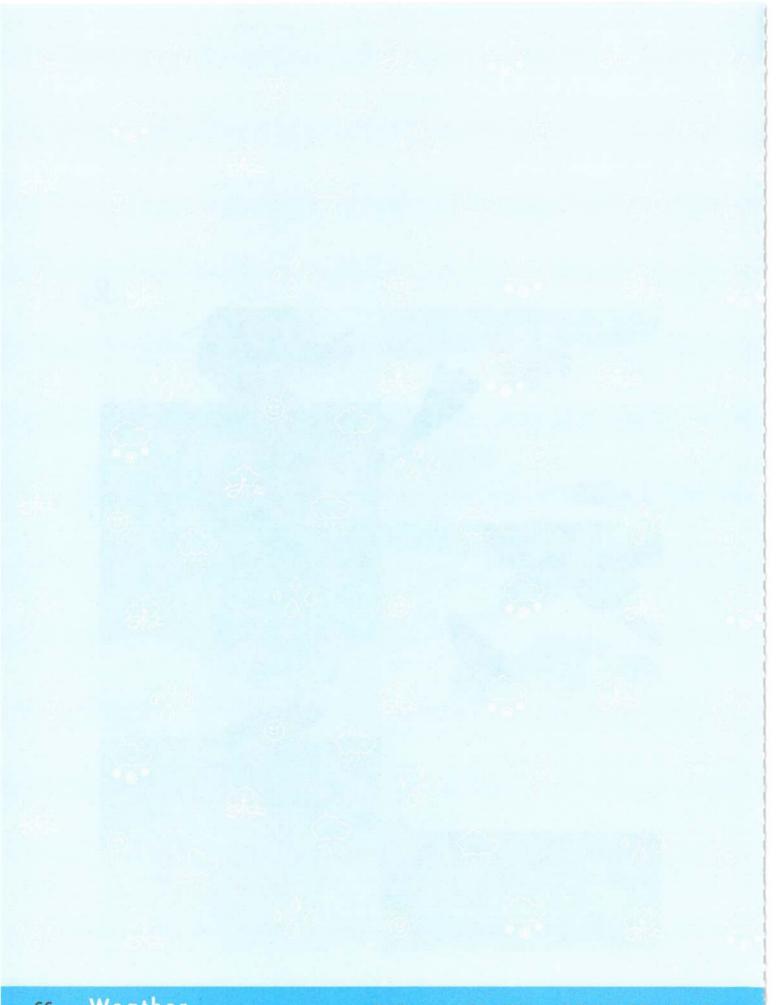
Solve

### **Summer Day**

Cut out the puzzle on page 65. Glue the pieces inside the frame.









SKILLS: match, count, color

# **Mitten Pairs**

Apply

Color the **2nd** mitten **4**(**RED** (). Color the **4th** mitten **4**(**GREEN** (). Color the **1st** mitten **4**(**BLUE** ). Color the **3rd** mitten **4**(**PURPLE** ). Color the **2nd** mitten **4**( **BLUE** (). Color the **3th** mitten **4**(**PURPLE** ). Color the **1st** mitten **4**(**GREEN** ). Color the **4th** mitten **4**(**RED** ).

Draw a line to match each mitten pair.

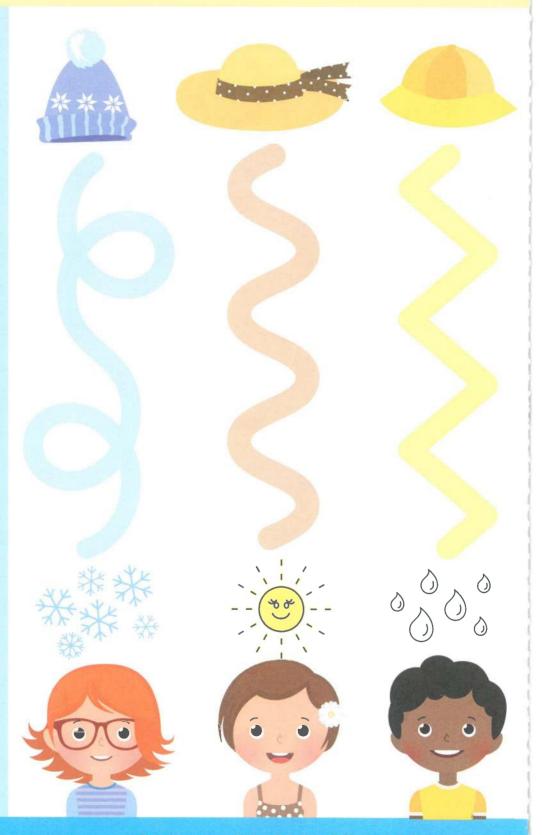
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#### Show

### Hats!

#### Trace to help each child wear the right hat.



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## Odd One Out

Draw an **X** on the thing that does not belong.





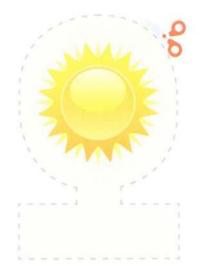
# Summer and Winter Puppets

- ① Cut out the finger puppets.
- 2 Tape them onto your fingers.
- 3 Perform a puppet show!

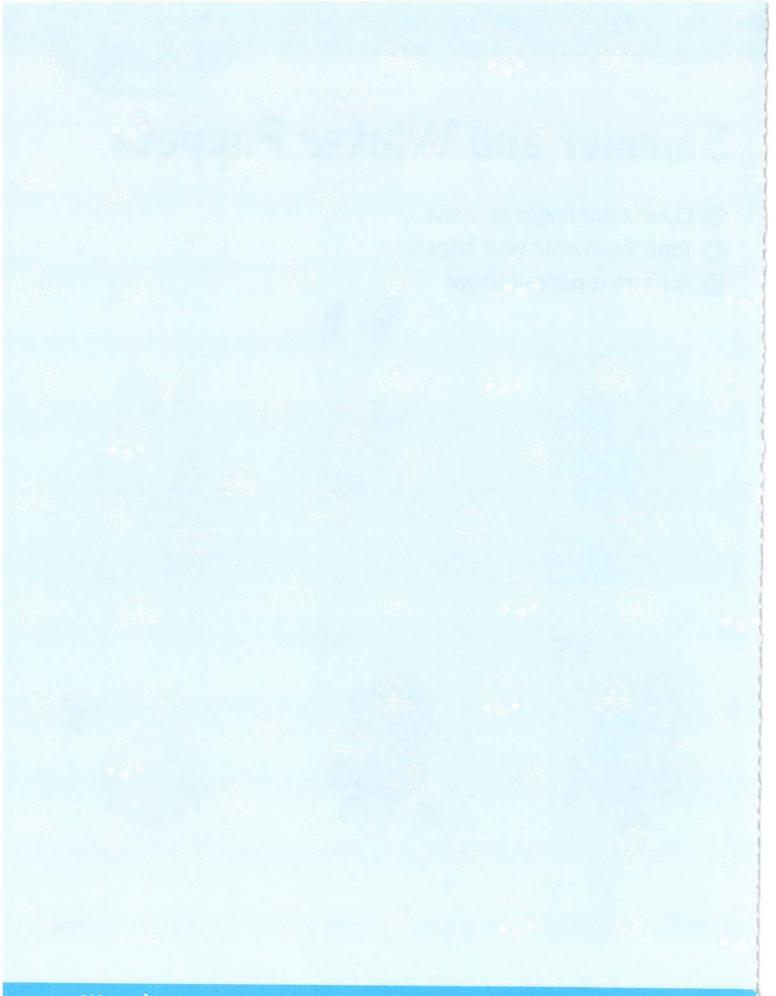








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# Cars, Trucks, and Buses

#### ✓ I Did It! Check each activity as you complete it.

Cars, Trucks, and Buses 76	Odd One Out 85
Tell What You Know           What Does It Carry?	Go, Go, Go! 86
Tell What You KnowYour Favorite Way to Travel78	On the Road 87
Match Many Cars	I Scream, You Scream! 88
Solve Truck Puzzle 80–81	Patterns 89
Analyze Match-up83	Car, Truck, or Bus? 90
Draw Wheels Go 'Round84	Cars on the Road 91

#### Be on the Lookout!

How many different vehicles are shown on page 87? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_



Go, go, go! People are on the move! Look at all the ways to get from place to place.



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A car takes someone to work.



A school bus takes children to school.





A truck transports food and other items.

There are so many ways to get from here to there.

SKILLS: infer, decide

#### What Does It Carry? Cut. of Glue.

glue truck glue bus glue car glue dump truck

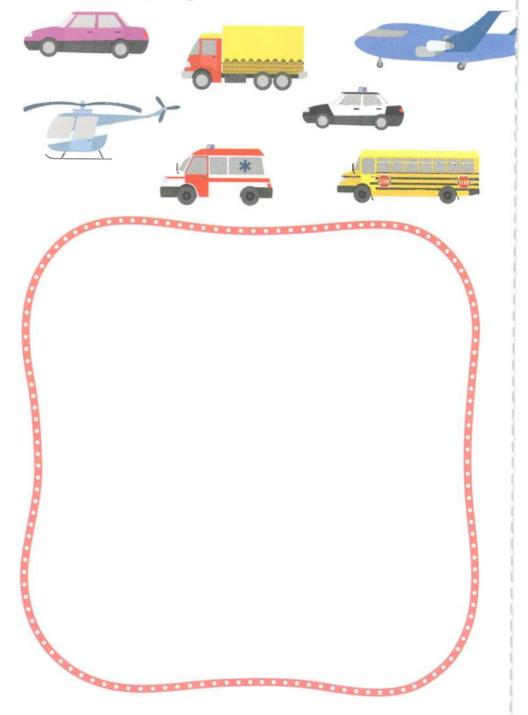


Tell You Kr

SKILLS: give your opinion, draw, show

# Your Favorite Way to Travel

How do you get from place to place? Circle the picture. Then draw a picture of yourself going somewhere.



Tell

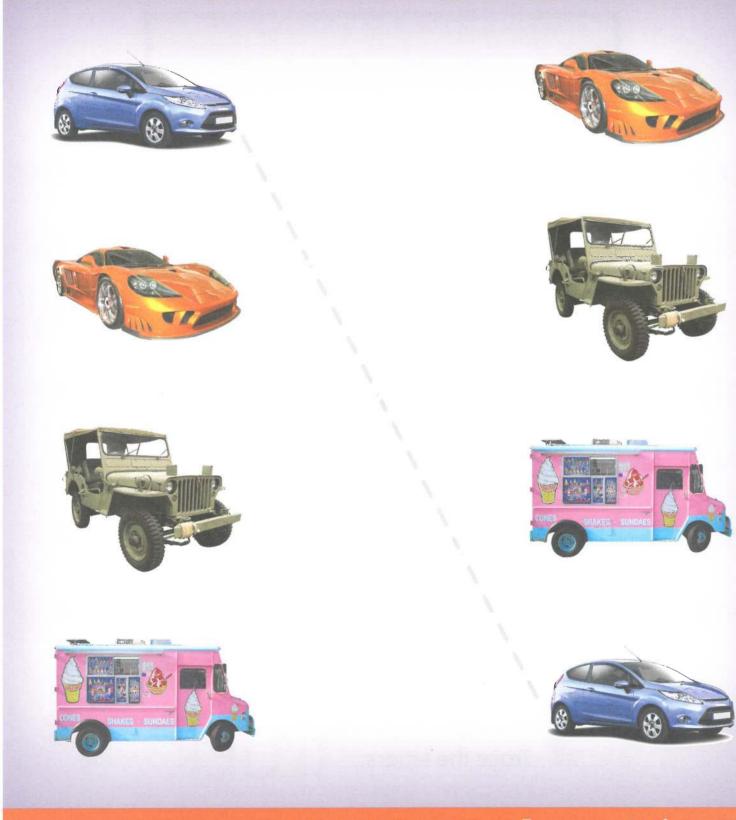
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SKILLS: distinguish, show

#### Match

# Many Cars

Draw a line from left to right to connect the ones that are the same.



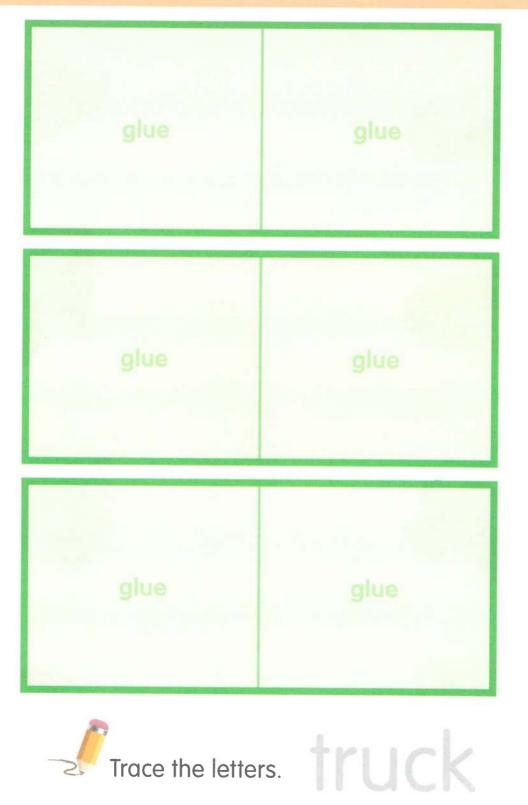
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SKILLS: construct, rearrange

