



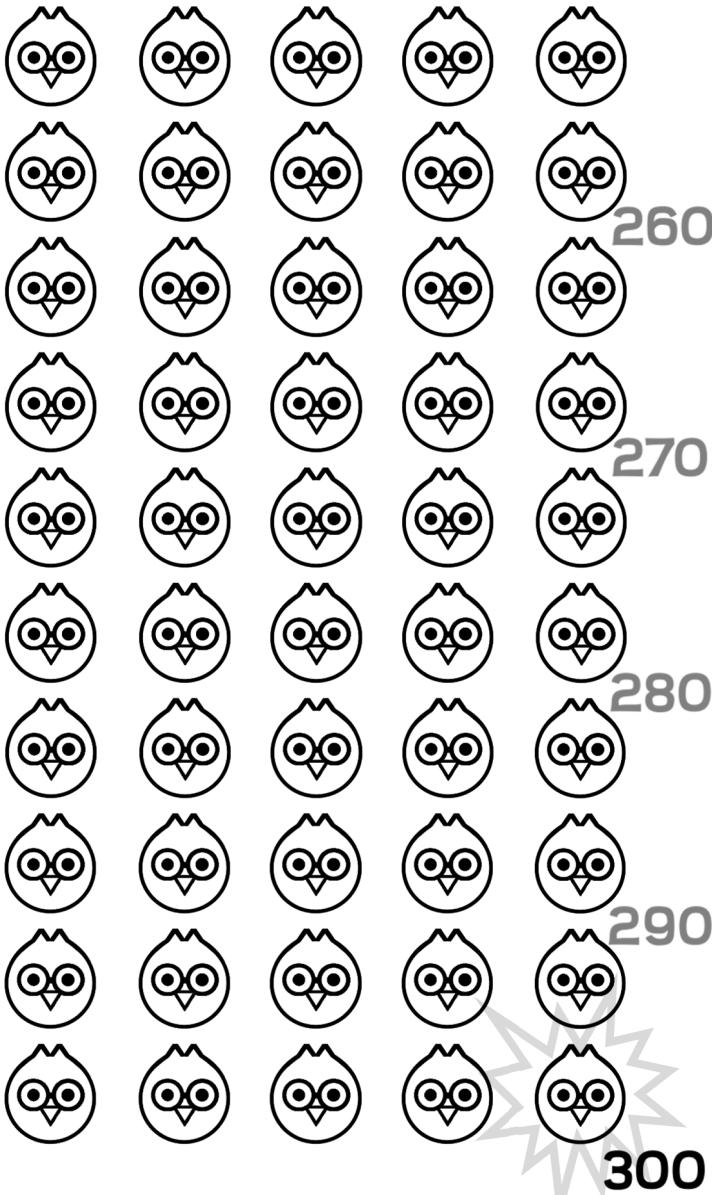
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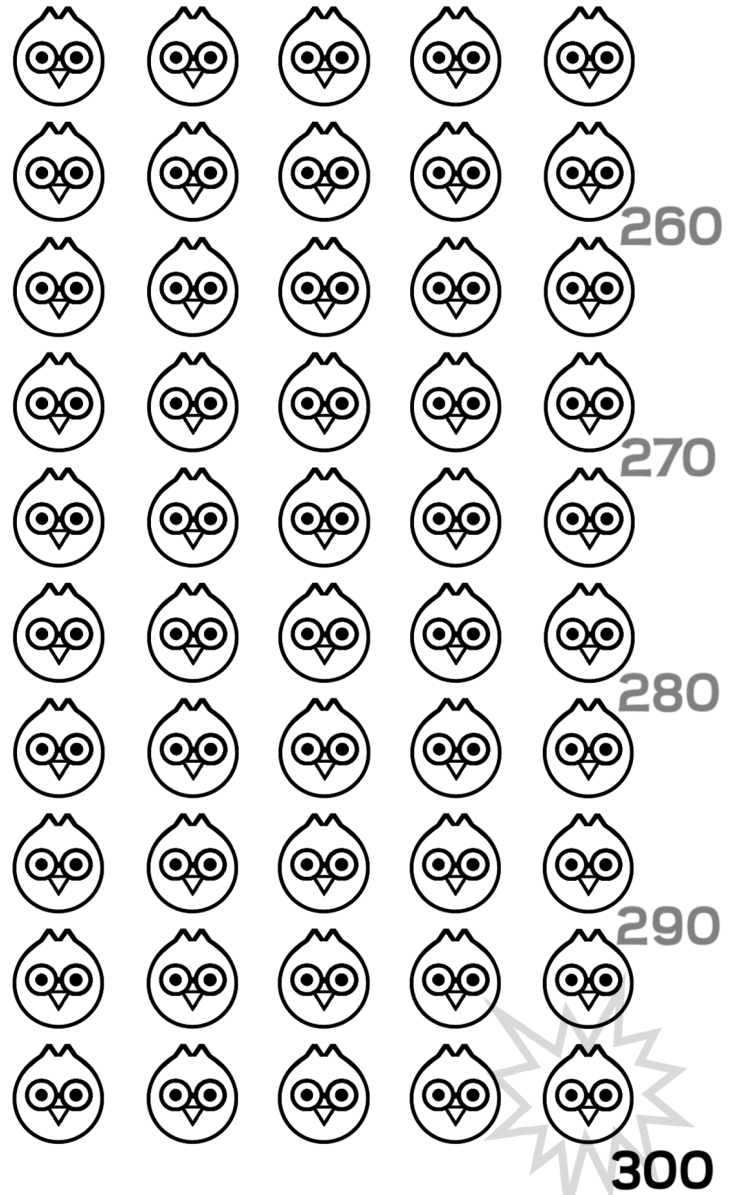
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*The little dog laughed, to see such a sight,  
and the dish ran away with the spoon.*

**Baby (0-12 months):** Picture books often provide a child’s first exposure to art. While reading, take time to talk about the pictures.

**Toddler (1-3 years):** Have crayons and paper on hand and encourage your child to draw. Scribbling improves hand-eye coordination, which helps later when children learn to write.

**Preschooler (3-5 years):** Ask open-ended questions about the art your child creates. Write captions on their drawings to help your child associate words with ideas.

## Books about Art and Imagination

### **Baby:**

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