

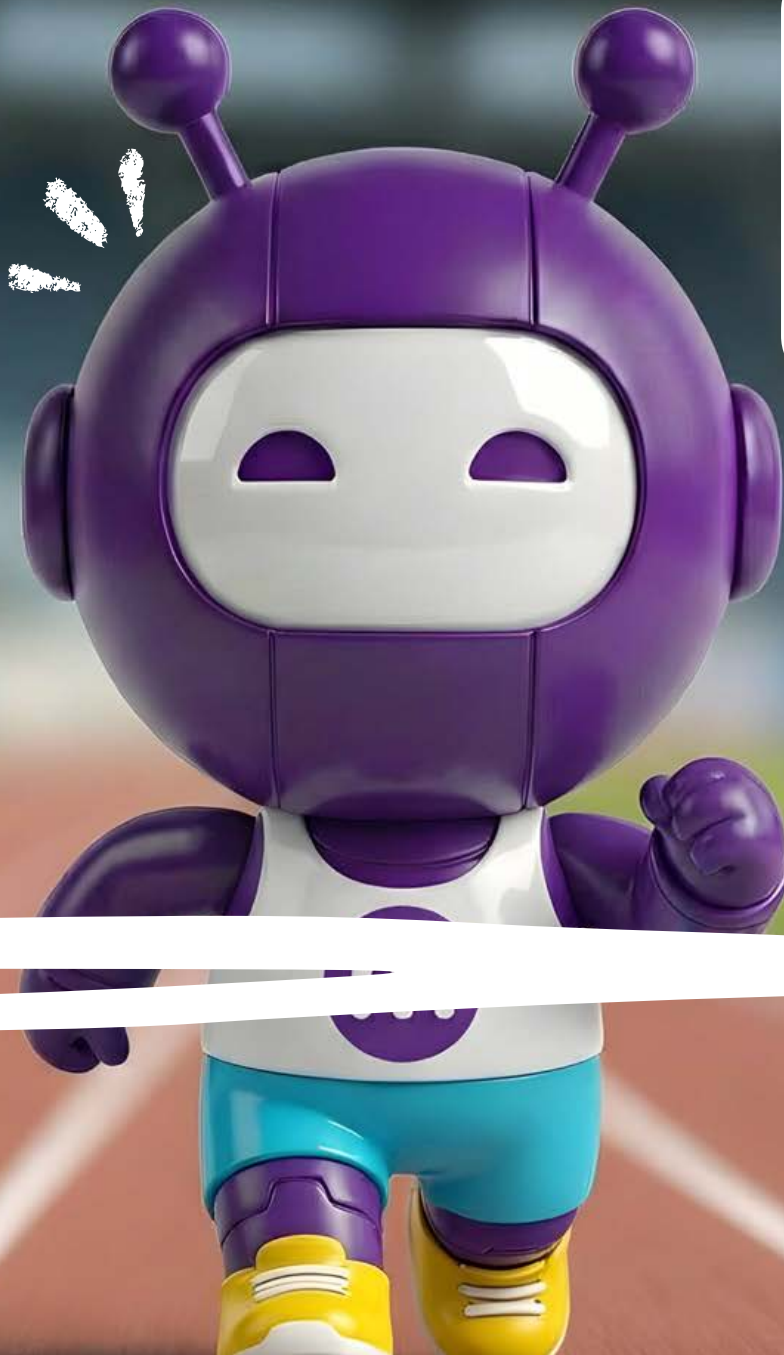
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Colour makes our world
more fun and interesting!

THE WORLD IS FULL OF COLOUR QUIZ



ALL THE
ANSWERS TO
THE QUIZ ARE
COLOURS!

1 What colour
is the ruby
gemstone?

2 What colour is
a stop sign in
most countries?

3 Which colour is often
associated with calm, the
sky, and the sea?

4 Which pale colour
is associated with
newborn baby girls?

5 What colour is the skin
of a ripe aubergine?

6 Which colour is
traditionally worn by
brides in many Western
cultures?

7 What colour is
created by mixing
blue and yellow?



8 What colour is a spider's blood?

.....

9 What is in the pot at the end of a rainbow?

.....

10 Which colour is associated with jealousy?

.....

11 Which colour is named after a fruit?

.....

12 What colour is used to describe sadness?

.....

13 Which colour is named after a flower and is a blend of pink and purple?

.....

14 What colour is a R200 note?

.....

15 Red, yellow and ? are the 3 primary colours

.....

16 Which metallic colour is often used to represent second place in competitions?

.....

17 What colour is a traditional tuxedo jacket?

.....

18 What colour is linked with Valentine's Day?

.....

19 What colour are roasted coffee beans?

.....

20 Which colour is traditionally worn by nurses and symbolises cleanliness?

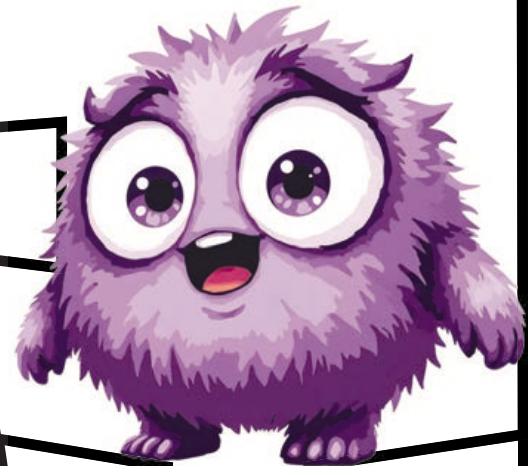
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ANSWERS:
1 red; 2 red; 3 blue; 4 pink; 5 purple; 6 white; 7 green; 8 blue; 9 gold; 10 green; 11 orange; 12 blue; 13 violet; 14 pink; 15 blue; 16 silver; 17 black; 18 red; 19 brown; 20 white



LET'S HOOK UP!

Often, we need
'joining words' to
connect sentences
and thoughts.
These words
are called
CONJUNCTIONS.



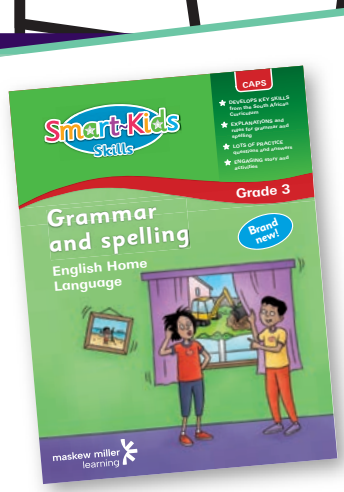
Let's hook up
and find all the
CONJUNCTIONS
in the word search
alongside.



B	E	C	A	U	S	E	E	W	B	Z	F
O	A	B	S	Q	L	G	P	H	E	T	L
L	S	G	A	W	H	I	L	E	F	I	U
D	J	T	T	A	O	J	T	N	O	O	C
E	R	H	K	N	G	A	S	A	R	M	G
U	D	E	D	D	O	F	O	L	E	B	J
N	M	R	O	A	Y	T	F	T	G	V	Q
L	M	E	C	S	F	E	N	H	Y	W	V
E	I	F	U	I	O	R	Y	O	E	S	K
S	T	O	Y	N	U	F	B	U	T	I	J
S	O	R	D	C	J	L	W	G	X	J	T
M	E	E	I	E	Q	I	K	H	Q	B	X



AS
WHEN
BUT
ALTHOUGH
SINCE
YET
BEFORE
AFTER
IF
THEREFORE
UNLESS
BECAUSE
AND
SO
WHILE





The Ancient Egyptians used scales to measure grain. There are hieroglyphics on the walls of the pyramids that show this.

This measures **DISTANCE**.

King Henry 1 of England, who lived in the 1100s declared that the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of the thumb on his outstretched arm would equal a yard.



This measures **MASS**.



BACK IN TIME!

The **sundial** was used by the ancient Babylonians around 2000 BCE to divide the day into 24 hours. It had a flat disc with numbers and a thin, upright metal triangle in the middle. The sun made the metal triangle cast a shadow on the disc surface as it moved across the sky.



In ancient times, people often used their bodies to measure things. The **FOOT** was a popular unit of measurement. It is still used in some places today. In the United States a foot measures 30.48 cm.