Solve

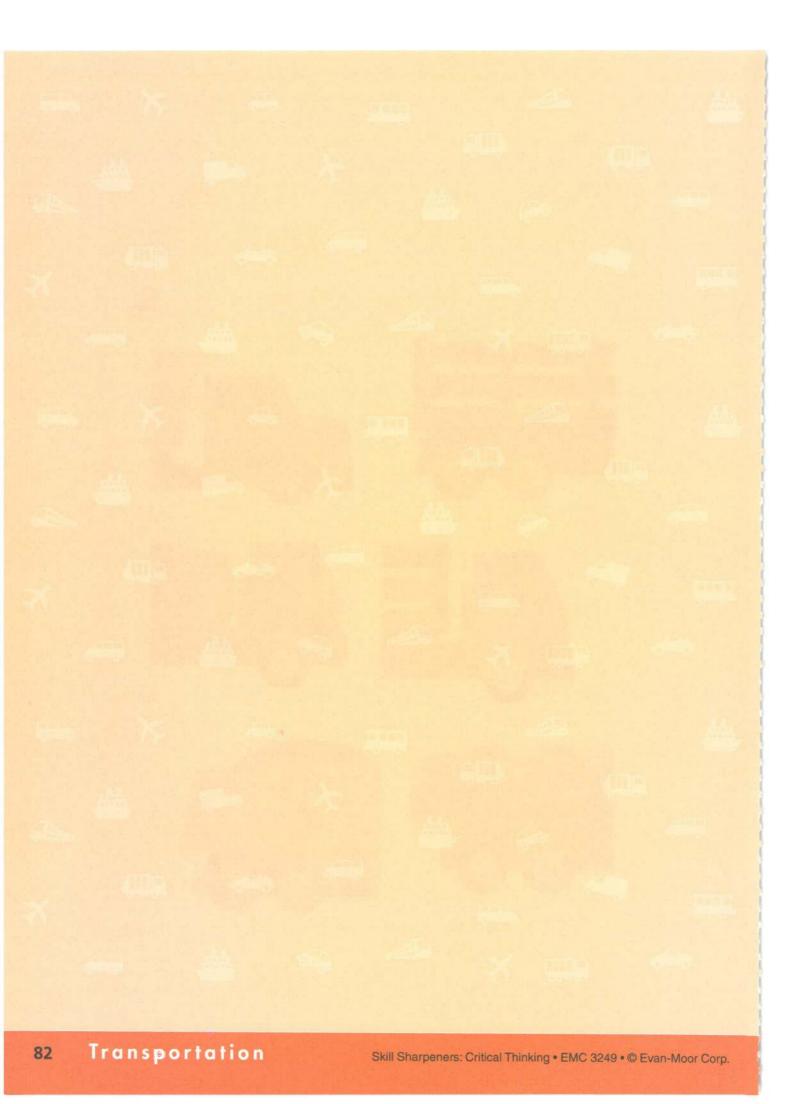
#### Truck Puzzle

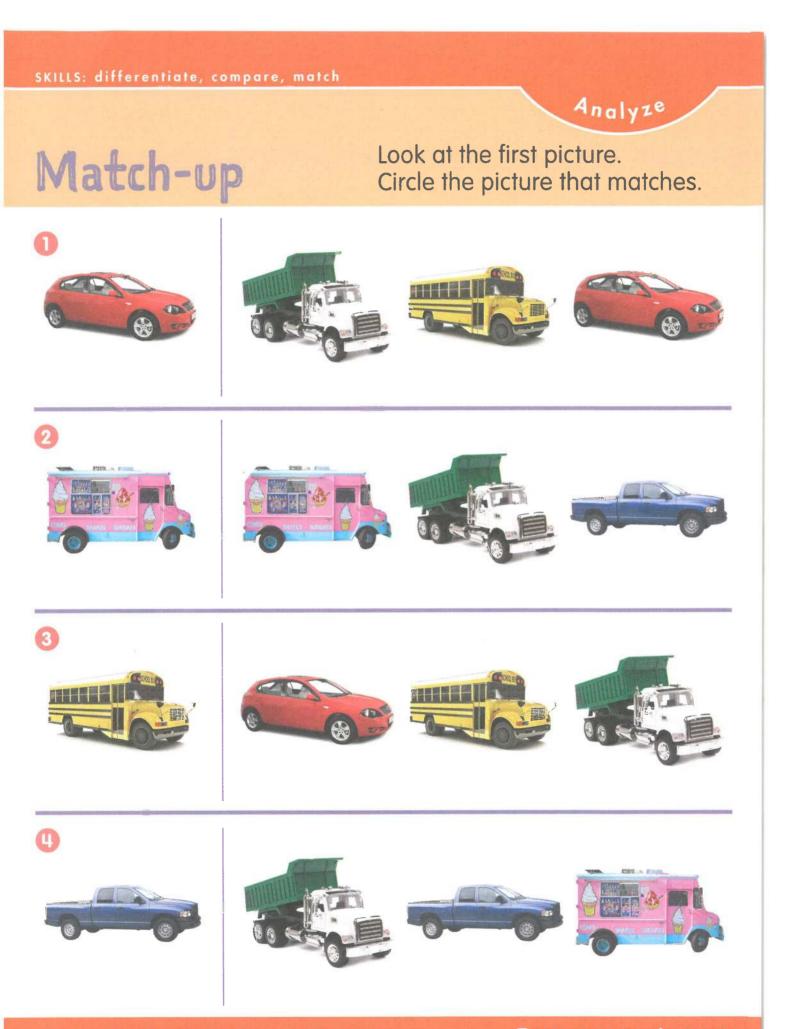
Cut out the puzzle on page 81. Glue the pieces inside the frame.

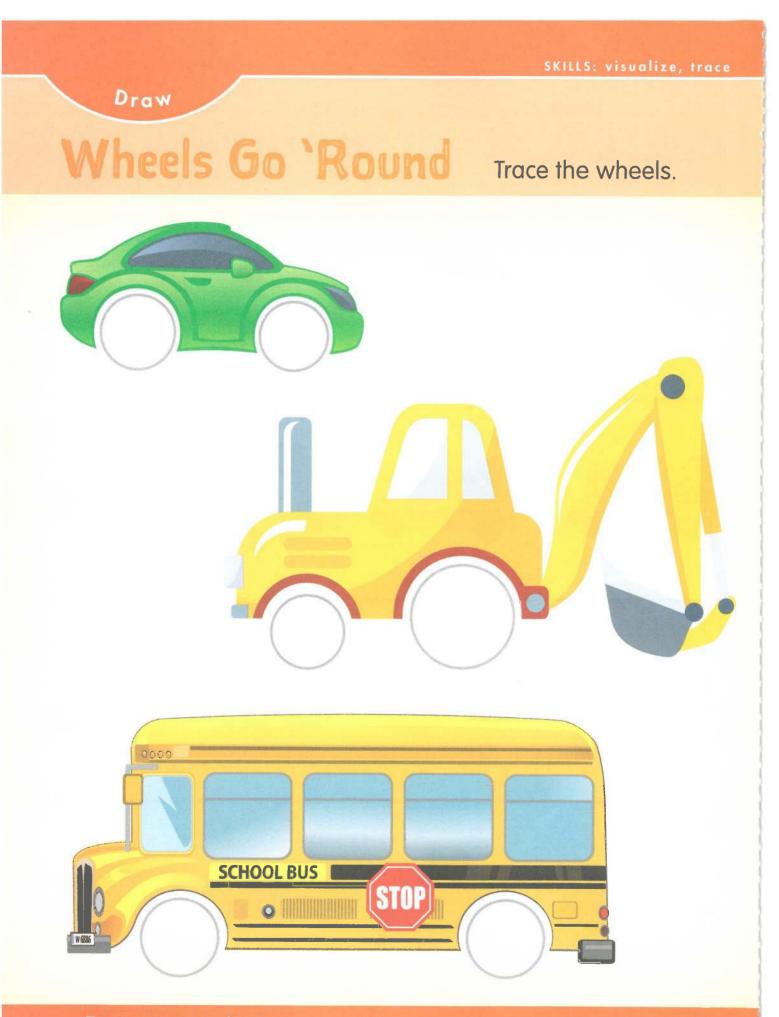


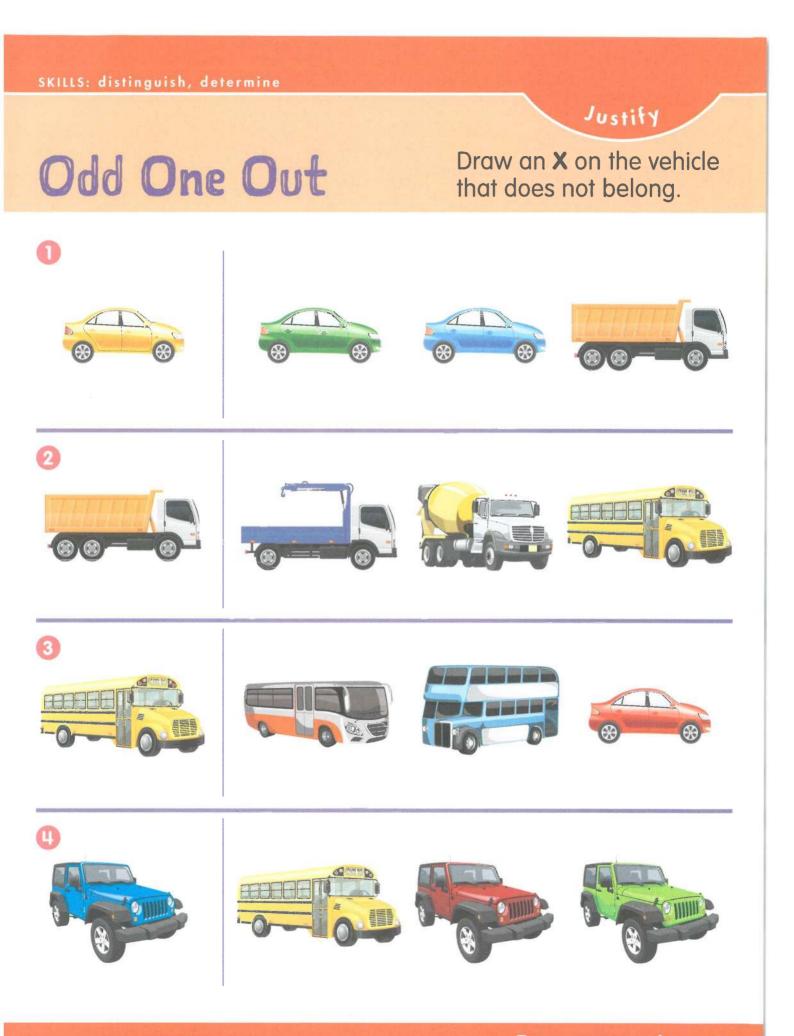


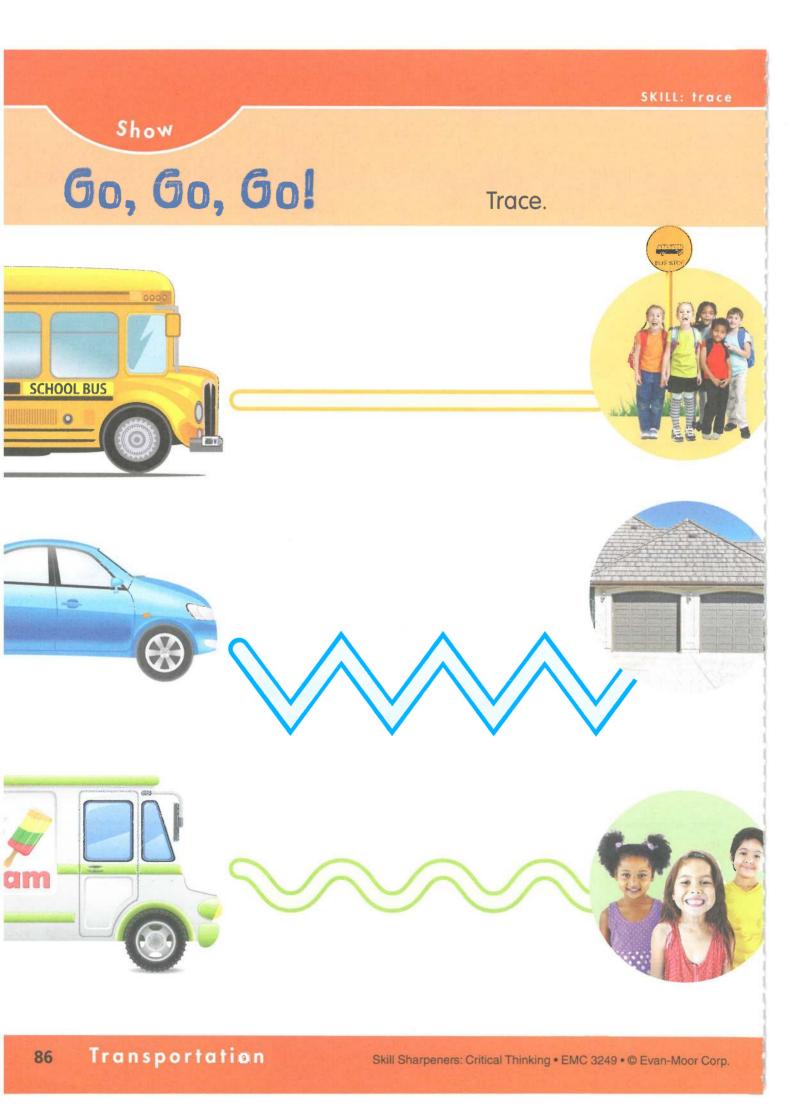
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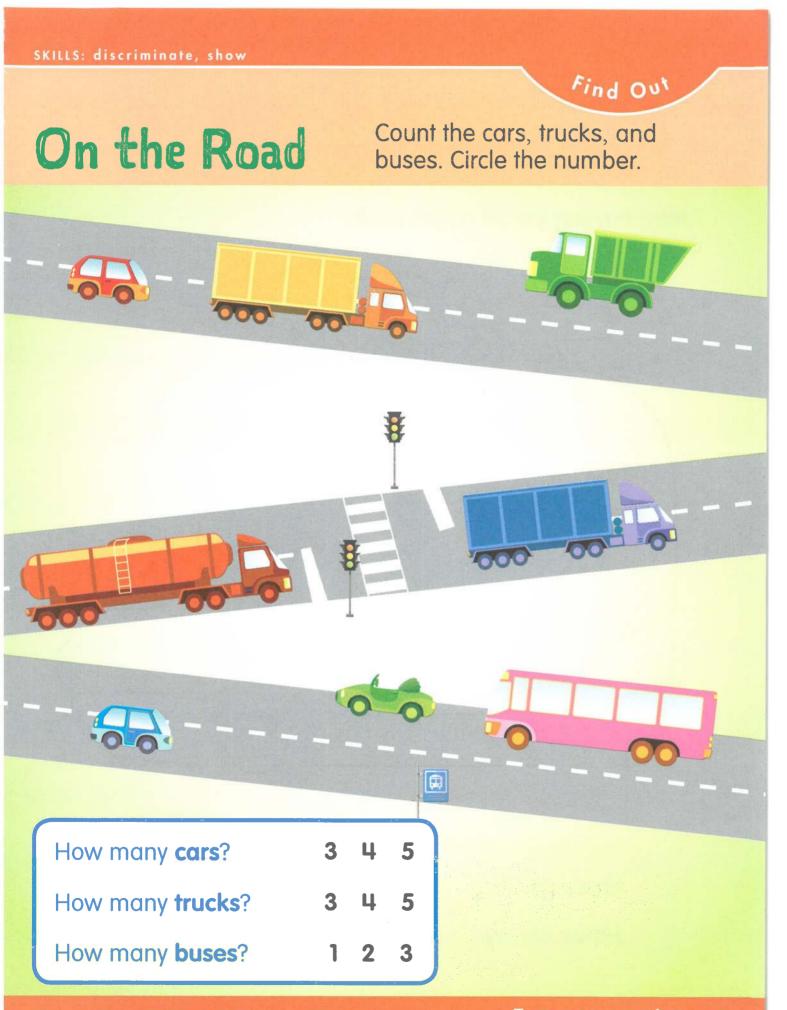












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# I Scream, You Scream!

