



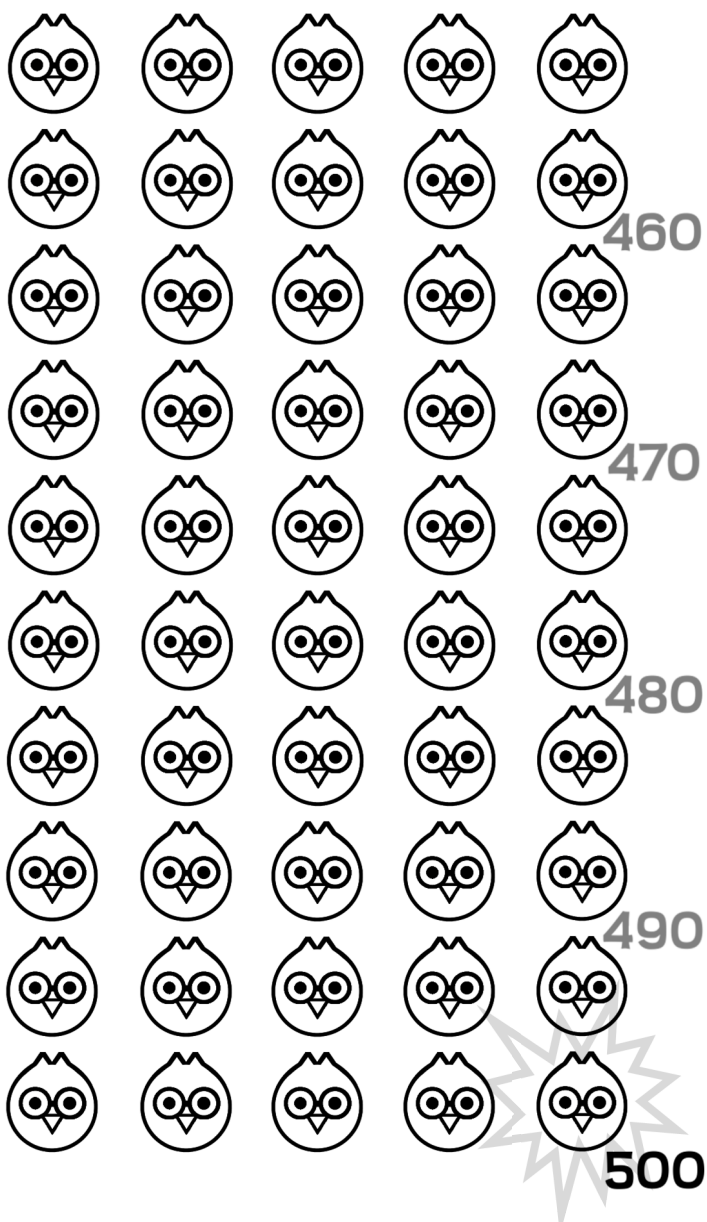
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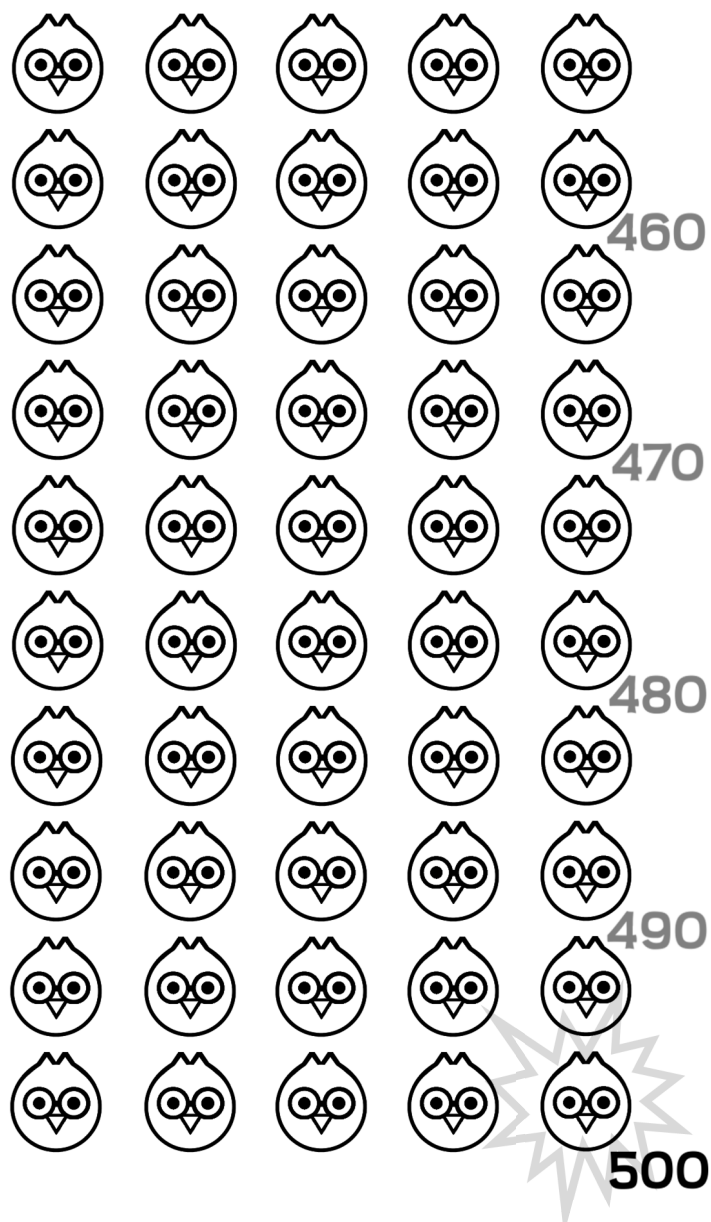
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“Nature”

Baby (0-12 months): Point out simple things you see when you’re outside. “Look at the big tree!” “See that bird (car, cat, dog).”

Toddler (1-3 years): Examine things closely. Point out bugs and worms, observe plants or small moving creatures. Sing songs or rhymes about nature.

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells
And pretty maids all in a row.

Daisy Bell (Bicycle Built for Two)
Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer—do!
I’m half crazy, all for the love of you!
It won’t be a stylish marriage,
I can’t afford a carriage.
But you’ll look sweet upon the seat
of a bicycle built for two.

Preschooler (3-5 years): Ask open-ended questions about what your child sees outside. “What did you find? Oh, a bug? What does it look like? How does it move?” Asking open-ended questions will help your child learn to express themselves.

Books about Nature

Baby:

Spot Goes to the Park by Eric Hill

Toddler:

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn

Preschooler:

Compost Stew:
An A to Z Recipe for Earth
by Mary McKenna Siddals

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