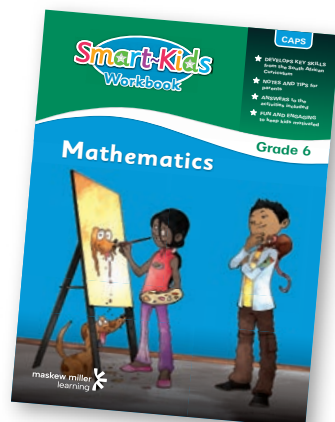
This measures **LENGTH**.

This measures **TIME**.

The first **WATER CLOCK** consisted of small bowl with a hole in it. It was placed in a basin of water and allowed to sink as water seeped into it. The ancient greeks used water clocks to make sure that court trials and speeches did not go on for too long.



This measures **VOLUME**.





MASKI DECODED

MASKI HAS A
SECRET MESSAGE FOR YOU
DECODE THE MESSAGE TO SEE WHAT IT IS.

... THE MESSAGE:

8 5 12 12 15 6 18 9 5 14 4 19,
9 1 13 8 5 18 5 20 15 8 5 12 16
25 15 21. 1 12 12 25 15 21 8 1 22 5
20 15 4 15 9 19 3 15 14 20 1 3 20
13 5 15 14 25 15 21 18 16 8 15 14 5.

THE KEY:

Use this key to crack MASKI's message above.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T

21	22	23	24	25	26
U	V	W	X	Y	Z



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WhatsApp

WRITE YOUR OWN SECRET CODE:

FINISH THE ALPHABET BLOCKS BY MAKING YOUR OWN CODE FOR EACH LETTER.
Use emojis, shapes and numbers.

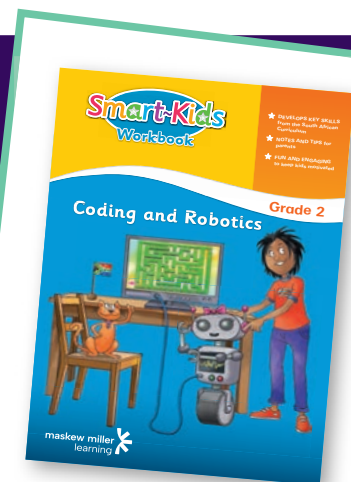
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

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U	V	W	X	Y	Z



USE YOUR CODE TO WRITE A NOTE TO YOUR FRIEND.
(Remember to leave space for them to write the letters in.)



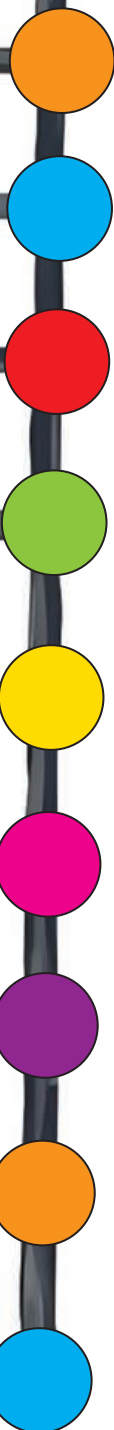
LET'S GO PAINTING



WHAT COLOUR?

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND SEE WHAT COLOUR THE WALL WILL BE PAINTED.

- 1 Move the robot up to one step below the top step.
What colour?
- 2 Now move the robot five steps down and one step up.
What colour?
- 3 Now move the robot down two steps and up four?
What colour?
- 4 Now move the robot up three steps.
What colour?
- 5 Now move the robot down six steps and up two.
What colour?



Scan this QR code
to read more

MASKI Adventures

A GOOD SPORT plays fair and follows the rules of the game.

A GOOD SPORT encourages others to do their best.

A GOOD SPORT loses calmly and doesn't blame others or make excuses.

A GOOD SPORT shows respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, and referees.

A GOOD SPORT wins with or without bragging or putting others down.

A GOOD SPORT listens to the coach.

A GOOD SPORT is a team player and supports team mates.

A GOOD SPORT stays calm and doesn't argue, or throw tantrums during the game.

A BAD SPORT doesn't congratulate the winner.

**GOOD
SPORT**

A GOOD
SPORT
HAS
FUN!

VS

**BAD
SPORT**

A BAD SPORT
FOCUSES ONLY
ON WINNING -
NOT HAVING
FUN.

A BAD SPORT breaks the rules to win.

A BAD
SPORT
blames
others for
mistakes
or a loss.

A BAD
SPORT brags or
boasts about
a win.

A BAD SPORT
argues with
the referee and
teammates.

A BAD SPORT
gives up when things
don't go their way.

A BAD SPORT
makes fun of
teammates or
opponents.

A BAD SPORT
refuses to
listen to the
coach.

A BAD
SPORT gets
angry when
losing.





A LOT OF ...

COLLECTIVE NOUNS

Collective nouns are always used to name certain nouns or groups of nouns, eg.:

a flock of sheep

a swarm of bees

a bar of soap

a clump of trees



Choose the correct collective noun.
Circle the correct word in each expression.