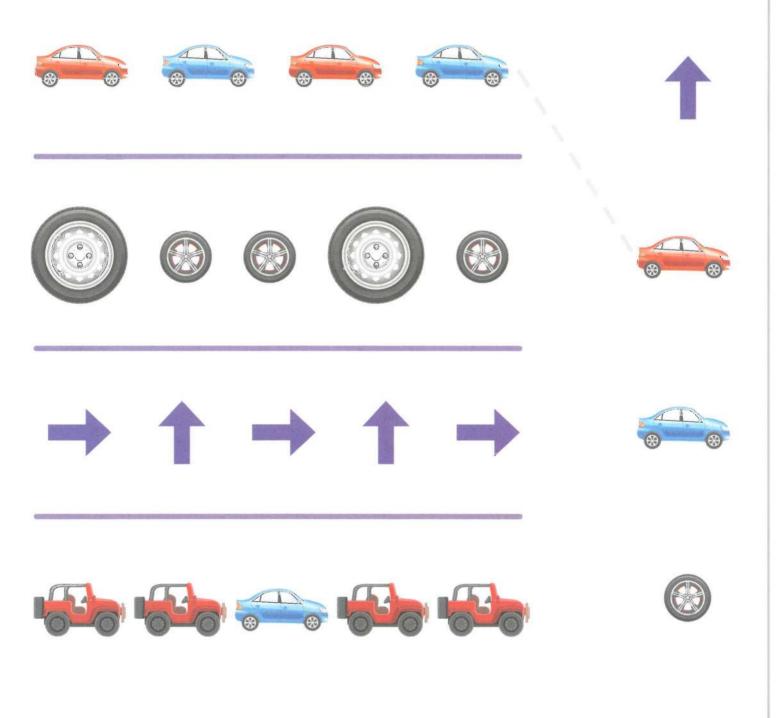
Finish drawing the ice cream truck. Color it.

Draw



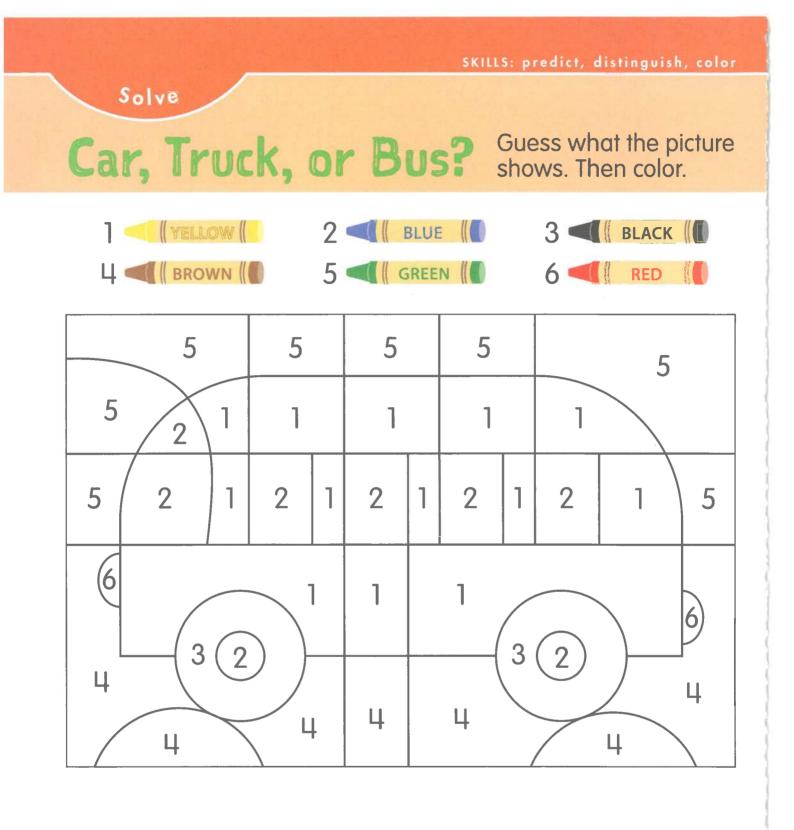
#### Patterns

Draw a line to the thing that comes next in the pattern.

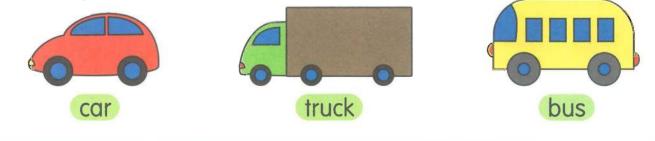


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Solve



#### What do you see? Circle it.



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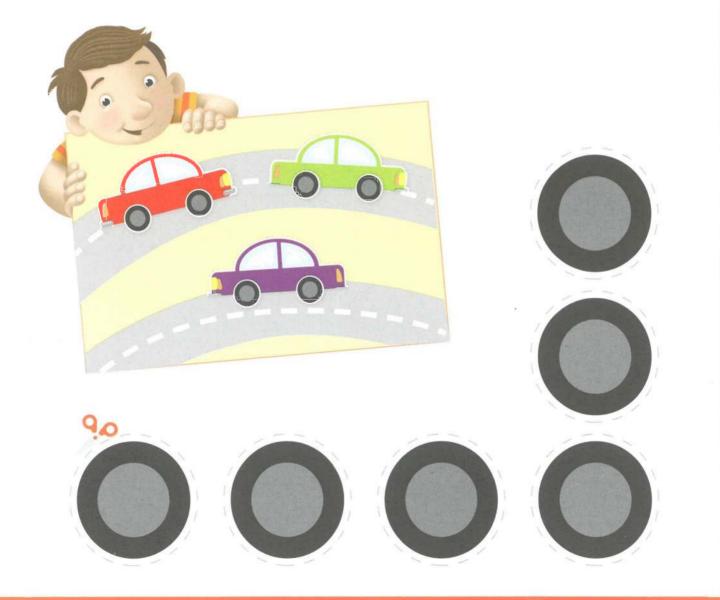
#### Cars on the Road

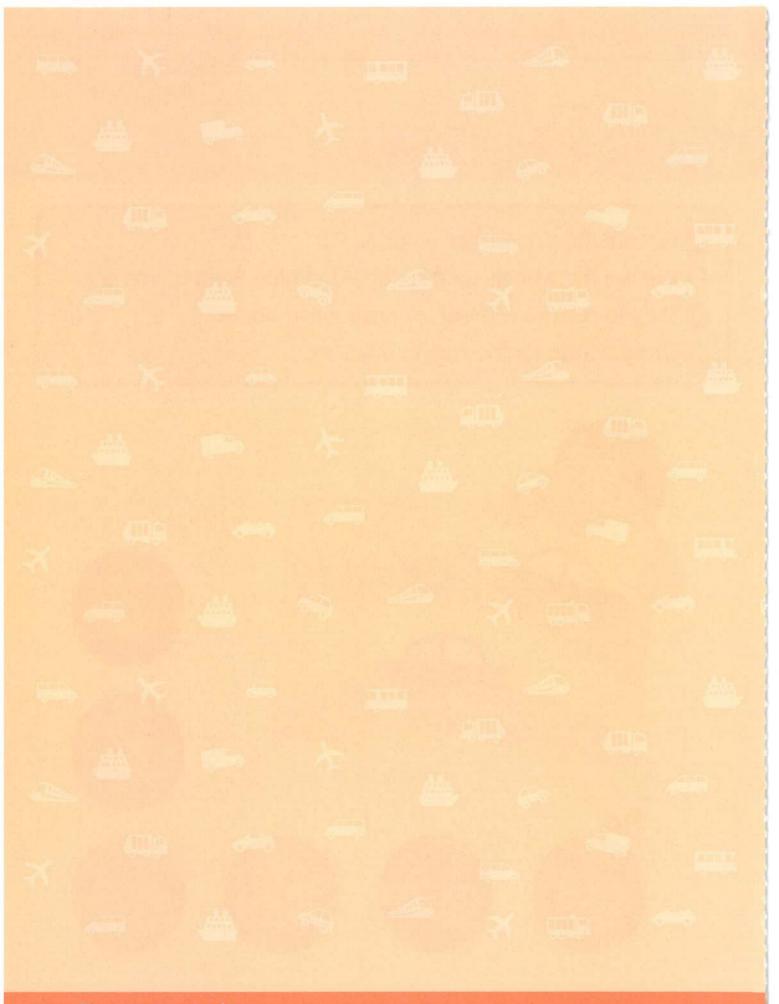
1) Cut out the car shapes on page 93.

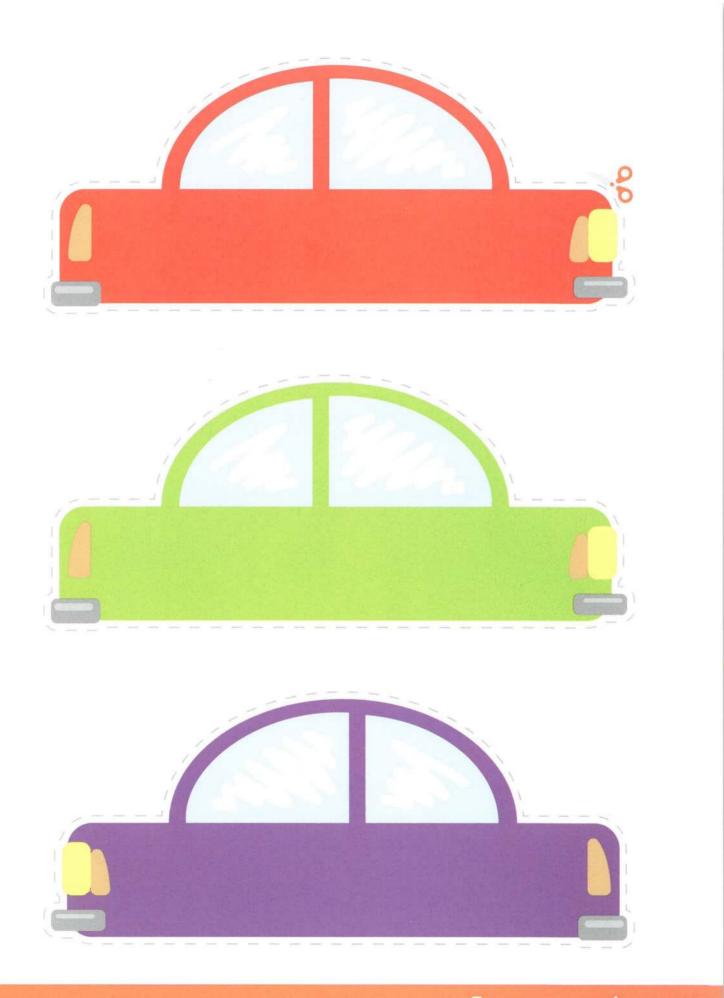


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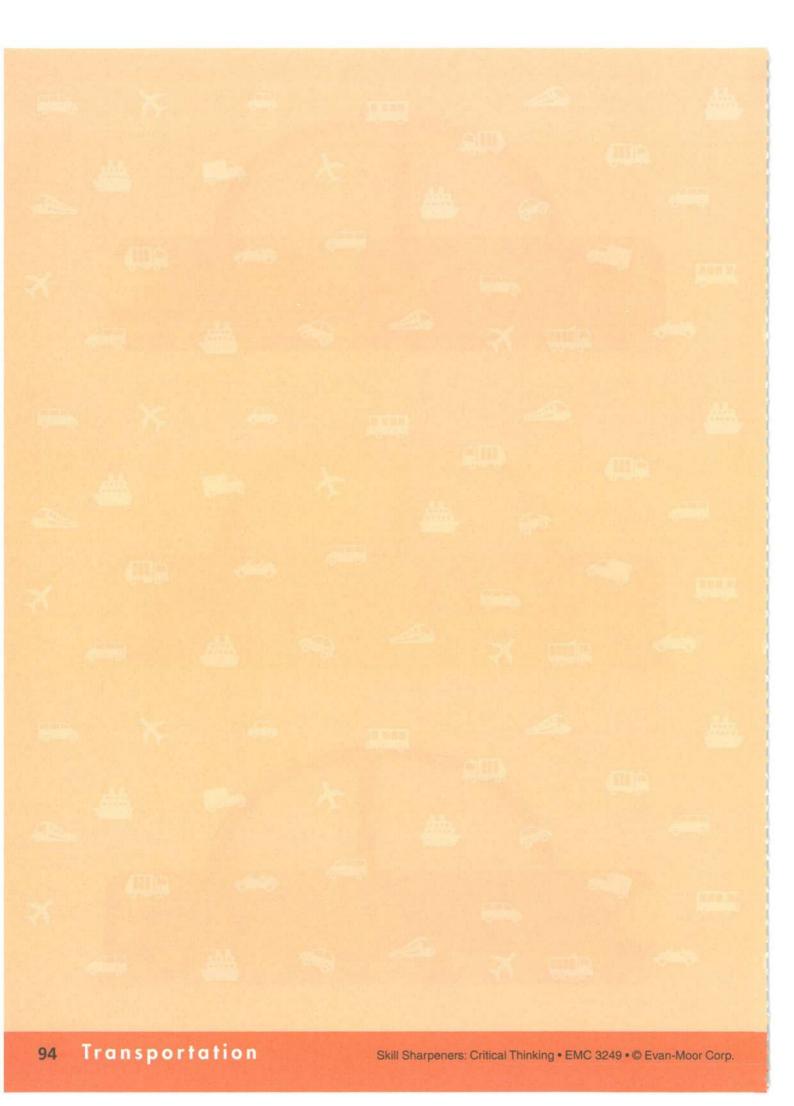
- Out out the wheels on this page and glue them on the cars.
- 3 Put the cars on a sheet of construction paper.
- Draw a road for the cars to drive on.







