



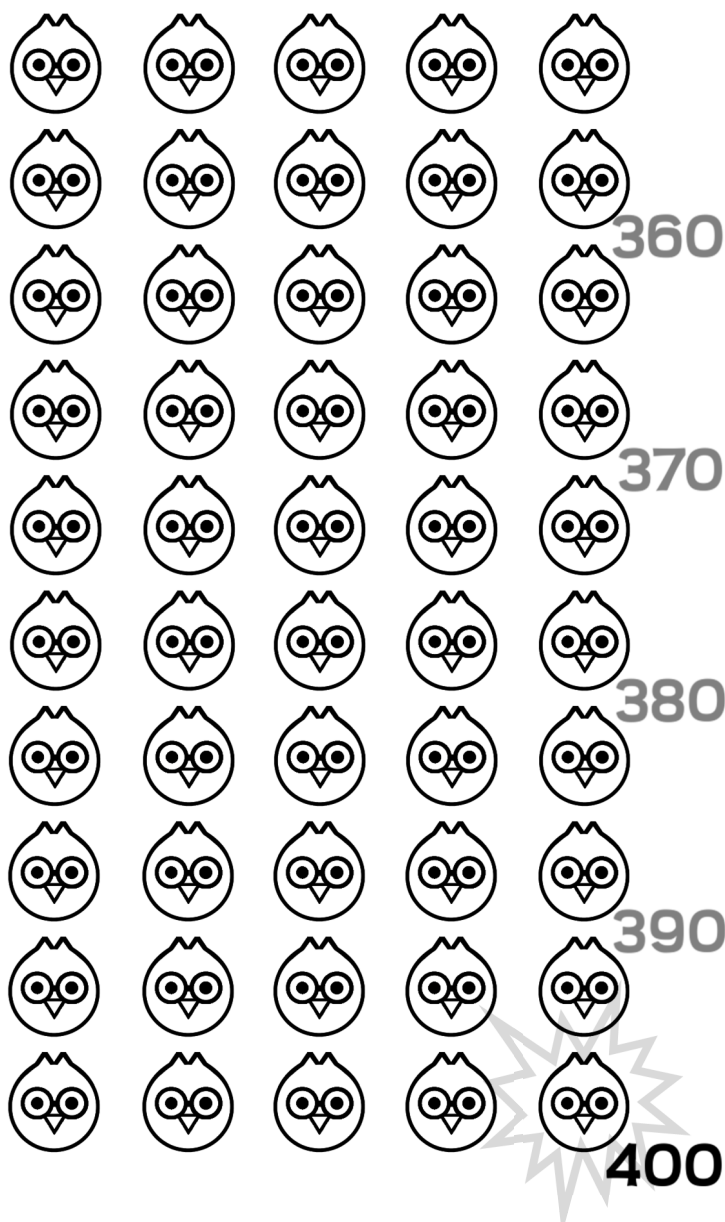
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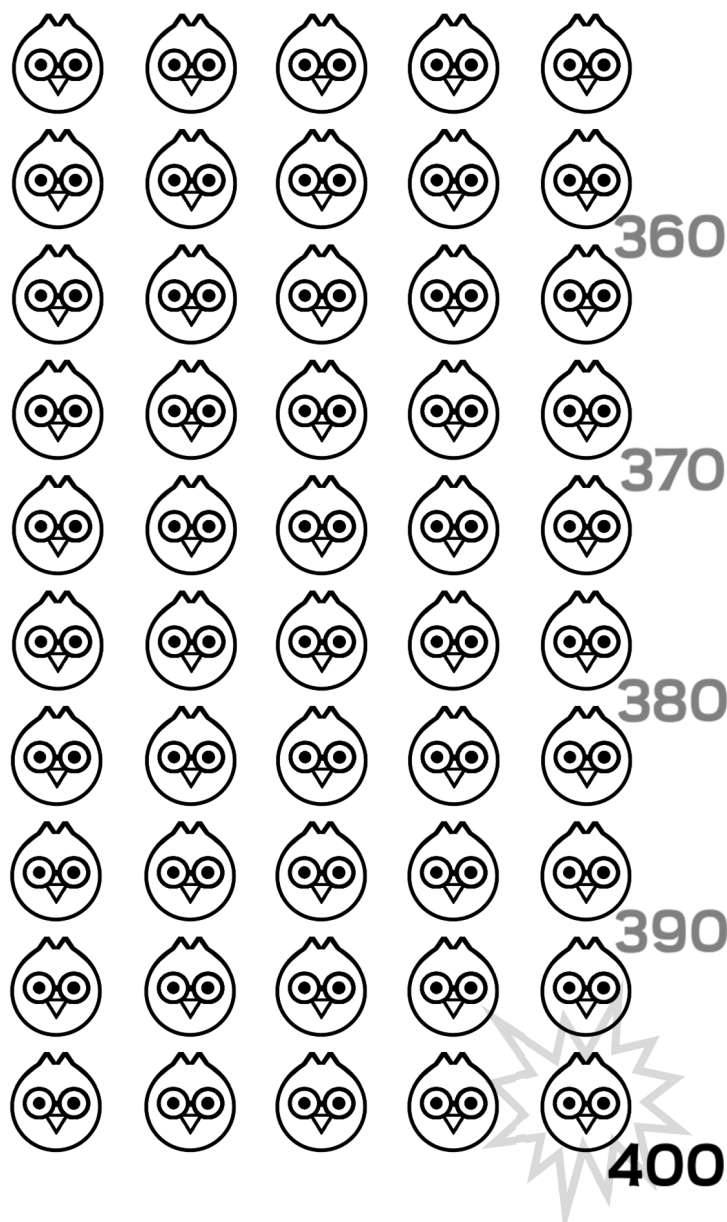
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## Here are other great ways to help grow YOUR reader: “Animals”

**Baby (0-12 months):** Sing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” and demonstrate the hand motions along with the song to engage your baby’s Interest.

### *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*

*The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out*

*Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again*

**Toddler (1-3 years):** Pretend! Make animal movements and sounds with your child. Stomp like an elephant, scratch like a monkey, stretch tall like a giraffe!

**Preschooler (3-5 years):** When reading books with animals, have fun making animal sounds. Enjoy *moo*-ing, *meow*-ing, *neigh*-ing, and *oink*-ing together! Try singing “Old MacDonald” to reinforce the animal noises.

### *Old MacDonald*

*Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.  
And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O.  
With a moo moo here, and a moo moo there,  
here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo moo.  
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.  
Repeat with: pig, duck, horse, sheep*

## Animal Book Suggestions

### **Baby:**

*Hi!* by Ethan Long

### **Toddler:**

*Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell

### **Preschooler:**

*Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea*  
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