1 a group / crew of friends

2 a team / herd of cattle

3 a pride / troupe of lions

4 an army / team of ants

5 a litter / litre of puppies

6 a pack / chest of cards

7 a bunch / bundle of keys

8 a skyful / galaxy of stars

9 a school / gathering of fish

10 a school / library of books

11 a swarm / buzz of flies

12 a gang / group of thieves

13 a cluster / knot of spiders

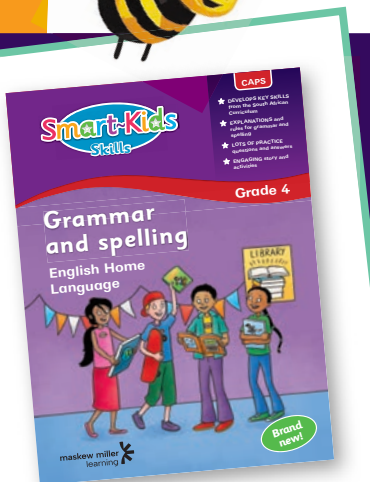
14 a shower / mist of rain

15 a fleet / sink of ships

16 a class / school of students

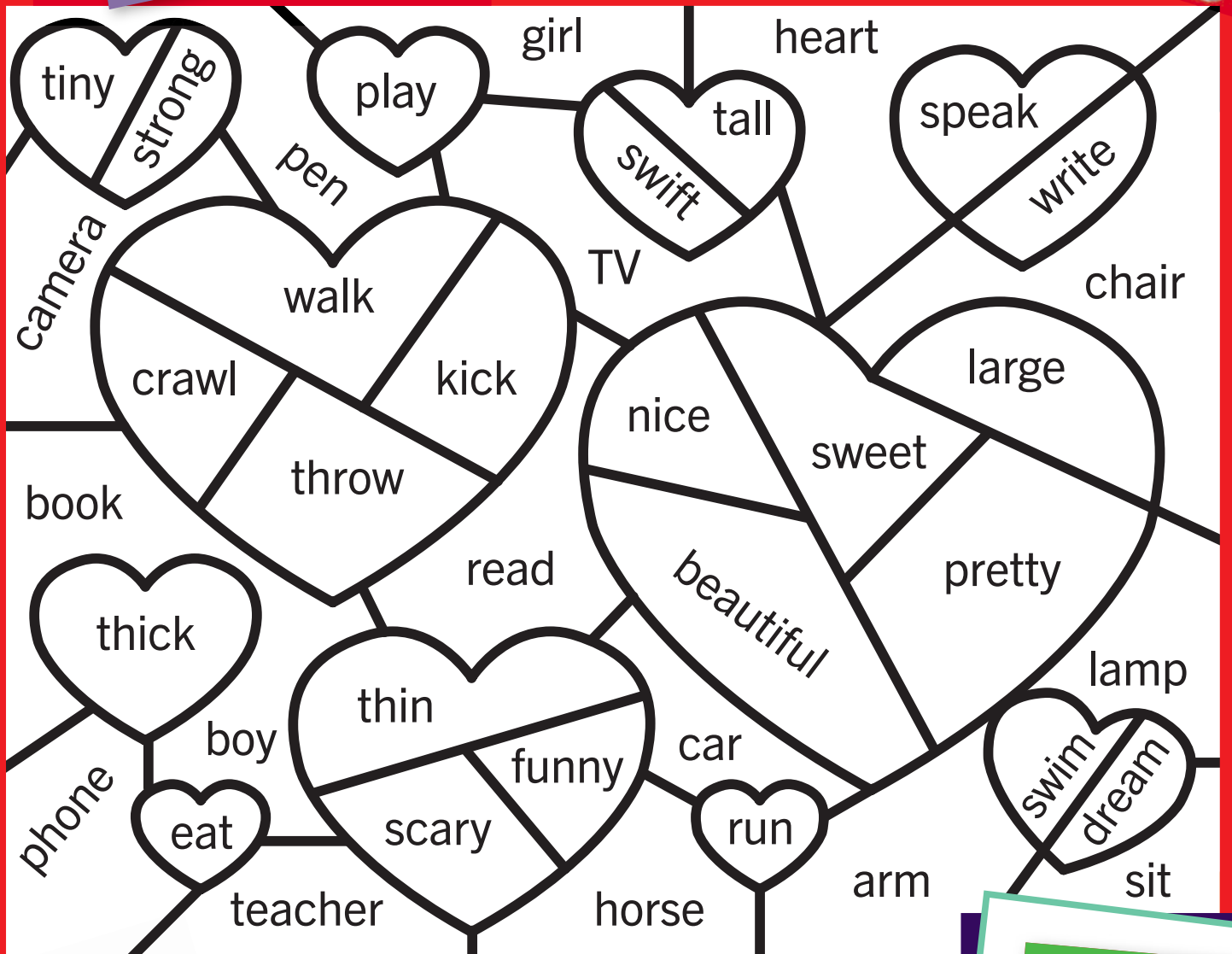
17 a flock / field of sheep

18 a string / rope of beads



PARTS OF SPEECH

- ADJECTIVES - describing words
- NOUNS - naming words
- VERBS - doing words



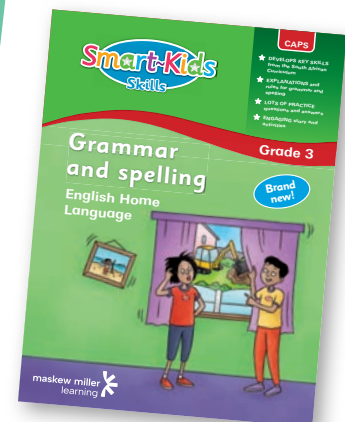
COLOUR IN ACCORDING TO THE CODE



♥ Adjectives: **PURPLE**

♥ Nouns: **PINK**

♥ Verbs: **RED**



COLLECTING MONEY

The children are collecting money for sick animals. Can you work out who has collected the most money?



You can do it!

Start

R75

Count in 5s.



Jody



Keep going!

Start

R90

Count in 3s.



Mandla

Almost there!

Start

R10

Count in 10s.



Jaco





Go,
go, go!



Yes,
you can!

Start

R100

Count
in 50s.

Ravi



Emma

Count
in 2s.

Count
in 20s.

Lebo

Way
to go!

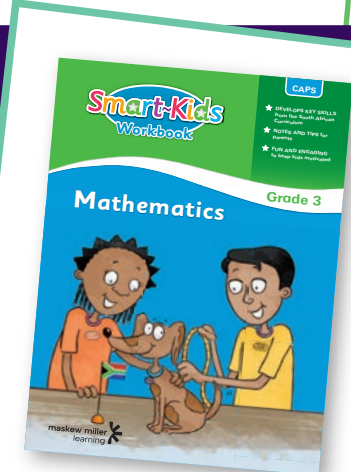
Start

R40

Start

R52

Who collected the most money?



PAPER BRIDGES

- Here is a cool experiment to try out in the classroom. You are going to build three paper bridges out of paper in three different shapes to see which paper bridge is the strongest.

1 FLAT PAPER BRIDGE

Place a plain piece of paper flat between two books. Place a few pens on it.

What happens? It bends or sags in the middle very quickly.

WHY? It's not strong as it doesn't have any support or shape to help it hold weight.

2 ZIG-ZAG PAPER BRIDGE

Fold the paper back and forth, like a zig-zag or fan, then lay it across the same two books.

What happens? It holds more pens than the flat paper and doesn't collapse.

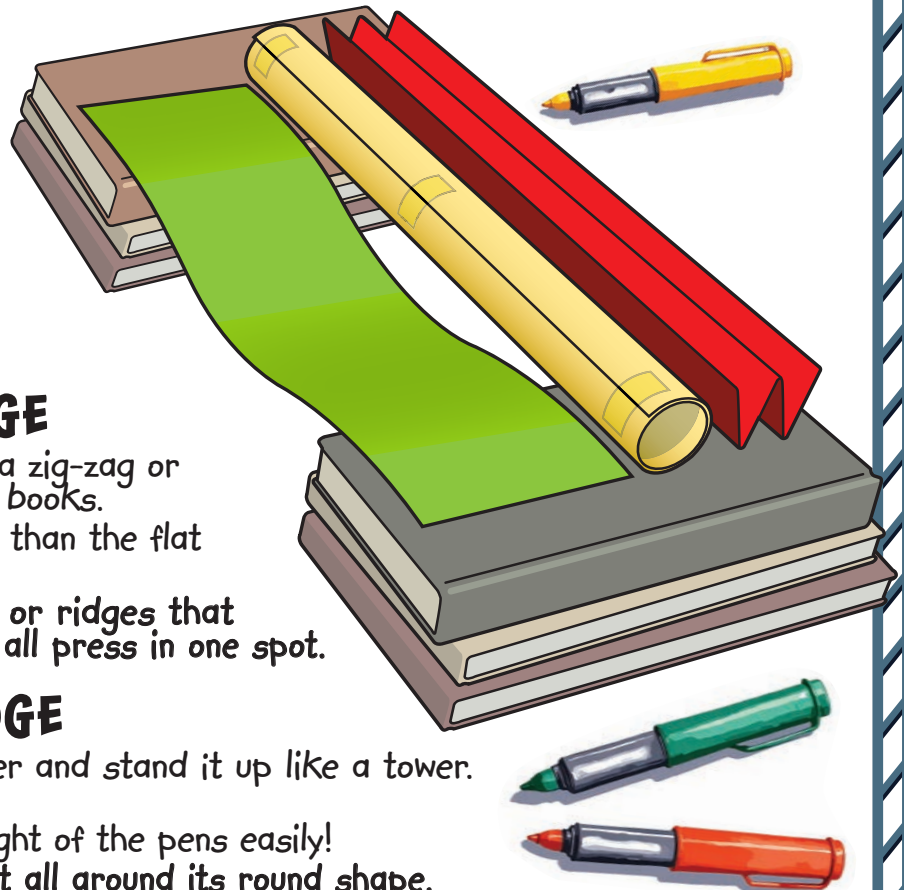
WHY? The folds act like little legs or ridges that spread the weight out, so it doesn't all press in one spot.

3 CYLINDER PAPER BRIDGE

Roll the paper into a tube or cylinder and stand it up like a tower. Place the pens on top of the tower.

What happens? It can hold the weight of the pens easily!