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# Planes, Trains, and Boats

# **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Read All About It More Ways to Travel	All Aboard!
Tell What You Know           Many Vehicles         97	Zoom, Zoom 105
The Best Way 98	Solve Helicopter Tricks106
Analyze           Sailing, Sailing	Apply Boats in a Row107
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#### Be on the Lookout!

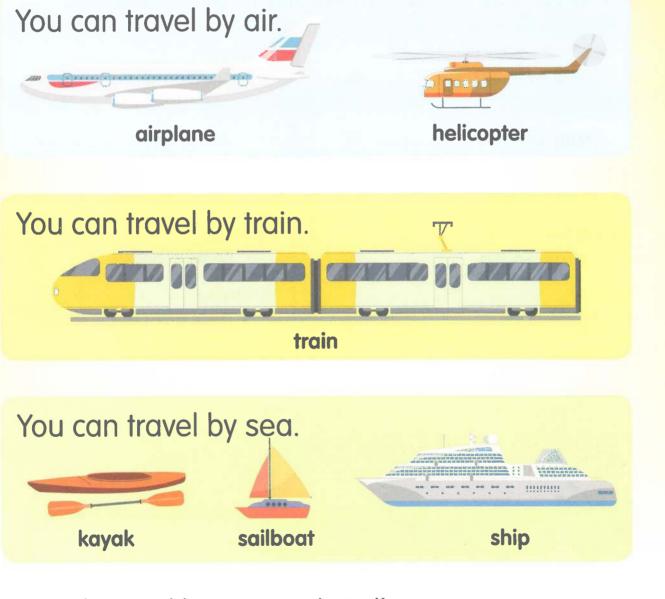
How many different boats are shown on page 97? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### More Ways to Travel

You learned about traveling in cars, trucks, and buses There are other ways to travel from place to place.

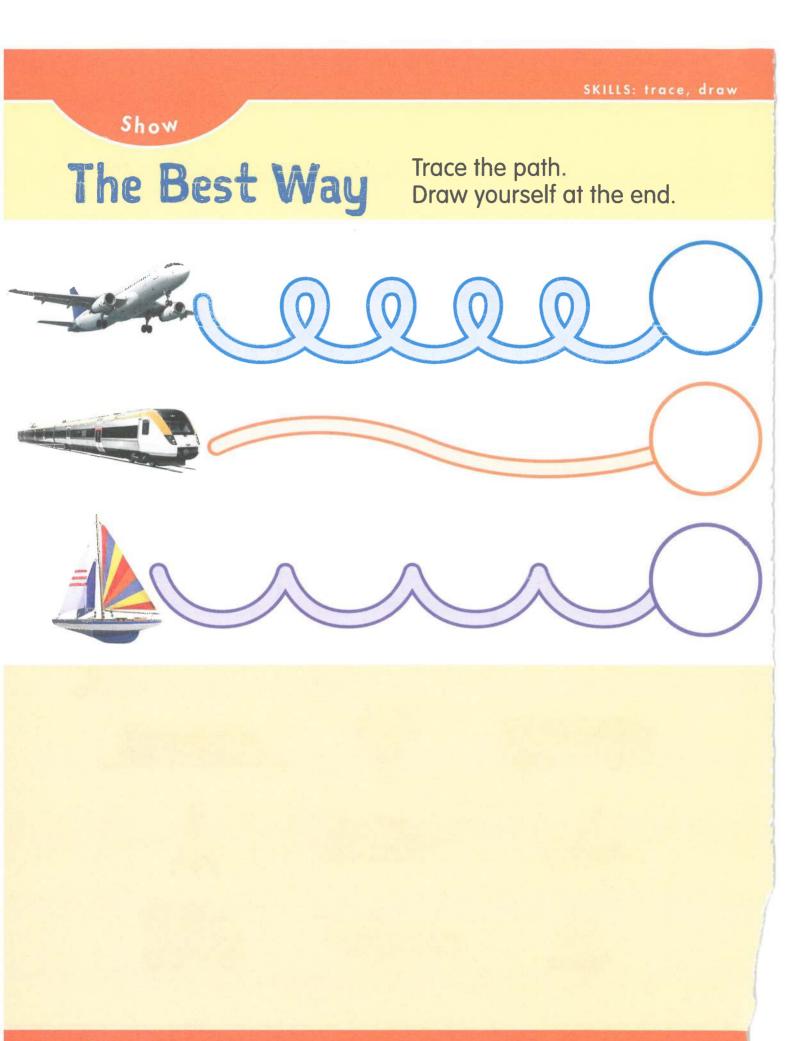


How do you like to travel? Tell someone.



Cut out the pictures. Glue them in Many Vehicles Cut out the pictures. Glue them in the boxes to show how they travel.





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SKILLS: differentiate, compare, match

#### Analyze

Circle the two boats that are the same.

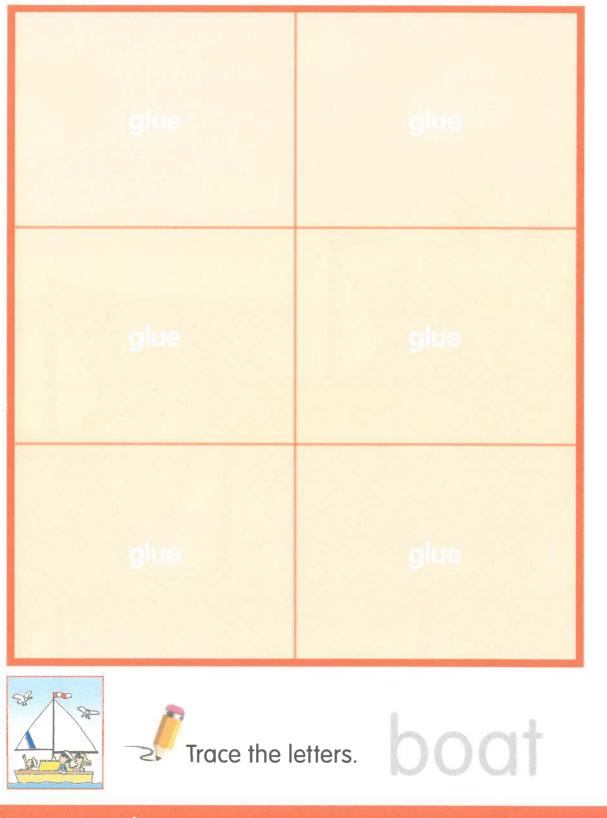
#### Sailing, Sailing

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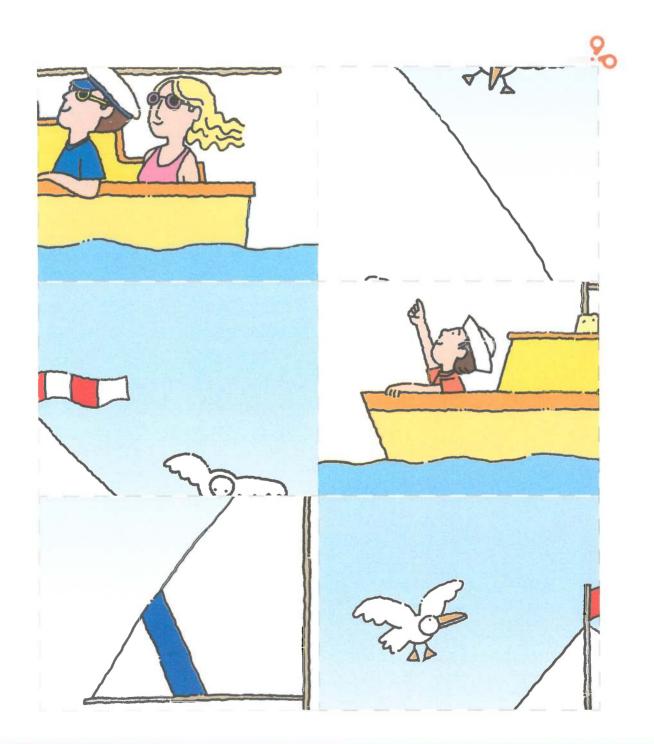
Solve

#### Boat Puzzle

Cut out the puzzle on page 101. Glue the pieces inside the frame.



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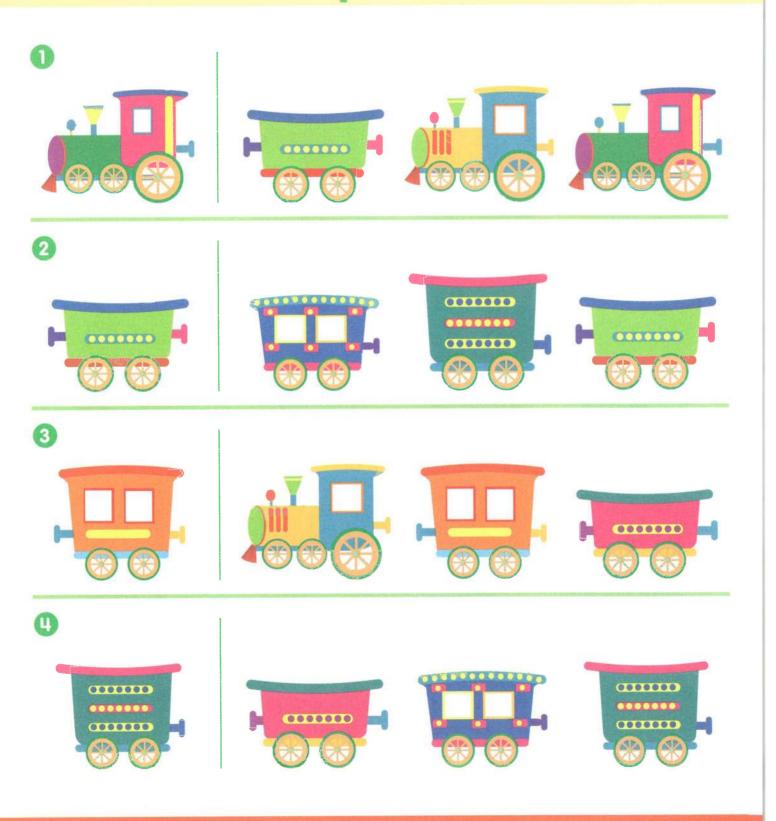
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SKILLS: differentiate, compare, match

Analyze

#### Train Match-up

Look at the first picture. Circle the picture that matches.



SKILLS: visualize, describe

Draw

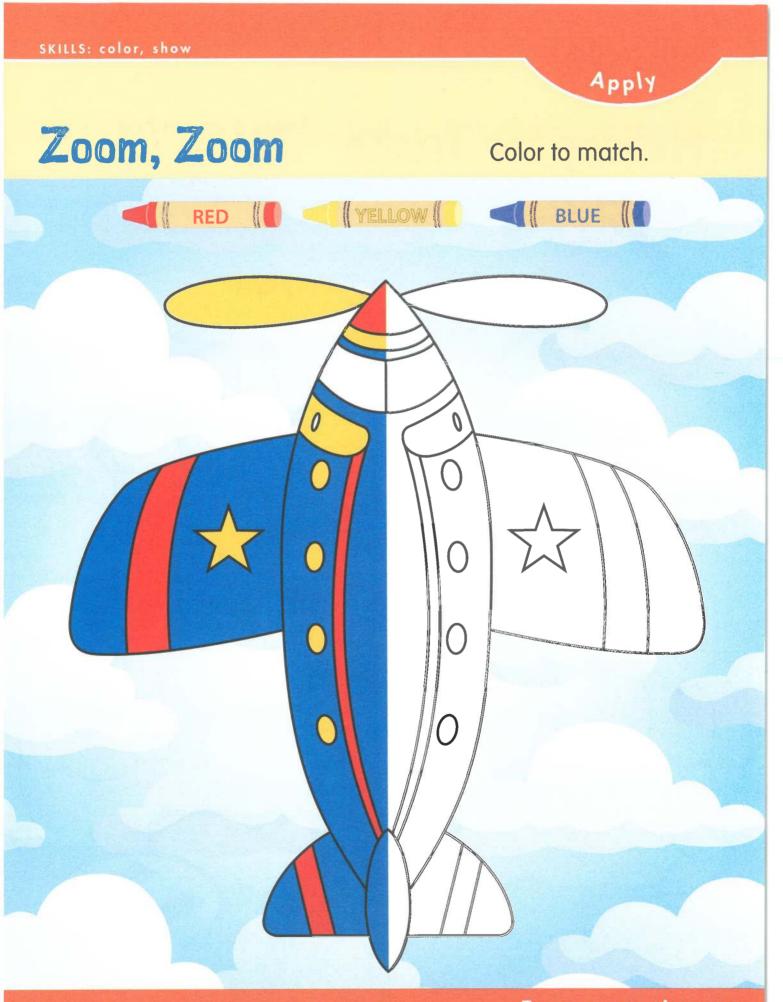
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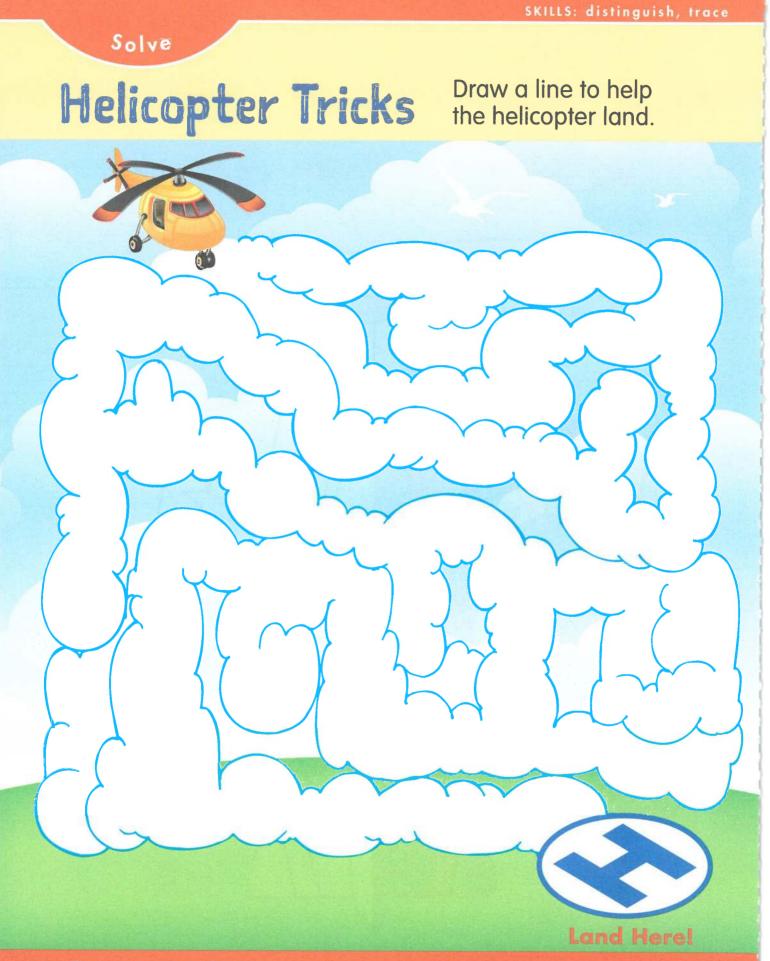
Draw a picture of yourself sitting in the engine.

