



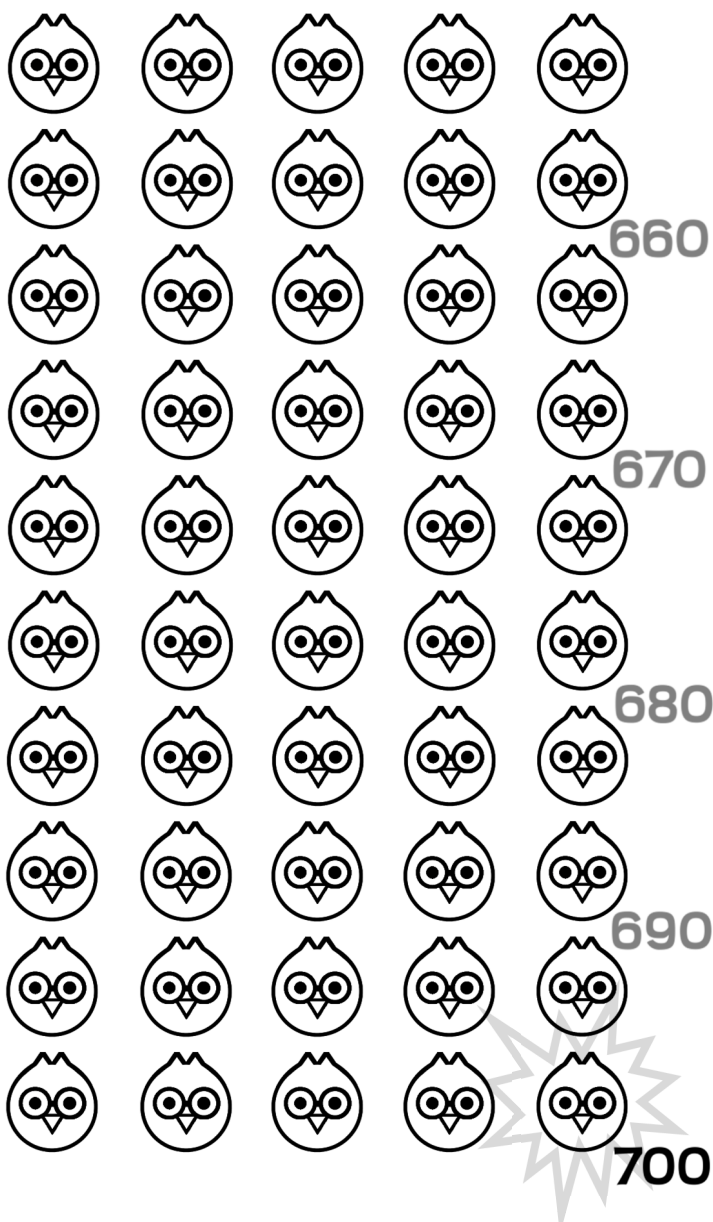
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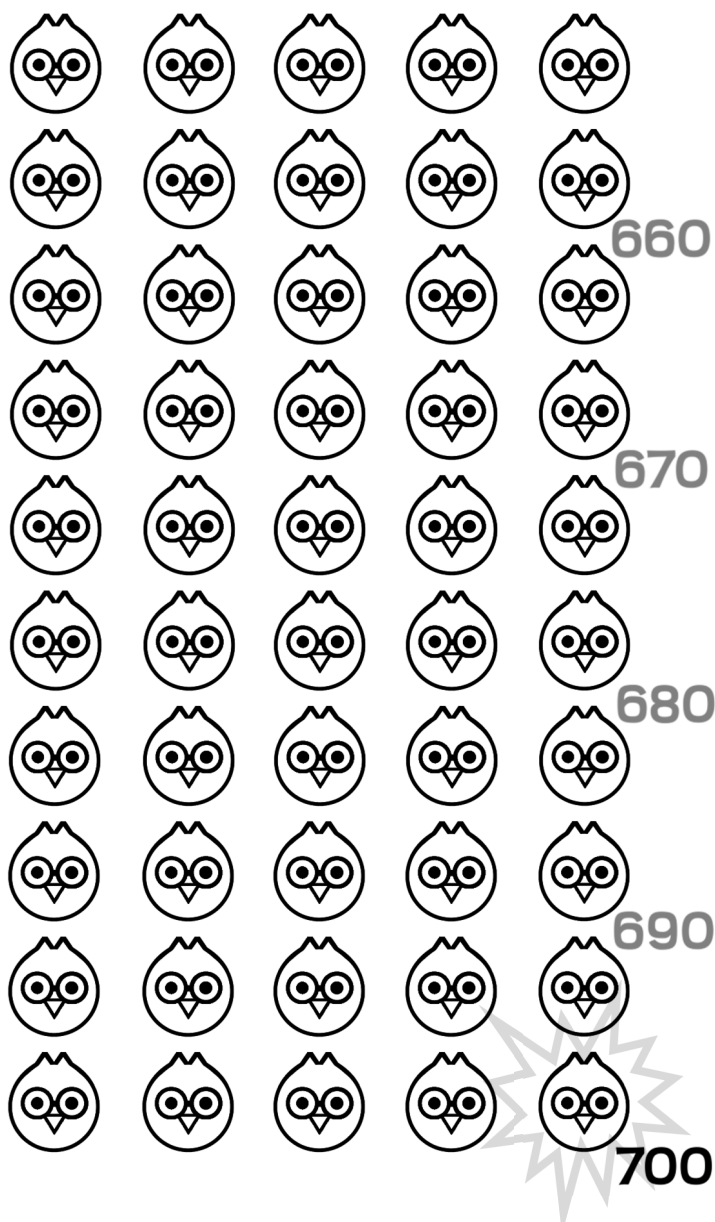
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**Baby (0-12 months):** When you take your baby on errands, narrate what you are doing. “We are going to the grocery store today to get apples and cereal,” or “Let’s go mail a letter at the post office.”

**Toddler (1-3 years):** Let your child explore their world, and talk about the things they discover. Sing “The Wheels on the Bus” while traveling.

### *The Wheels on the Bus*

*The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
round and round, round and round.*

*The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
all through the town.*

### **Repeat with:**

*The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish.*

*The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep.*

*The driver on the bus says “Move on back.”*

*The baby on the bus says “Wah, wah, wah”*

*And, the parents on the bus say “Shush, shush, shush.”*

**Preschooler (3-5 years):** Encourage imaginative play that includes people you meet in your community each day—mail carrier, ice cream truck driver, doctor, crossing guard, etc.

## Books about “Our World”

### **Baby:**

*One Love* by Cedella Marley

### **Toddler:**

*Whose Truck?*

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### **Preschooler:**

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