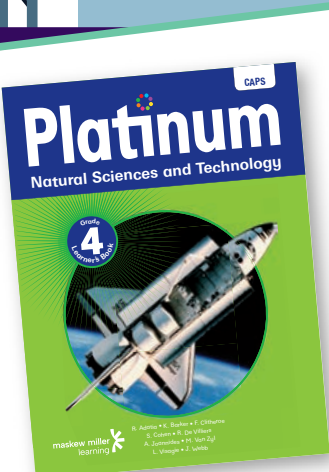
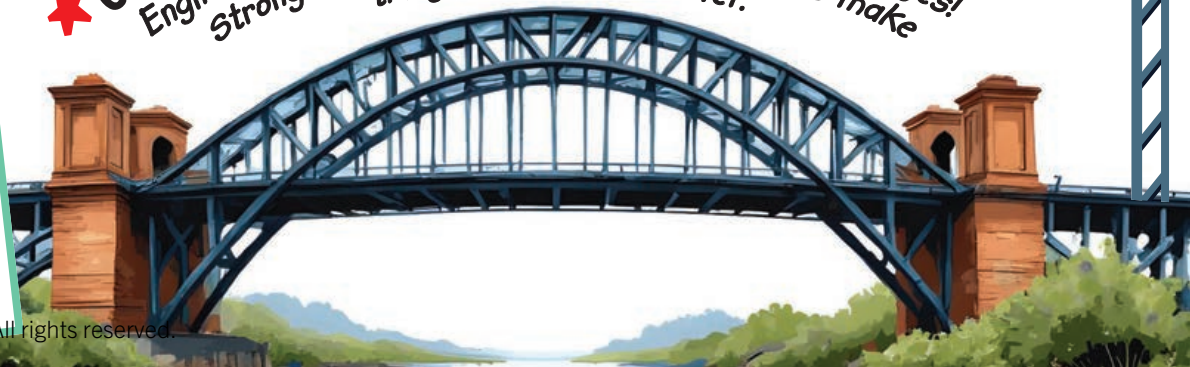
WHY? A cylinder spreads the weight all around its round shape. It's like a strong pillar that holds up buildings.



SO, WHICH ONE IS BEST?

- The flat paper is the weakest.
- The zig-zag bridge is strong because of its design.
- The cylinder is super strong when standing up.

★ COOL FACT: Engineers use these tricks in real buildings and bridges! Strong shapes like cylinders and triangles make things tougher and safer.



SAY IT IN COLOUR!



I'm
tickled
PINK!

DID YOU KNOW THAT COLOURS CAN SPEAK? Well, not really - but in English, we use lots of fun expressions with colours to describe feelings, situations, and surprises!

Let's explore some colourful idioms and find out what they really mean.

PINK

TICKLED PINK

Very happy or pleased.

e.g.: She was tickled pink with her birthday present.

BLUE

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

Something that happens very rarely.

e.g.: We go on holiday once in a blue moon.

OUT OF THE BLUE

Something that happens unexpectedly.

e.g.: Out of the blue, he arrived at my house.

WHITE

A WHITE LIE

A small lie told to avoid hurting someone.

e.g.: She told a white lie about liking her friend's new hairstyle.

RED

SEE RED

To become very angry.

e.g.: He saw red when someone broke his toy.

CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Caught in the act of doing something wrong or naughty.

e.g.: He was caught red-handed taking a cookie before dinner.

I'm
seeing
RED!



I'm
GREEN with
envy!



GREEN

GREEN WITH ENVY

Feeling very jealous.

e.g.: He was green with envy when he saw his friend's new bike.



PANDA PATTERNS

Look carefully at these patterns.
DRAW THE NEXT THREE PATTERNS
IN EACH SEQUENCE.

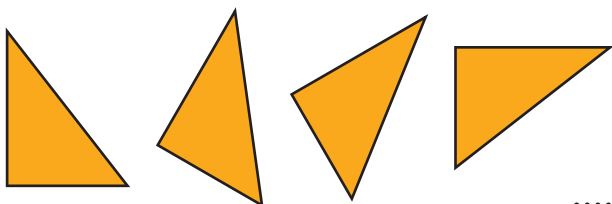


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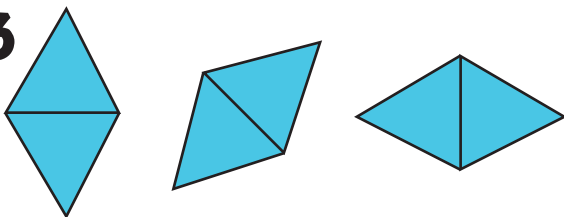
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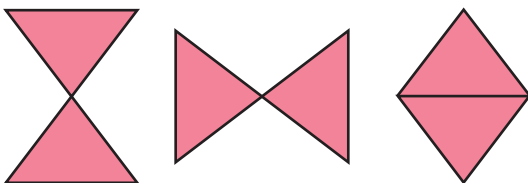
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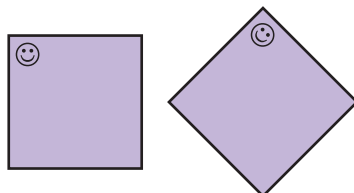
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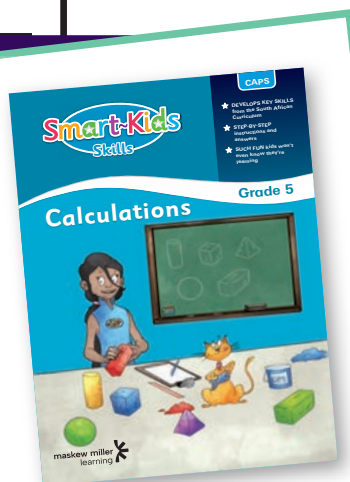
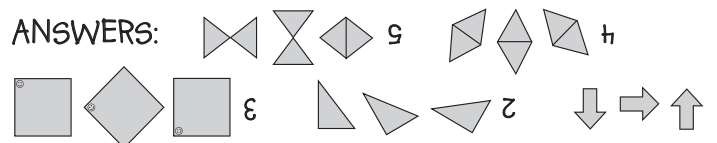
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ANSWERS:





CYCLE MANIA



Everyone loves to cycle. It's a fun way to get around, as long as you wear your helmet and stick to the rules of the road!

It is also a great way to raise funds for your school.



Nina's school had a fundraiser this year and because it was so hot, they had a waterpoint for the cyclists.

A sprinkler cooled them down and they could take water if they wanted to.

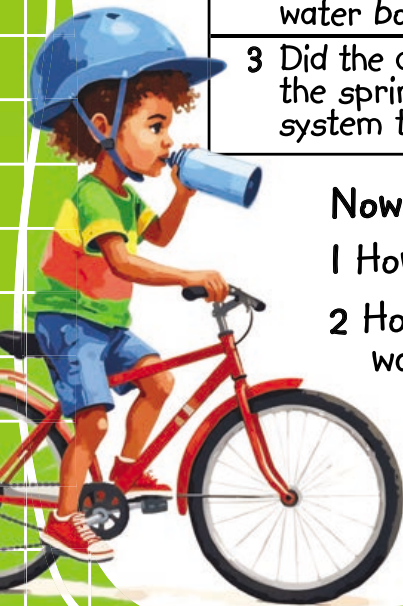
It is important to stay hydrated when you exercise.

**HELMETS
SAVE LIVES**

Nina decided to record all the data on a tally sheet for next year. Here is Nina's tally sheet. (Each line represents one person.)

Questions	Tallies	
	YES	NO
1 Did the cyclists take water?	 	
2 Did the cyclists have their own water bottles?	 	
3 Did the cyclists use the sprinkler system to cool off?	 	

**SAFETY
FIRST!**



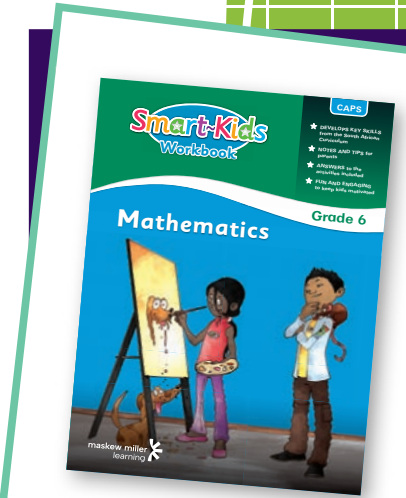
Now answer the following questions.

1 How many cyclists took water?

2 How many cyclists had their own water bottle?

3 How many cyclists did not use the sprinkler?

4 How many cyclists used the sprinkler to cool off?



HOW SEEDS TRAVEL

PLANTS CAN'T WALK, SO THEIR SEEDS NEED TO FIND CLEVER WAYS TO TRAVEL!

LET'S LEARN HOW SEEDS GET TO NEW PLACES:

1 WIND

HOW IT WORKS: Some seeds are light and float in the air like tiny parachutes! The wind blows them far away.
E.g.: Dandelion seeds

2 WATER

HOW IT WORKS: Some seeds float! They travel on rivers, lakes, or oceans to new places.
E.g.: Coconuts can float in the sea!