Where will you go? Tell someone about it.

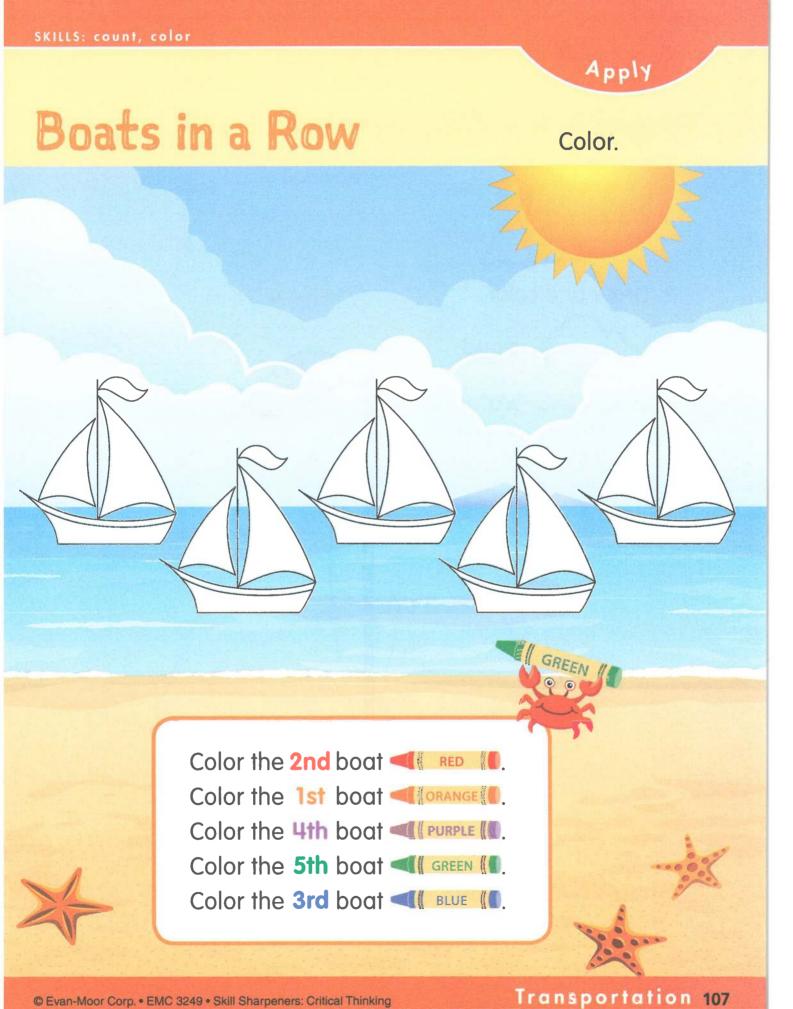
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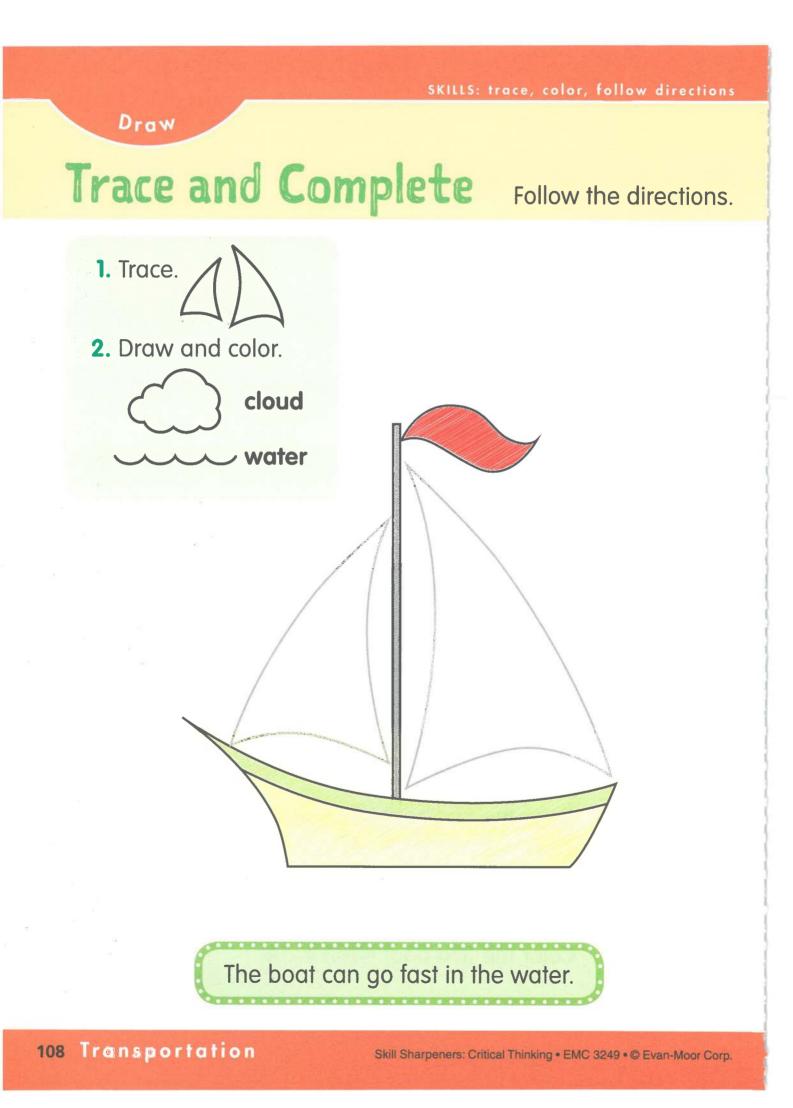




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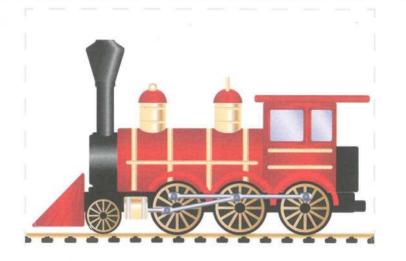
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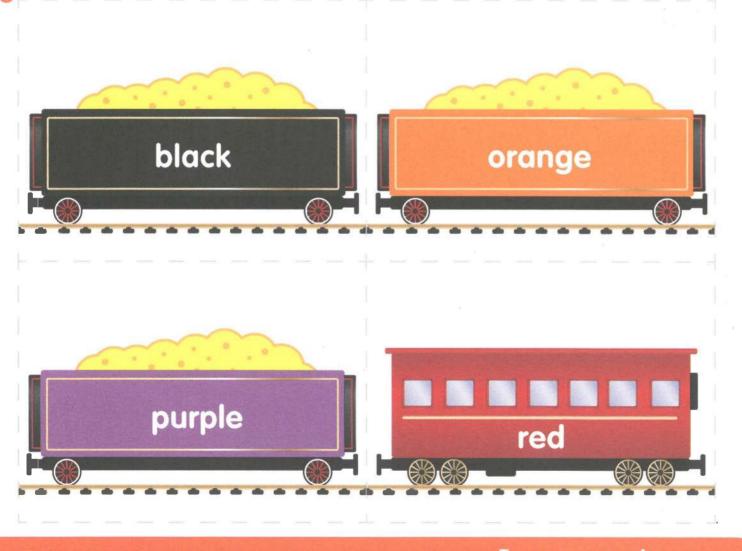
#### SKILLS: construct, follow directions

## My Train

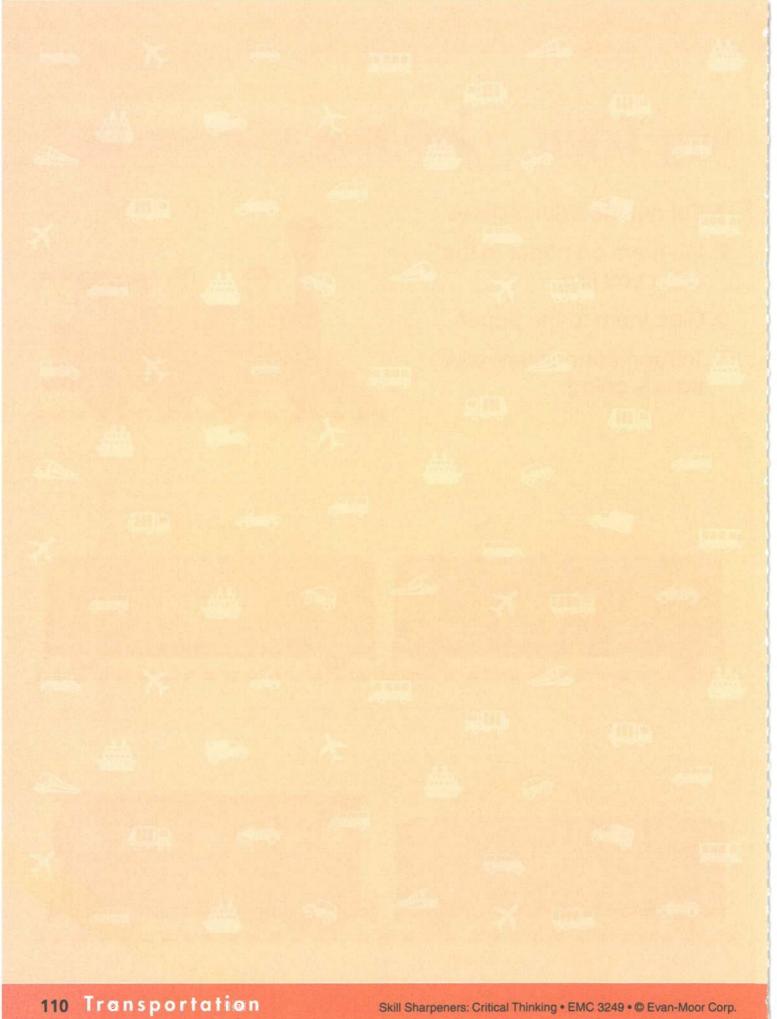
- **1.** Cut out the train pictures.
- 2. Put them on paper in the order you like.
- 3. Glue them to the paper.
- **4.** Tell someone where your train is going.



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## Homes in My Community

## **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Many Types of Homes112	Find the House 117
Tell What You Know Homes113	To Grandma's House 118
A House Built of	The Apartments 119
Is Anyone Home?	Analyze Which Boy Lives Where? 120
Draw The House116	Create House Shapes 121

## Be on the Lookout!

How many windows does the apartment building on page 119 have? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Many Types of Homes

Families live in homes. There are all types of homes.

#### Many families live in these homes:

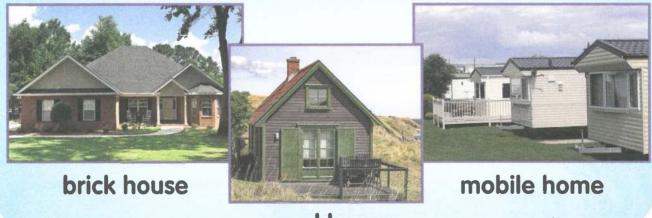


apartment building



adobe house Adobe is a type of clay.