3 HUMANS AND ANIMALS

HOW IT WORKS: Seeds stick to fur, clothes, or shoes. Fruit is eaten and the seeds are dropped in new places.
E.g.: Berries (eaten by birds), Fruit (eaten by humans), Grass seeds (can stick to animals like Velcro).

4 SELF

HOW IT WORKS: Some plants pop open when the seeds are ready. They shoot seeds into the air like little fireworks!
E.g.: Peas

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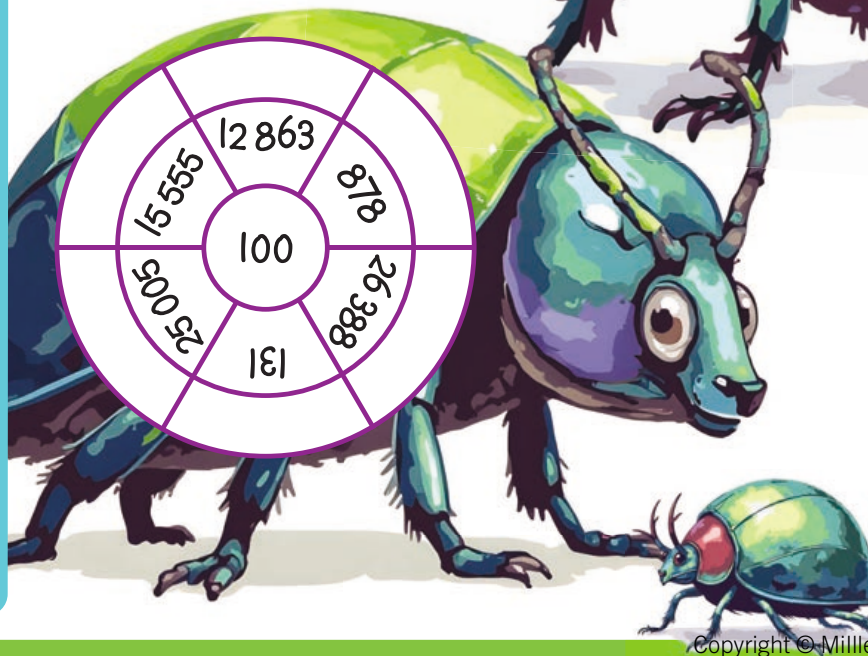
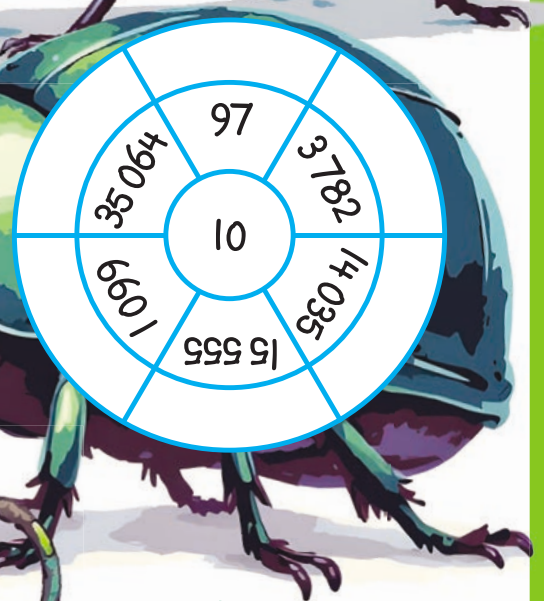
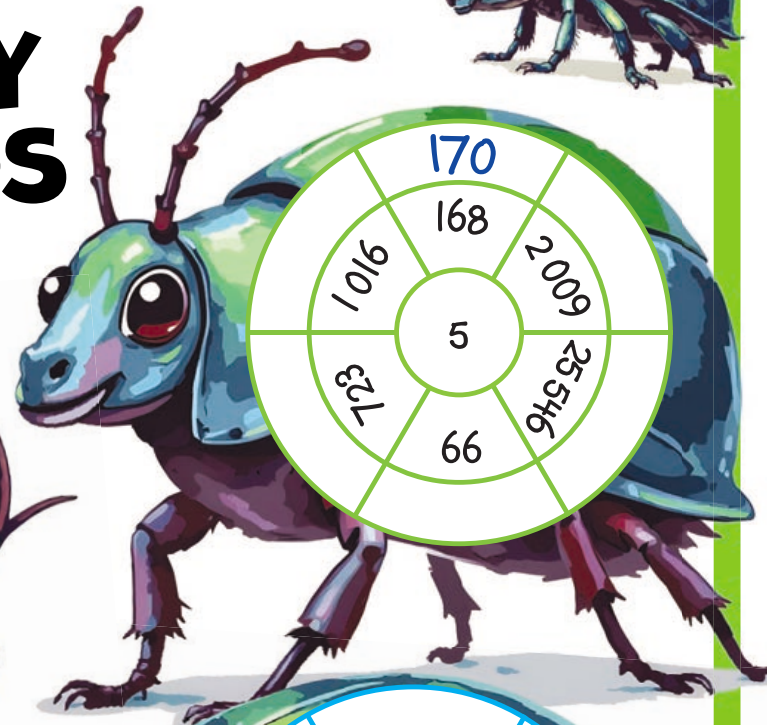
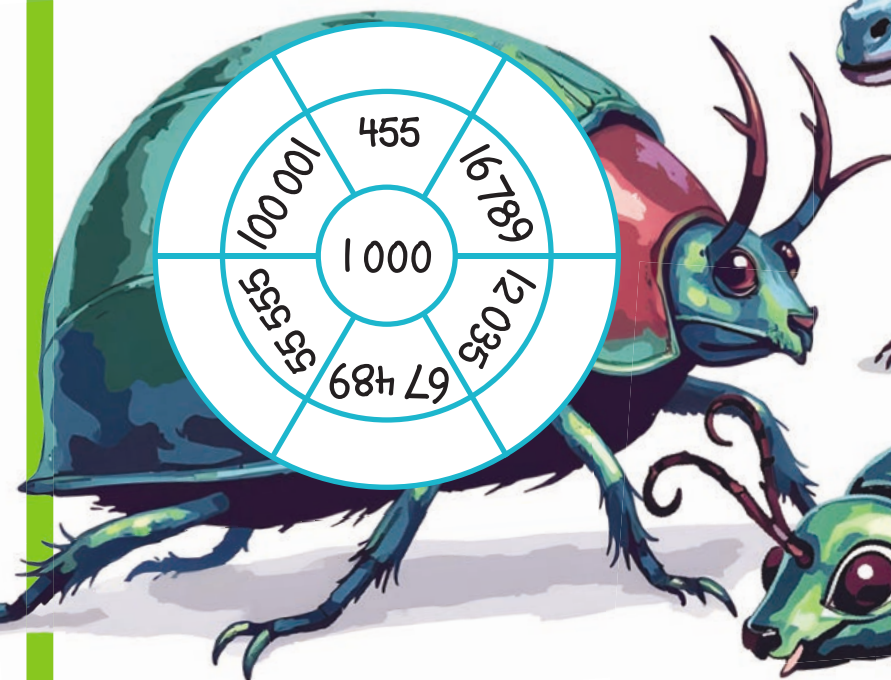
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR SEEDS TO TRAVEL?

Sending seeds far away from the mother plants, helps them grow better and not fight for space.

ROUND OFF THE NUMBERS
AND FILL THEM IN.

BUGGY ROUNDS

* The number in the middle tells
you what to round them off to.



STOP,
SCAN & STUDY!



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FOLLOW THE EYES!

Follow the direction of the eyes to get to the end of the maze.