#### One family lives in each of these homes:



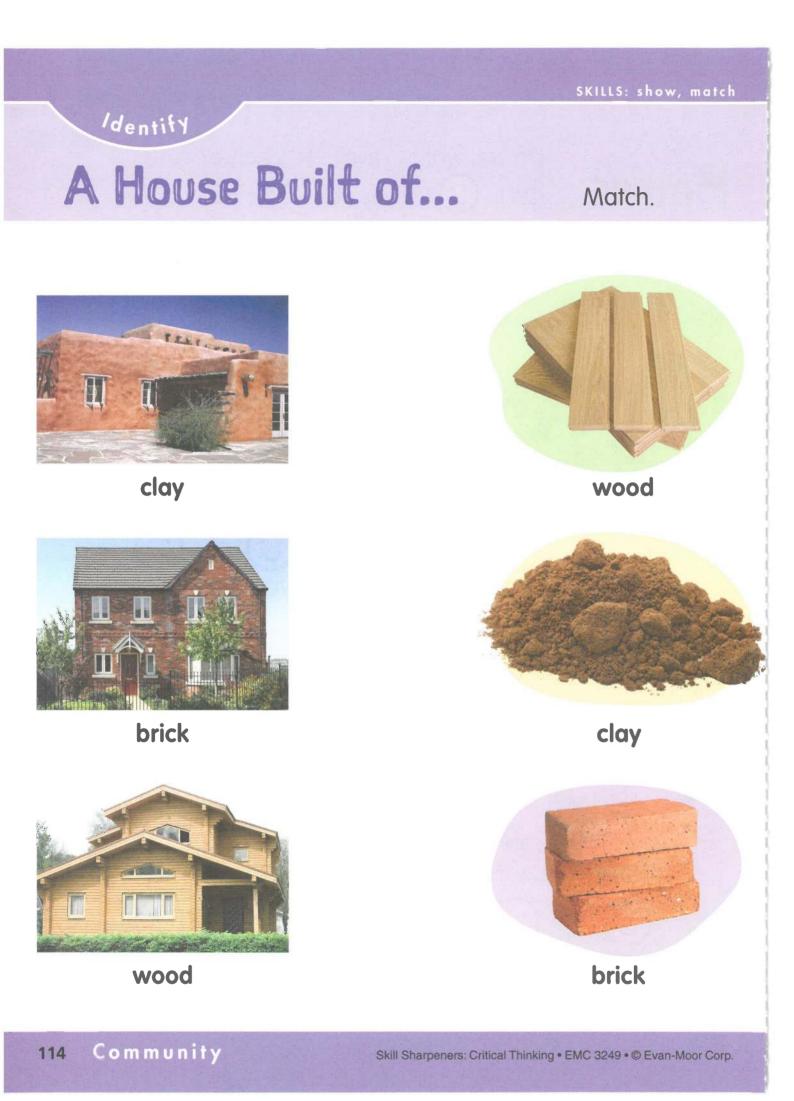
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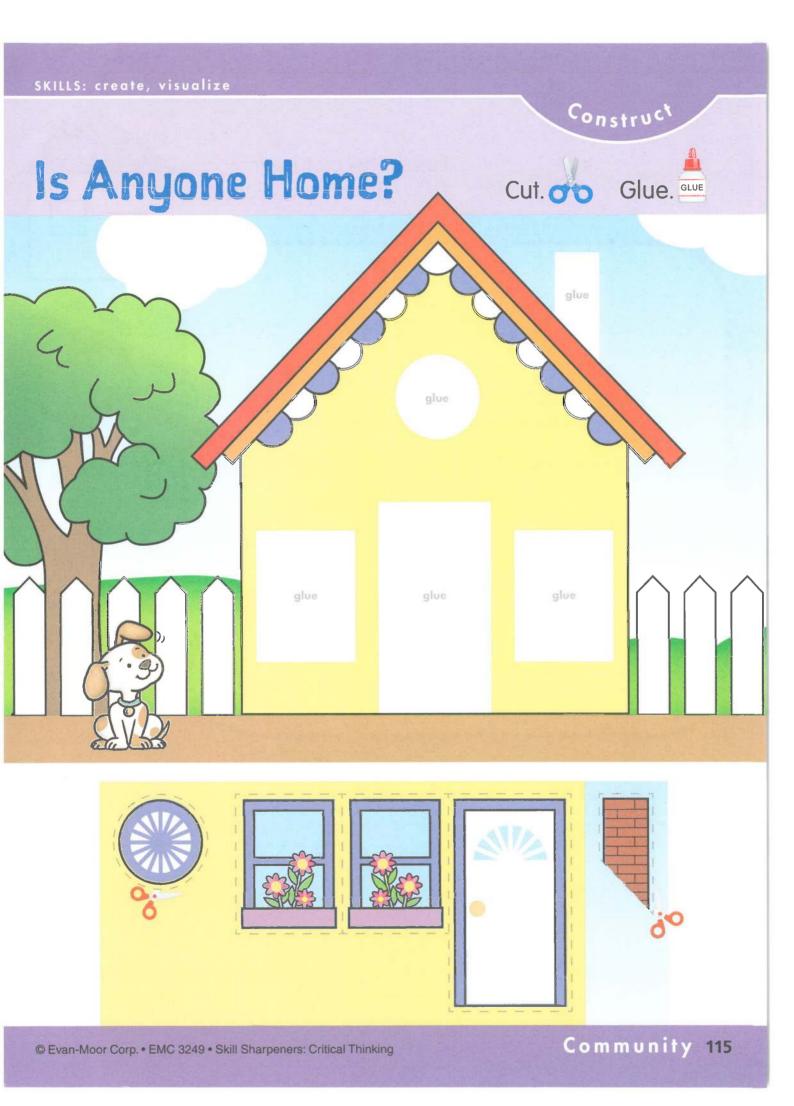
#### What type of home do you live in?

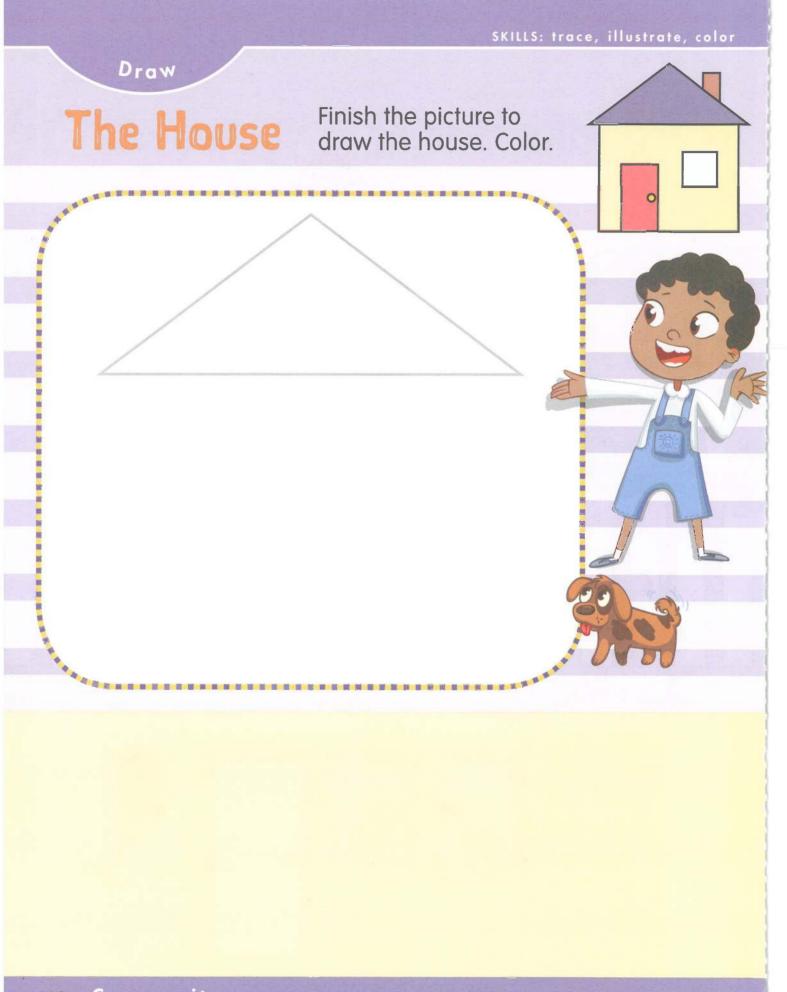
HomesDo you want to live in this home?Circle ()for yes or ()for no.

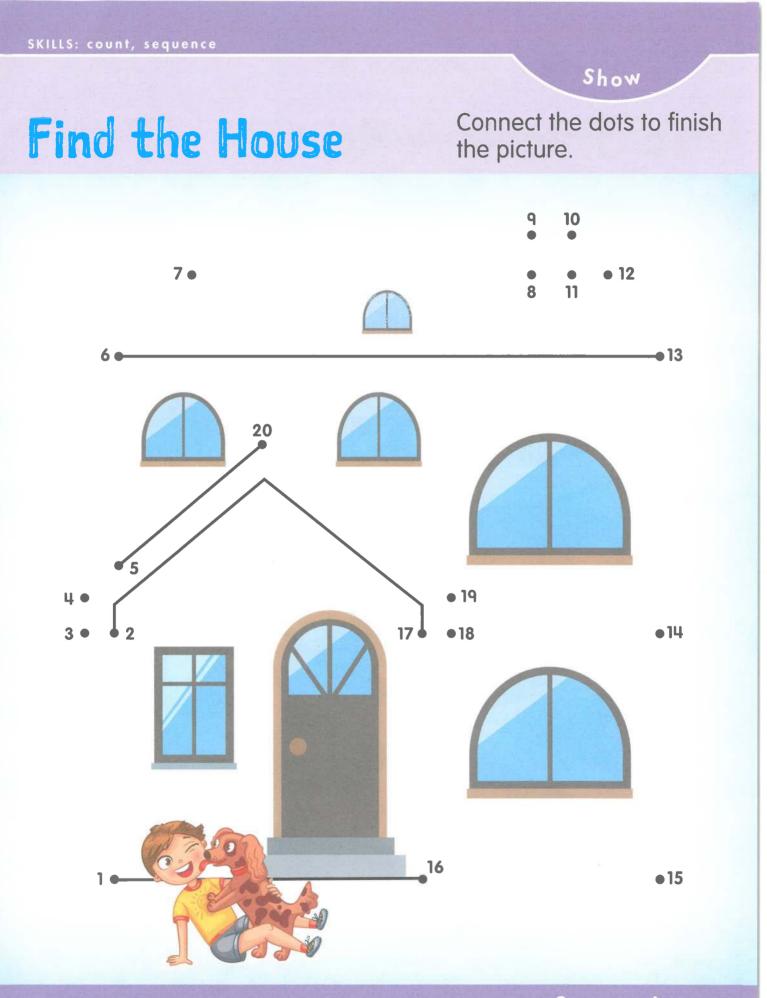
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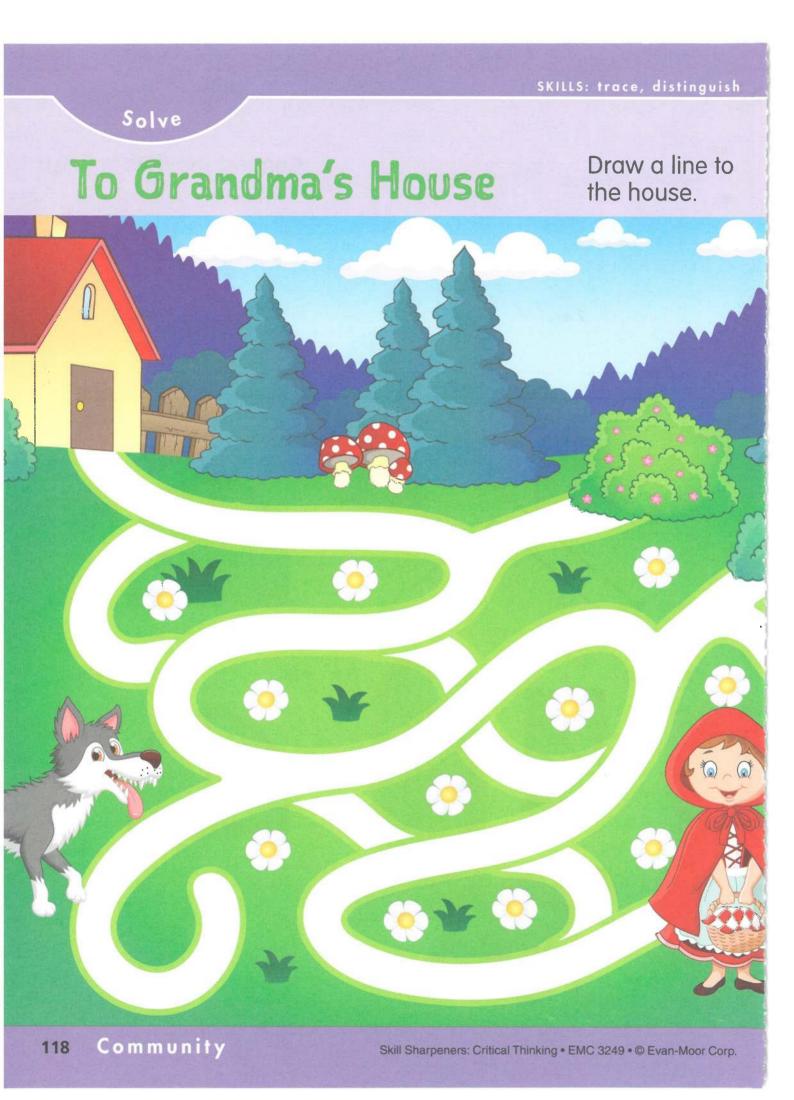












SKILLS: distinguish, show

Apply The Apartments Color by number. BLUE 1 5 10 5 C YELLOW RED 3 SROWN 2 2 2 Ц 2 3 3

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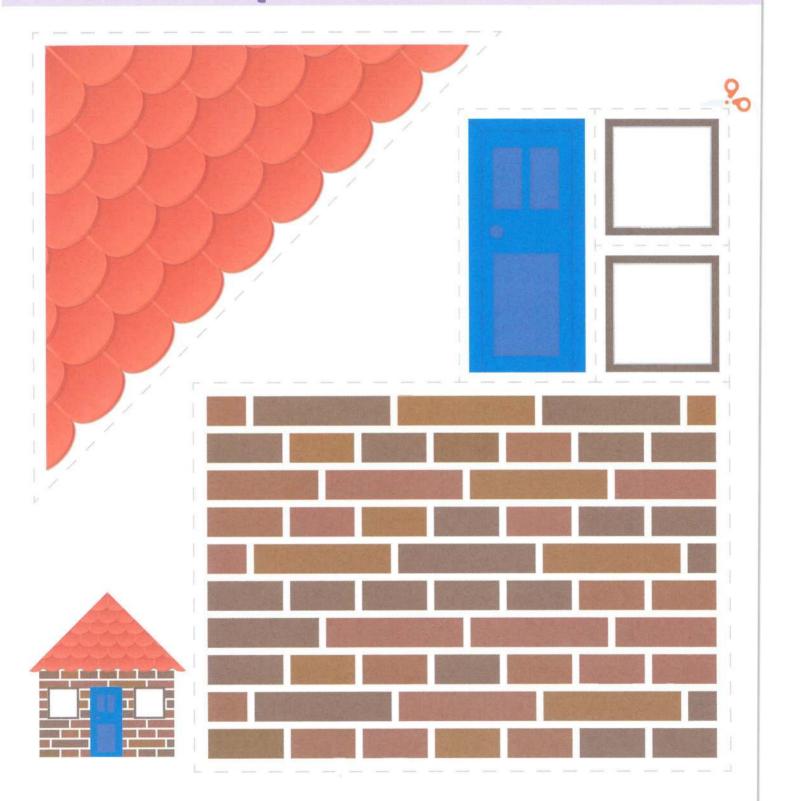
Analyze

## Which Boy Lives Where?

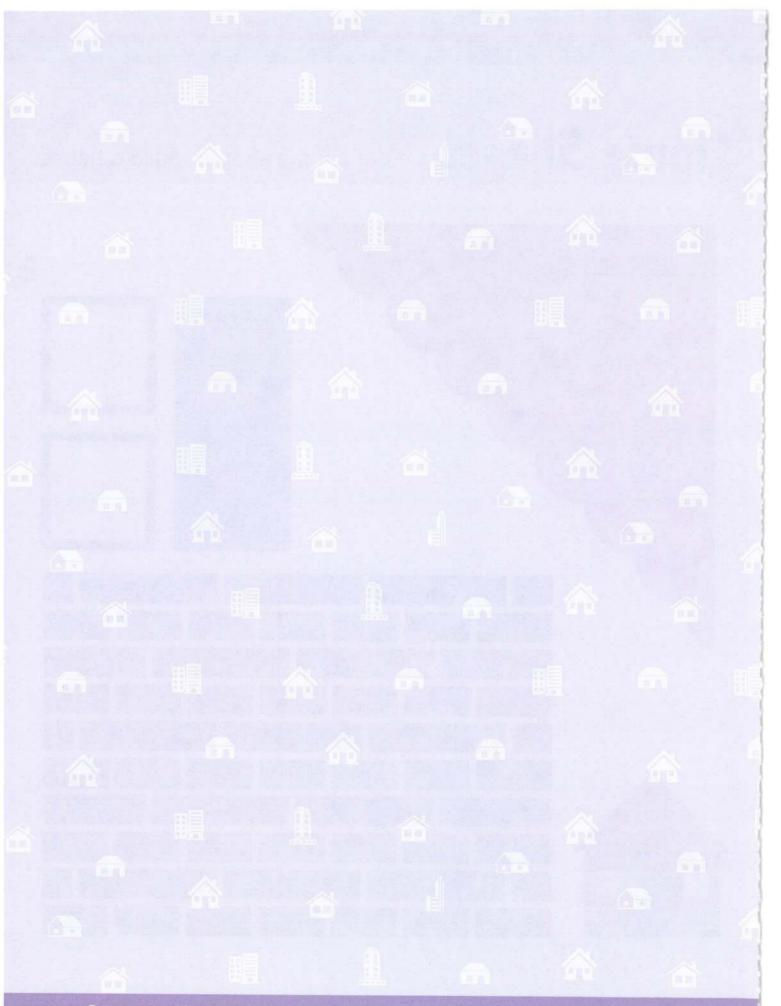
Match the boys to the houses where they live.