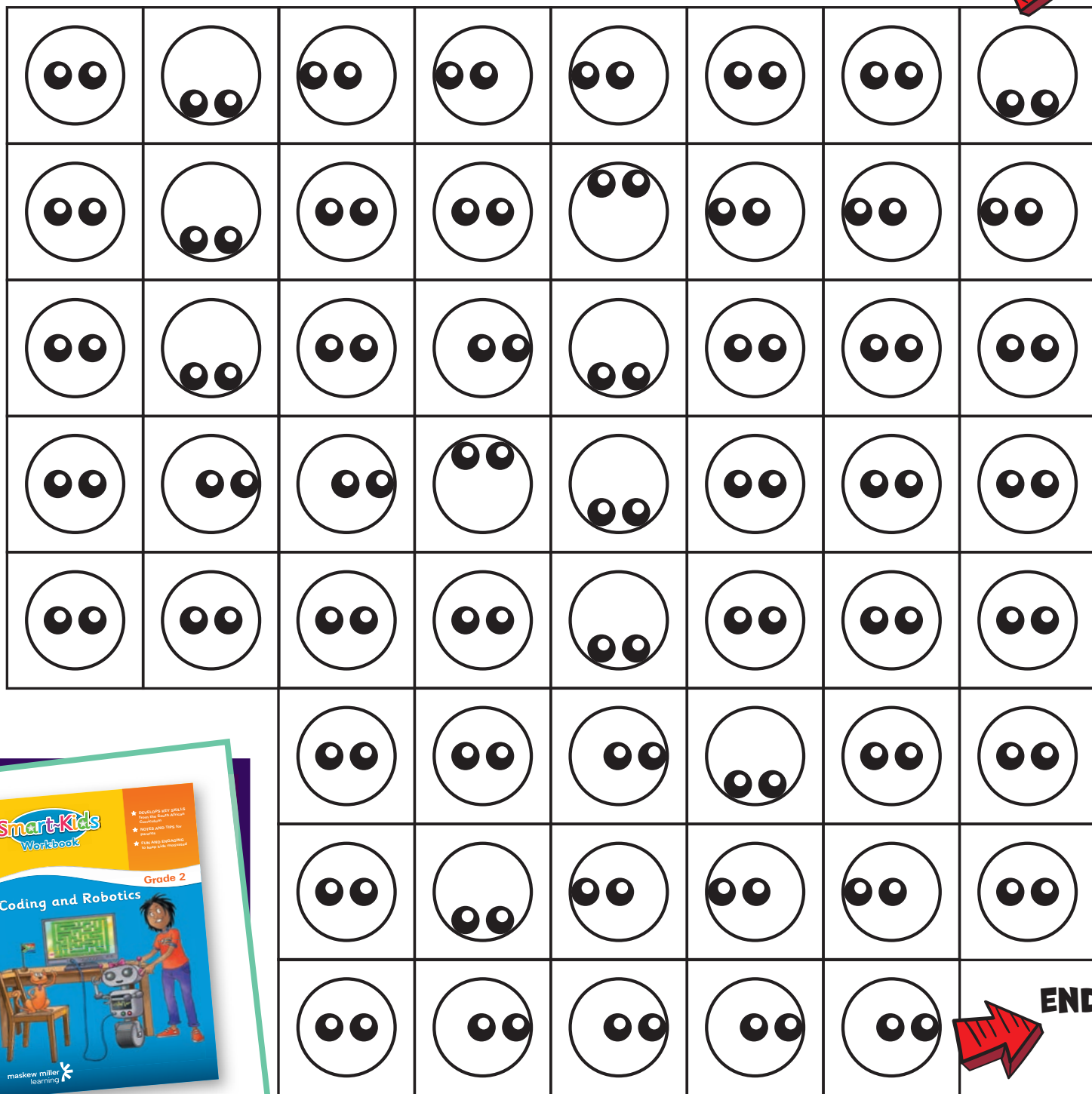
EYES RIGHT – Move one block to the right

EYES LEFT – Move one block to the left

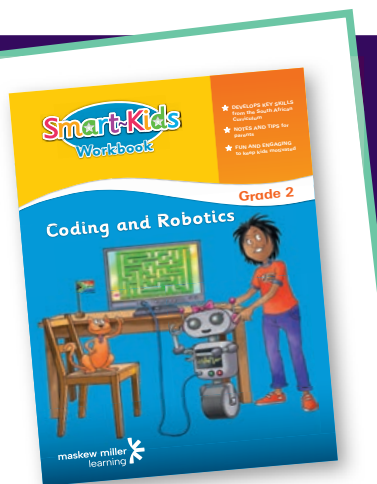
EYES UP – Move one block up

EYES DOWN – Move one block down

START



END



TYPES OF BOOKS

(what they are all about)

ADVENTURE

These books are full of excitement, danger, and action!

Fantasy

Stories in a made-up world with magic, dragons, fairies, or talking animals.

HORROR!

These books are meant to give you a little scare!

Science Fiction (Sci-Fi)

These books imagine the future, space, robots, or time travel.

Biography

Books about real people's lives or true events.

Non-Fiction

These books teach you things about the world.

Comics

These are books told with pictures like a comic book, but with more story and pages.

COMEDY

These books are written to make you laugh!

MYSTERY

There's a problem or a crime that needs to be solved.





WHAT'S THE TIME?

School TIME!

School starts at half past seven (7:30)

Look at these clocks. If you arrived at school at these times ...

- 1 Which one would be late? ☐
- 2 Which one would be VERY late? ☐
- 3 Which one would be early? ☐
- 4 Which one would be on time? ☐



A



B



C



D

ANSWERS: 1 D, 2 C, 3 A, 4 B

Birthday TIME!

WRITE DOWN THE BIRTHDAYS OF THE CHILDREN.

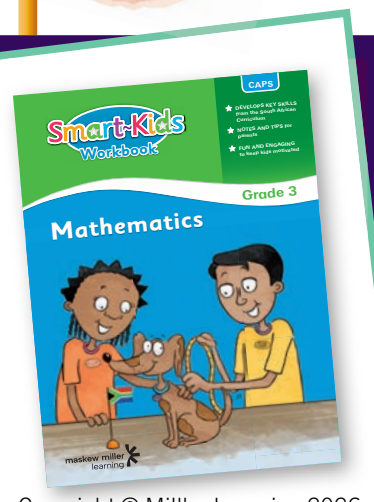
Jay's birthday is the third day of the third month.

Sue's birthday is the fifteenth day of the seventh month.

Siya's birthday is exactly four months after Christmas.

Zoey has a birthday on the 8th day of the 8th month.

ANSWERS: Jay: 3 March, Sue: 15 July, Siya: April, Zoey: 8 August



**WHEN YOU
SLEEP WELL, YOU
GROW BETTER, THINK
CLEARER, AND STAY HEALTHY!**

Good sleeping habits help your body and brain rest so you can feel strong, happy, and ready to learn and play the next day.



FILL IN THIS DIARY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SLEEPING HABITS FOR A SCHOOL WEEK!

MY SLEEP DIARY

DAY	I WENT TO BED AT ...	I WOKE UP AT ...	TOTAL AMOUNT OF SLEEP	I HAD TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP YES OR NO	I HAD TROUBLE WAKING UP YES OR NO
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					



**Regular
bedtimes
really help!**

AMOUNT OF SLEEP YOU SHOULD BE GETTING EVERY NIGHT:

- 6 – 9 years: 10 – 11 hours
- 10 – 12 years: 9 – 11 hours

*** All children need enough sleep for their brains and bodies to grow, to focus in school, and to stay healthy.**





EVEN IN A DIGITAL WORLD, PAPER IS STILL A BIG PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIVES!

Even though we use computers, tablets, and phones a lot, paper is still really important in our world!

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RECYCLING

(OPTIONAL BUT IMPORTANT!)

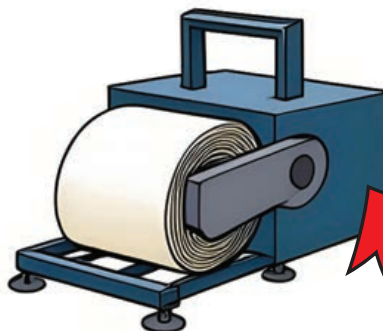
Used paper can be collected, pulped again, and reused to make new paper. This helps save trees and reduce waste.



8

PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT

The paper is packed and sent to stores, schools, or factories, depending on the size. The big rolls go to printing presses for newspapers like FREE 4 ALL.



7

ROLLING AND CUTTING

The dry paper is rolled into big rolls or cut into sheets.

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HARVESTING TREES

Trees are cut down from forests or plantations. These trees are usually softwoods like pine or eucalyptus.