## House Shapes Cut out the shapes. Build a house.



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# Places to Visit

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## **VIDid It!** Check each activity as you complete it.

Places to Visit 124	School Things 130
Tell What You Know           Let's Go!         125	Patterns from a Restaurant
Playtime! 126	Eating Out 132
Classify A Busy Town	Numbers in the Park 133
Community Places 128	Looking Down 134
Analyze         The Playground	Create Paper Bag Buildings 135

### Be on the Lookout!

How many children are shown on page 125? Count them and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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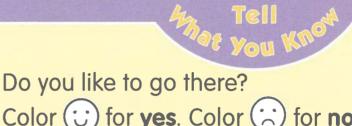


## Places to Visit

A community is a place where people live near one another.

A community has places where people can go to have fun, to learn, or to work. Here are some places you might find in a community:





## Let's Go!

Color 😧 for yes. Color 🔅 for no.



Draw

Playtime!

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Draw a picture of yourself to show where you like to play.

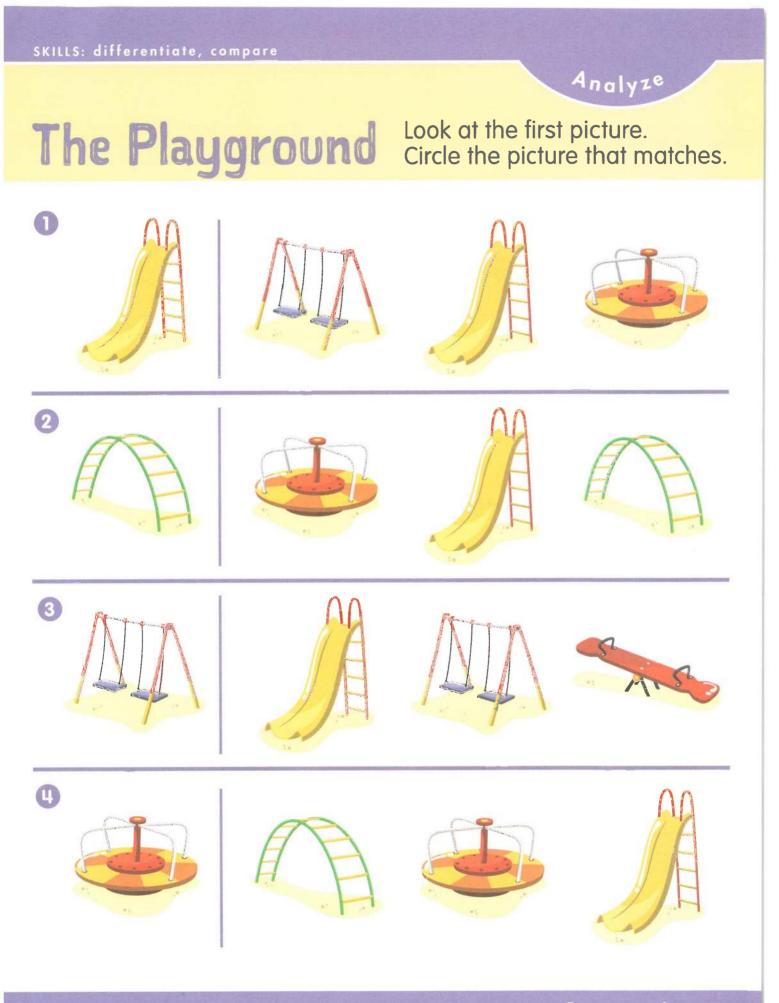


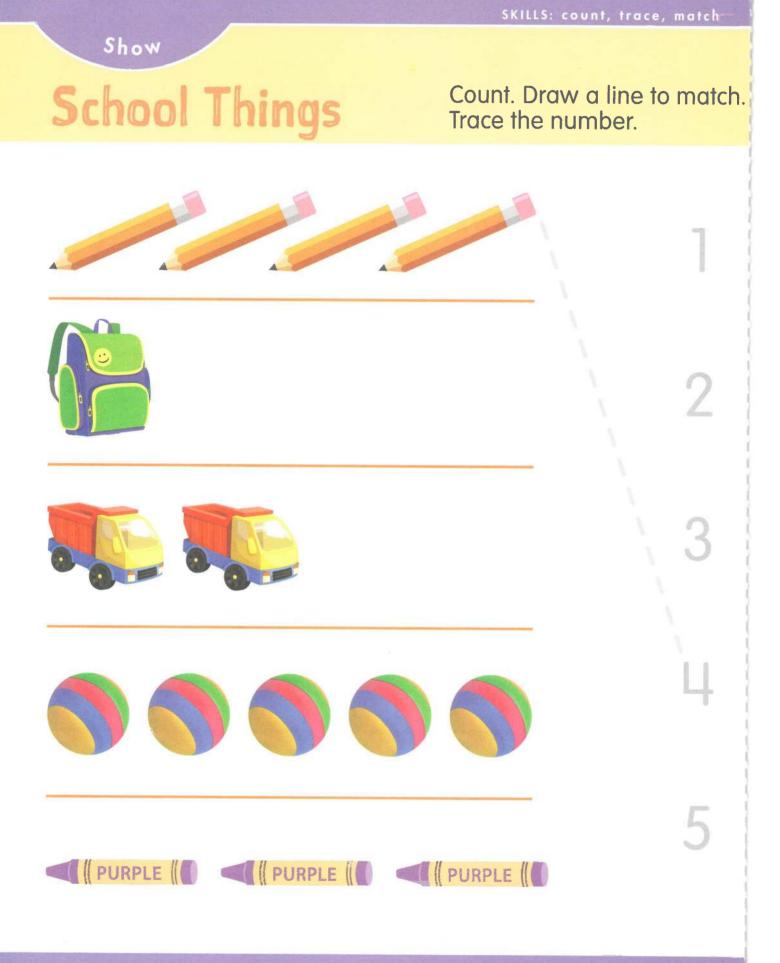
Show

## **Community Places**

Trace to match the item to the place. Then draw your own path from the backpack to school.

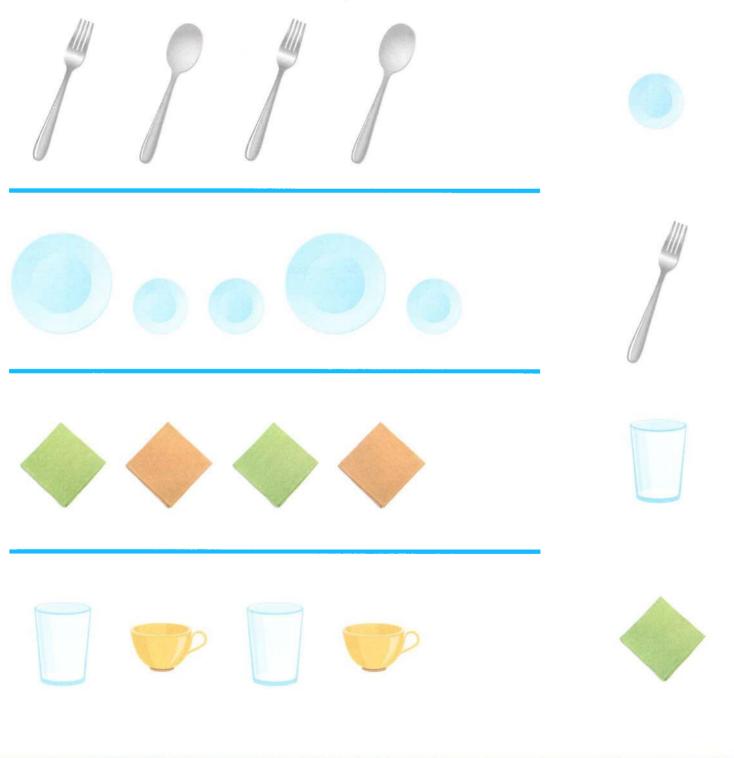




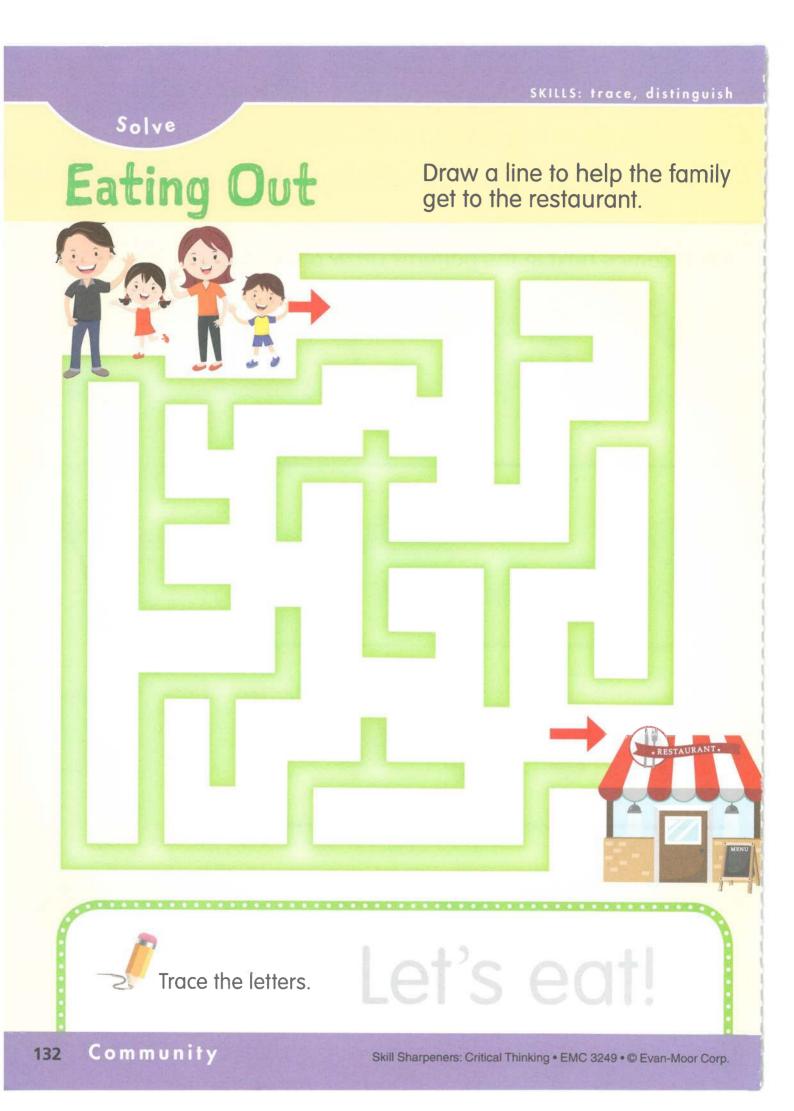


## Patterns from a Restaurant

What comes next in the pattern? Draw a line to it.

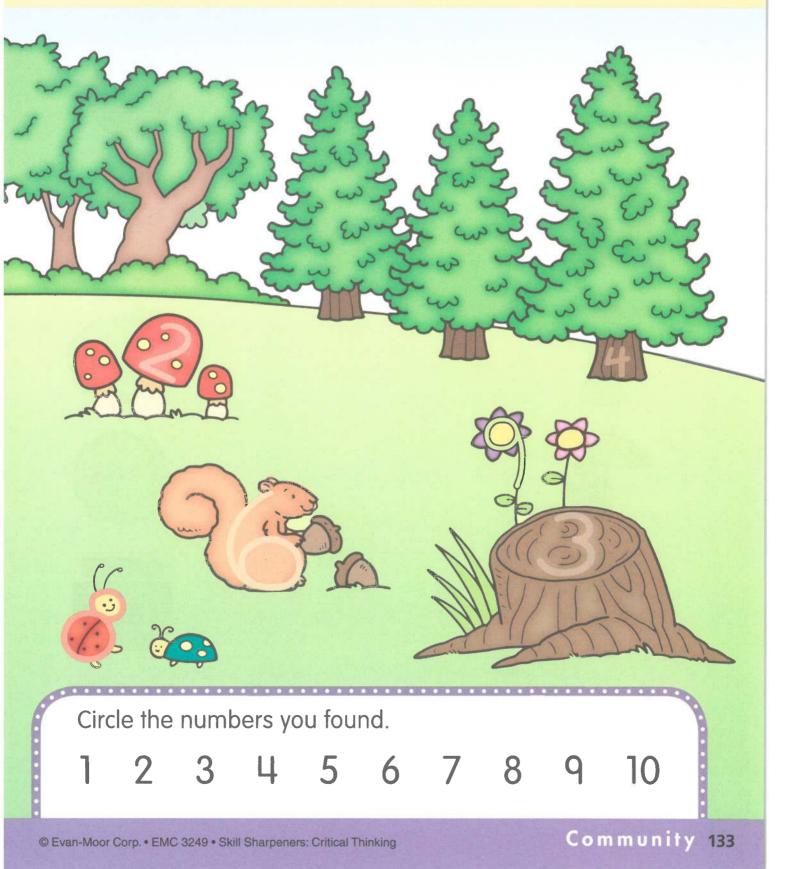


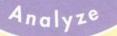
Solve



Numbers in the Park Find the numbers.

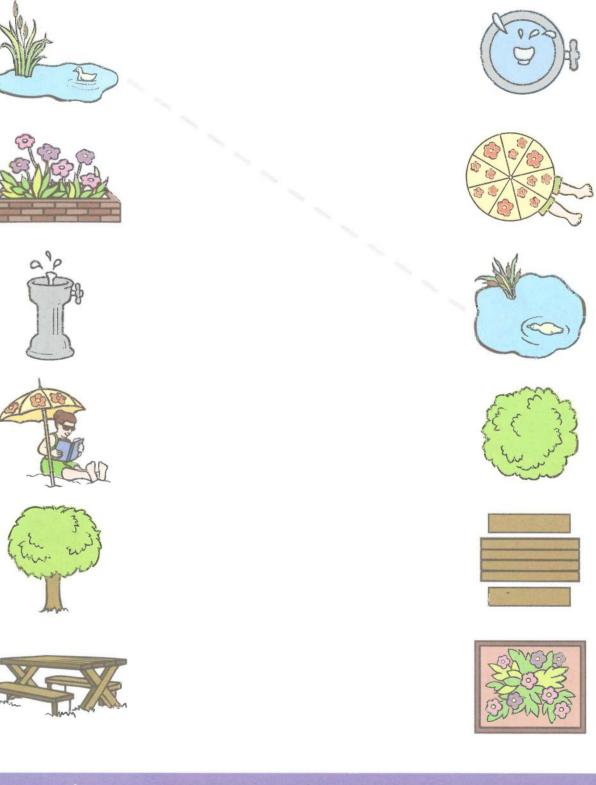
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## Looking Down

Match the pictures that go together.



SKILLS: construct, visualize

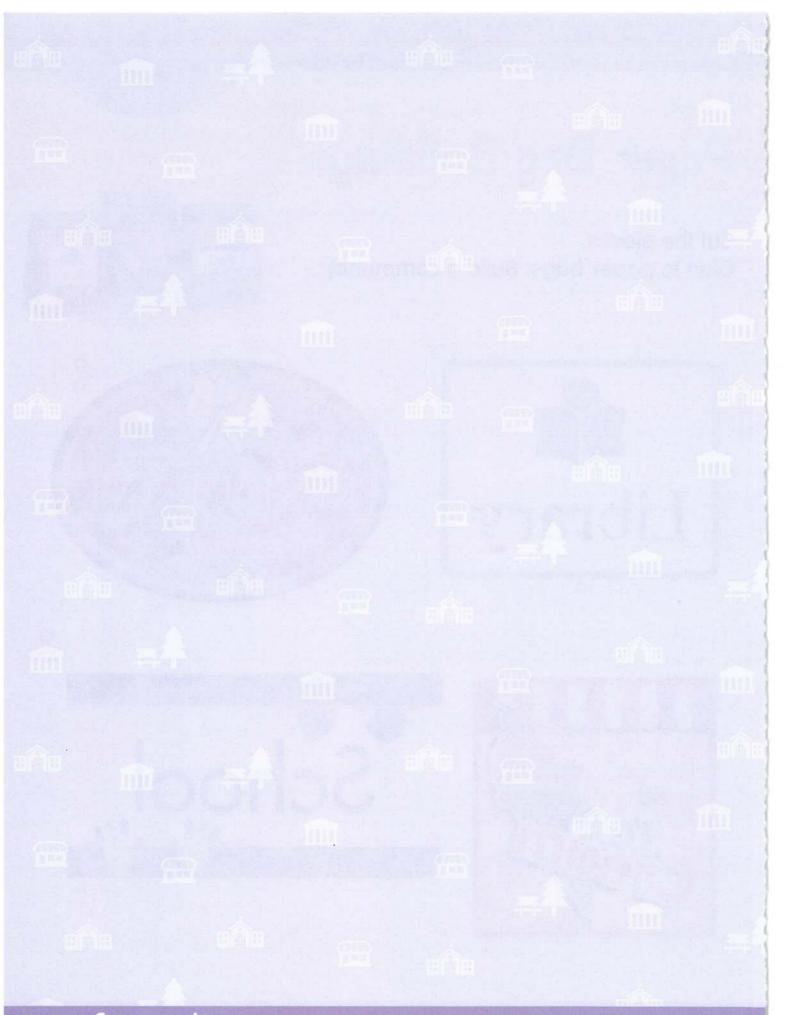
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## Paper Bag Buildings

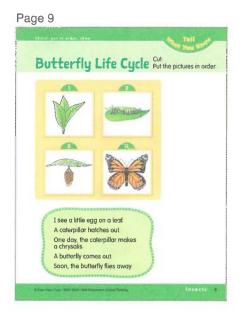
Cut the pieces. Glue to paper bags. Build a community.







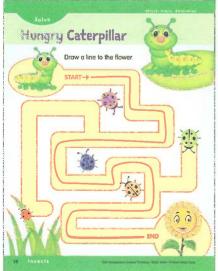
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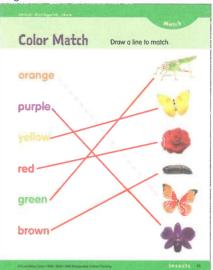
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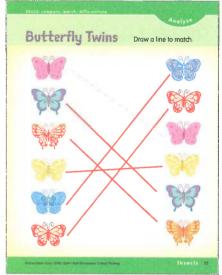
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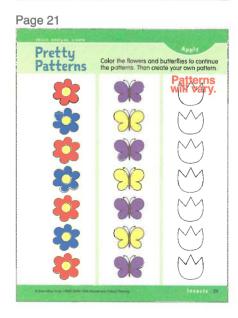




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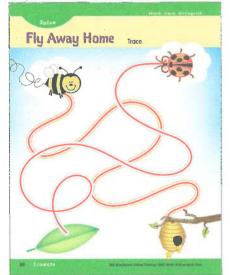


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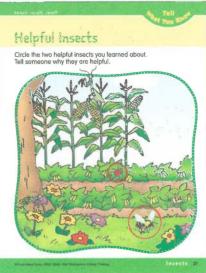
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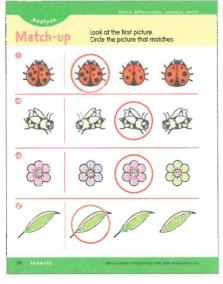


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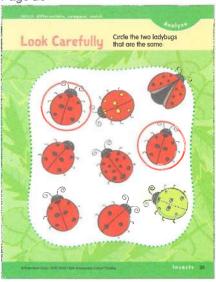


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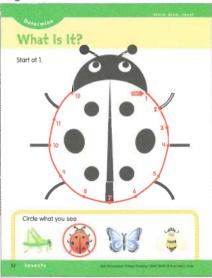
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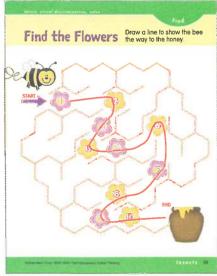
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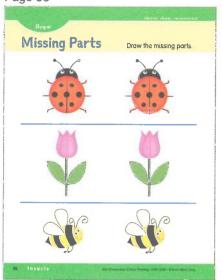


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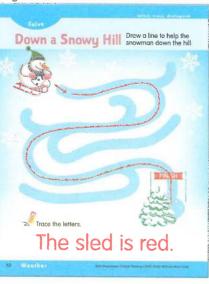
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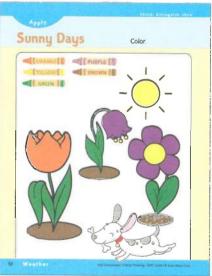


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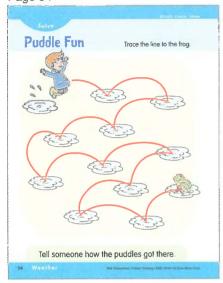
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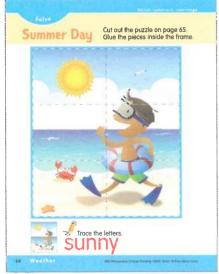
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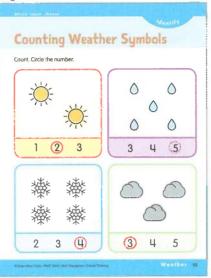


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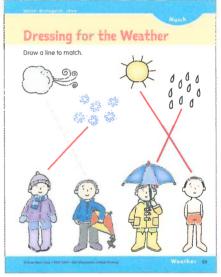
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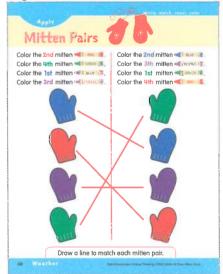
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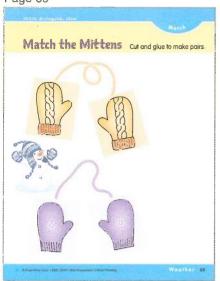
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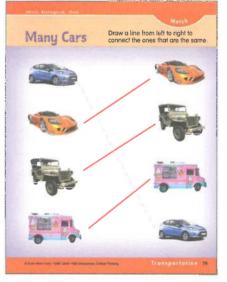


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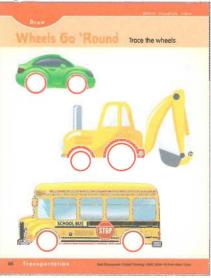
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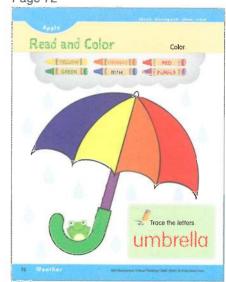


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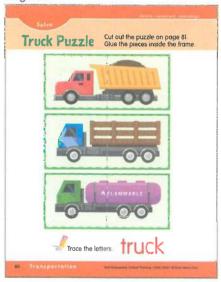


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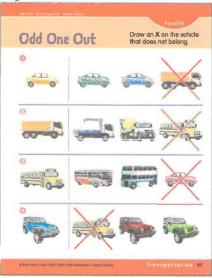
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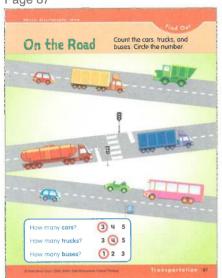
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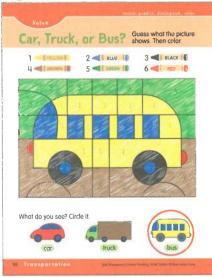
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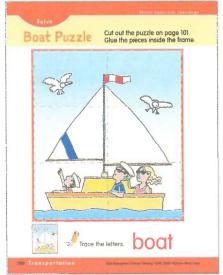
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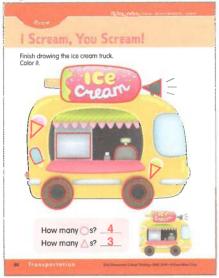
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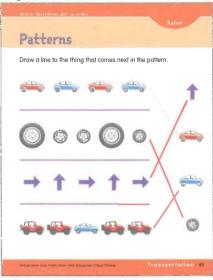
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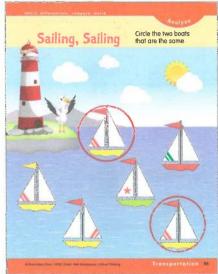
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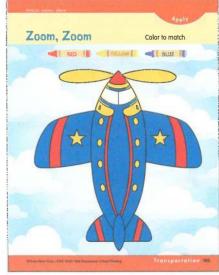
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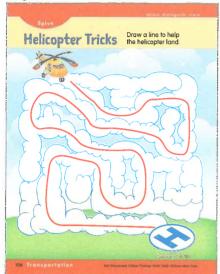


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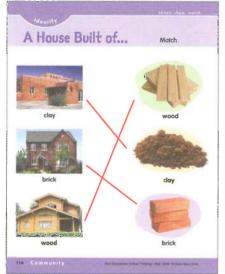


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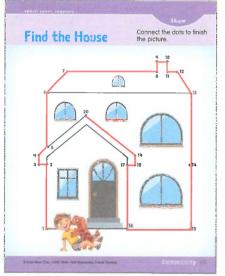
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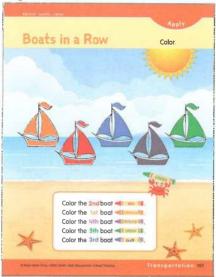
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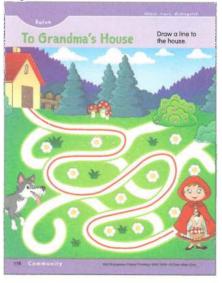
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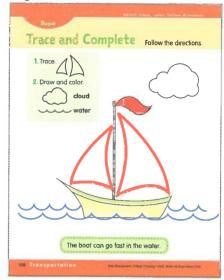


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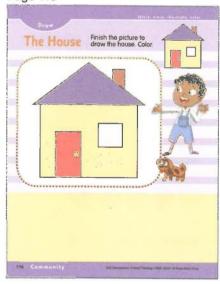
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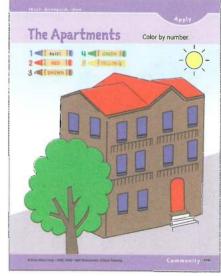
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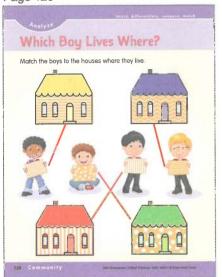


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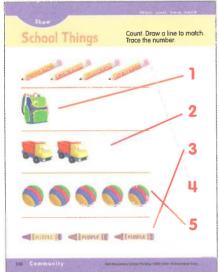




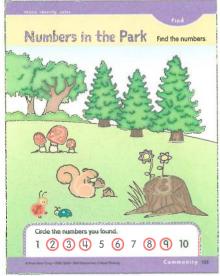




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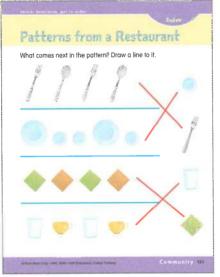


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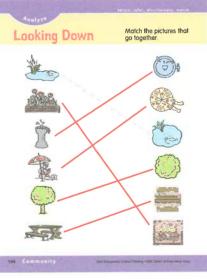
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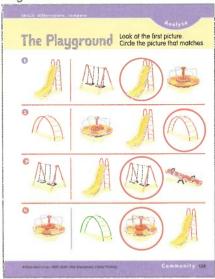
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