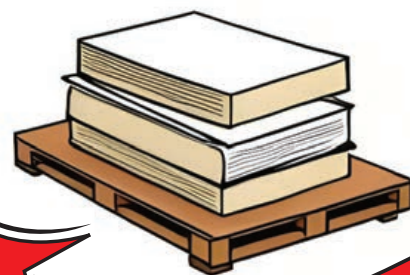


THE PAPER

6

FORMING SHEETS

The pulp is sprayed onto large flat screens to form thin sheets. These sheets are firmly pressed and dried.



- We use paper every day at SCHOOL.
- Many people still love reading real BOOKS made of paper.
- Paper is great for ART and CRAFTS.
- Paper is used for IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.
- Paper can be RECYCLED and REUSED.

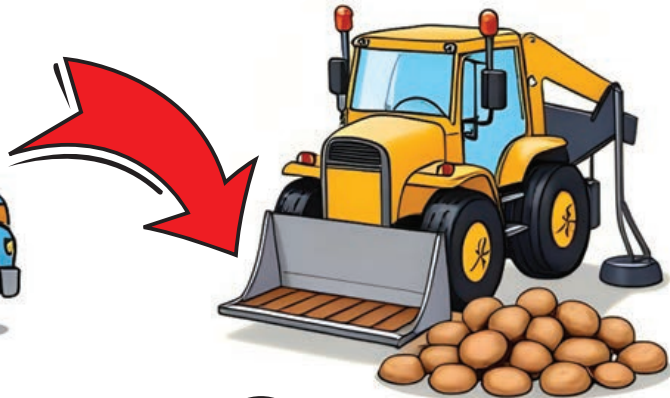
2 TRANSPORTING LOGS

The logs are taken to a paper mill by truck.



3 CHIPPING THE WOOD

The logs are chopped into small pieces called wood chips.



PRODUCTION CYCLE

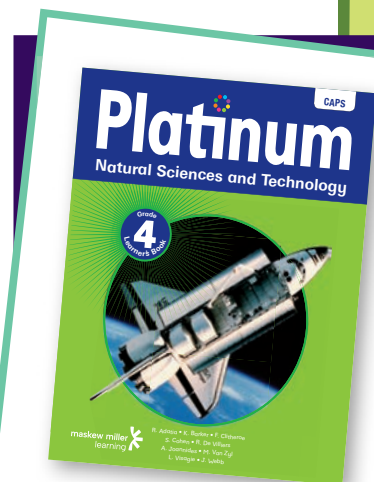
4 MAKING PULP

Wood chips are mixed with water and chemicals. This mixture is heated and broken down into a soft, wet mixture called pulp.



5 CLEANING AND BLEACHING

The pulp is cleaned to remove dirt and bark. It may be bleached to make white paper.



PLANTS NEED FOOD

Plants, like people, need food for energy, to grow, and stay healthy. Although they don't eat like animals, plants still need energy to stay alive, and Photosynthesis gives them that energy.

Plants need food to:

- grow bigger
- build roots, stems, and leaves
- heal if they get damaged
- make flowers and fruit

*A plant takes in **SUNLIGHT** through its leaves.*

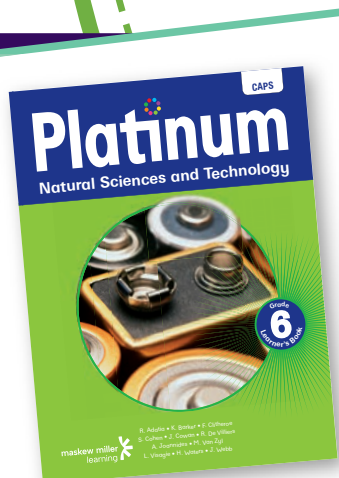
All green plants contain chlorophyll – this is what gives them their green colour.

Plants give off oxygen, which we breathe!

What is **PHOTOSYNTHESIS**?
Photosynthesis is how plants make their own food.

The leaves take in **CARBON DIOXIDE** from the air.

The roots absorb **WATER** from the soil.



WILD CAT WORDS

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A WORD FROM THE MATCHING SHAPE

Wild cats live all over the and are not tame. They live in the wild and use their sharp and strong to catch their food. Lions are known as the kings of the They live in groups called The male lion has a big, mane. Lions like to together and take care of their They often during the day and at night. Leopards are strong and very They have beautiful coats with dark Leopards can high into to keep their food safe. They like to live alone in the or Cheetahs are the land animals in the world. They can faster than a Cheetahs have slim, bodies and black tear marks near their Unlike other big cats, cheetahs during the day when it is



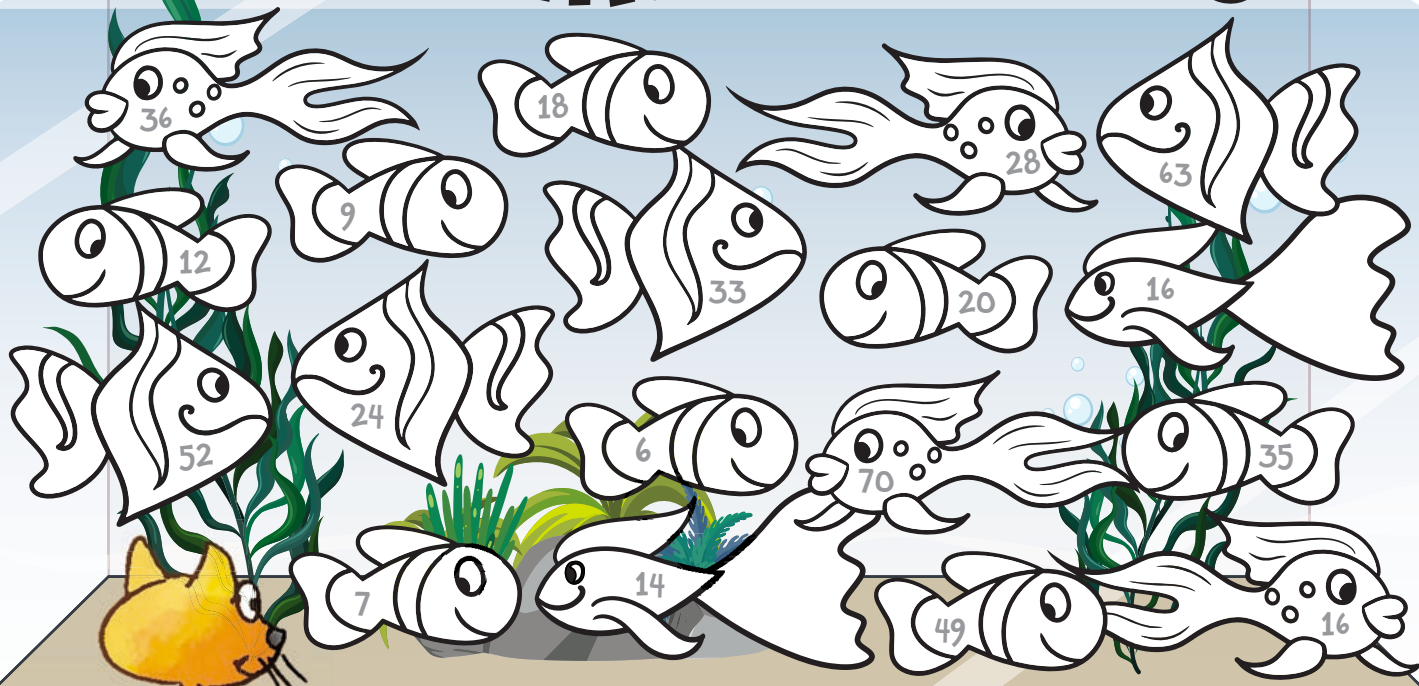
HUNT
SLEEP REST
CLIMB RUN
ROAR LIVE

WORLD MANE
TEETH CLAWS
SLEEP JUNGLE EYES
TREES PRIDES FAMILY
DESERT SPOTS
ANIMAL CAR
FOREST

HOT
GOLDEN
FAST BUSHY
SPOTTY SLEEK
QUIET FASTEST

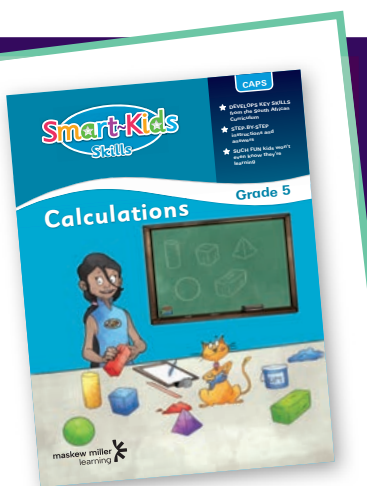
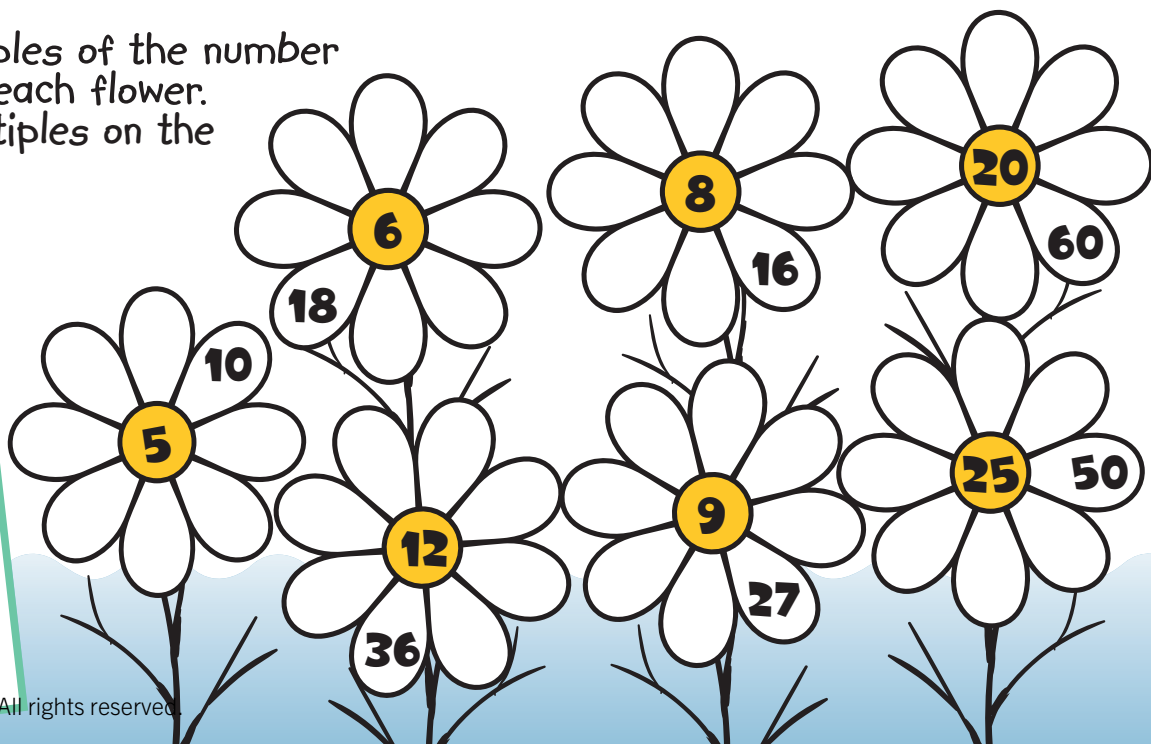


MATCHING MULTIPLES



- A Colour all the fish **GREEN** that are multiples of 3.
- B Colour all the fish **RED** that are multiples of 4.
- C Colour all the fish **PURPLE** that are multiples of 7.

2 Find the multiples of the number in the middle of each flower. Write all the multiples on the flower's petals.



READ THE
STORY AND
ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS

IT'S MY
TURN!

NO! IT'S
NOT!

TOO LATE TO TUNE IN

It was Friday afternoon, and after a long week of school, Jake and Lila were finally allowed to watch TV for an hour. But the problem started the moment they reached the living room.

'I want to watch *Super Robot Squad*!' Jake shouted, already reaching for the remote.

'No way, Lila snapped. '*Princess Detective* is on right now! We always watch your show.'

'That's not true!' Jake argued. 'We watched your show last Friday!'

Lila grabbed the remote, but Jake stood in front of the TV so Lila couldn't change the channel.

Lila grabbed a cushion and threw it at him. Soon, they were both yelling over each other, neither willing to give in.

Before they knew it, the clock struck five. Both *Super Robot Squad* and *Princess Detective* had ended.

The screen now showed the news, which neither of them liked.

Jake and Lila looked at each other, their angry faces slowly melting into disappointment.

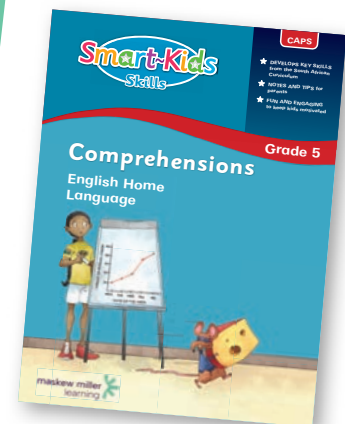
'Now we missed both,' Lila muttered. 'Nice going Jake!'

'It was both of us. Next time, we take turns, and pick one,' Jake sighed.

They both nodded. Lesson learned – hopefully.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH A TRUE OR FALSE

- It was the start of the weekend. ☐ T ☐ F
- It was during the holidays. ☐ T ☐ F
- The TV was in the dining room. ☐ T ☐ F
- Lila wanted to watch the *Princess Squad*. ☐ T ☐ F
- They had watched Jake's show the previous week. ☐ T ☐ F
- Lila threw the remote at Jake. ☐ T ☐ F
- Both the children were interested in world events. ☐ T ☐ F
- It was Jake's fault they lost track of time. ☐ T ☐ F



(POETRY) RHYME AND SHINE

HAVE A LOOK AT THIS SILLY POEM AND
CHOOSE YOUR OWN WORDS TO FINISH OFF
THE RHYMING COUPLETS.

MY BONKERS JOURNEY

I wandered off one
And met a singing, striped balloon
He offered me a spotted fish
That granted every single
I said, 'Let's fly up to the moon!'
He tied my shoes to a
We soared above a herd of sheep
That danced and bounced in their
We landed in a bowl of
And met a duck who gave advice:
A dancing broomstick waved at me
Then turned into a massive
We passed blue dragons making tea
And a whale who waltzed with a tiny
I landed home with a splat and a
And found both shoes in a dish
Sadly, no one saw my bonkers ride
But someone asked if I had a

* A RHYMING
COUPLET is
two short lines
where the ends
sound the same.

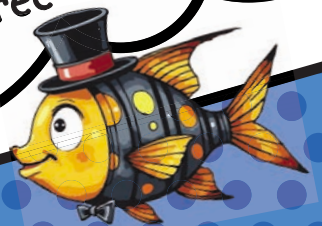
Poetry can
be a FUN way
to express
yourself.



CHOOSE TO RHYME

You can mix and match to make silly or sensible
endings. But the words must rhyme!

mice flea peep afternoon fish tide beep raccoon
wide cartoon wish dish guide spoon balloon jeep
key splish rice baboon splice tree sleep swish
bee ski pride



SONGOLOLOS
are also called
MILLIPEDES.

Millipedes are gentle
and harmless to humans.
They don't bite or sting,
but some can release a
smelly liquid when they
are picked up.

Millipedes don't actually
have 1 000 legs – most
of them have between
100 and 400 legs.

Millipedes
live all over the
world except
Antarctica.

Millipedes are
arthropods,
like insects
and spiders.
They belong to
a group called
myriapods.

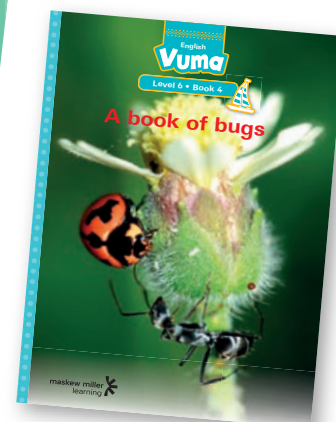
Millipedes
have been
around for
over 400
million years,
even before
dinosaurs!

THE SONGOLOLO

Millipedes have two pairs
of legs on each body segment.

They like dark, damp
places like under rocks,
logs, and leaves.

When threatened,
millipedes curl up into a
spiral to protect their soft
underside and head.



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