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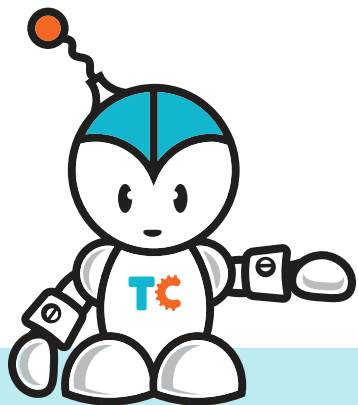
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# Pre-writing Skills 1



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## WHY DO KIDS NEED TO LEARN HOW TO DRAW SHAPES?

Handwriting is made up of straight lines and curves. Change how many you put together and in what **direction** and you get the different letters of the alphabet. Kids first learn to write their name by **drawing** the letters - this means they start anywhere and are making a 'guess' at what the letter looks like.

The skills that you need to learn **before** you write are called pre-writing or basically a fancy term for drawing. Just like how you need to learn to write on the line, kids need to learn how to position **lines, circles and squares** in a way that makes it into a **picture**.

## SO WHY NOT JUST DRAW ON A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER?

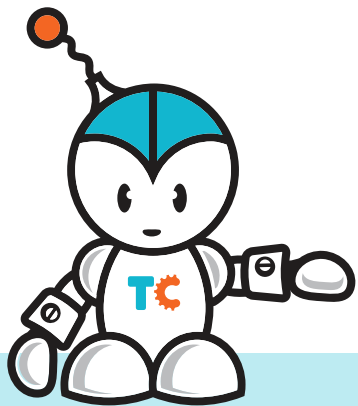
Some kids with limited pencil control get **frustrated** when what they're drawing doesn't look right. They may **give up**, get frustrated or flatly **refuse** to do it. These worksheets are designed to give the kids **rewards** for their efforts. Instead of the kids asking us to do it for them, they get a completed picture which looks like it's supposed to.



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## What do I need?

- Print the pages
- Pencil
- Markers
- Quiet place to work

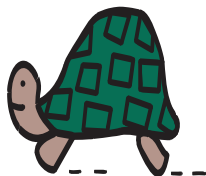
## Where do I start with my child?

The worksheets are ordered from easy to hard. Kids first learn to scribble then form **straight lines** - up / down, and across from left to right. **Circles** come next, then kids work out how to position **two lines** in relationship to each other. Next it's more complex--where do I start and which way do I go first, to form **squares** and other shapes.

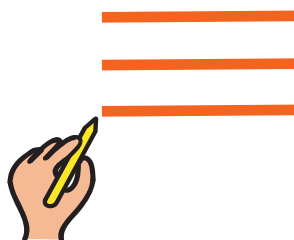
## TIPS FOR HELPING



Demonstrate on the paper how to form the line or shape.



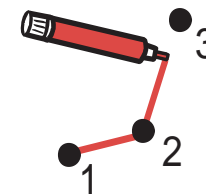
Draw **VERY SLOWLY** so they have enough time to notice what you are doing.



Count your strokes as you draw. This helps some kids know how many to do and keeps their interest.



Don't use a lot of words to give them extra help about which way to go..



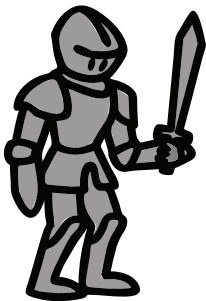
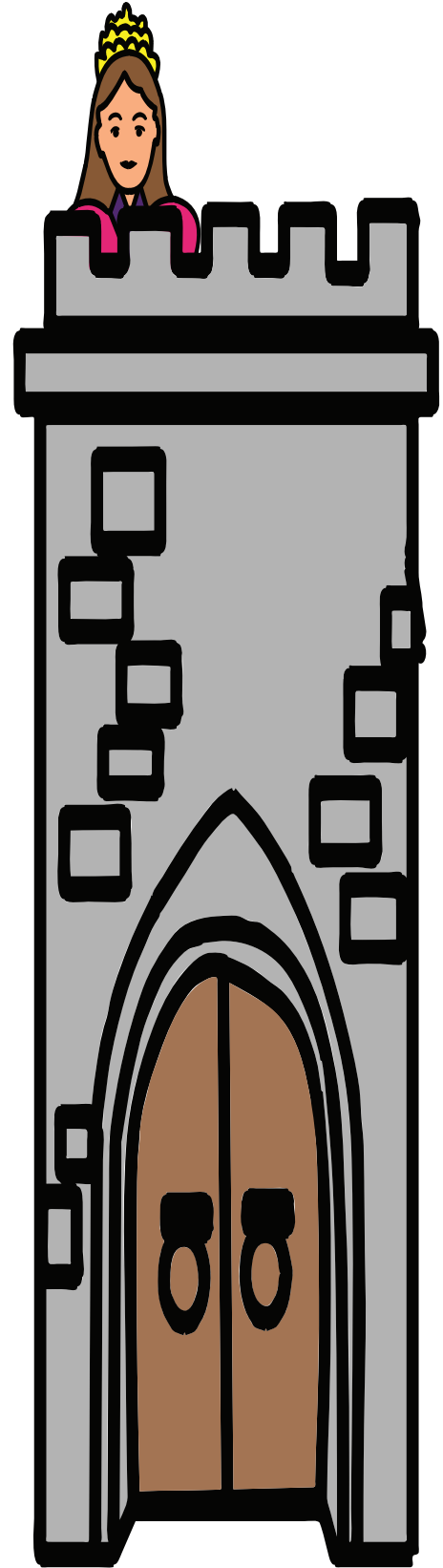
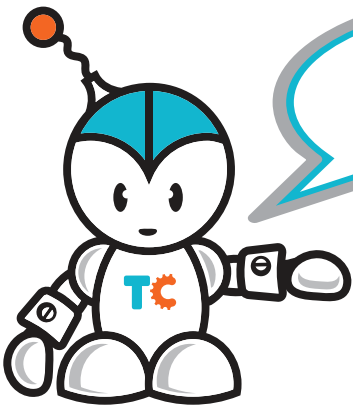
Draw a dotted line or use a light colored marker for your child to trace over.

## OTHER IDEAS

Laminate the sheets and you can use them over and over again  
Don't just work at the table, put them up on the whiteboard or easel.

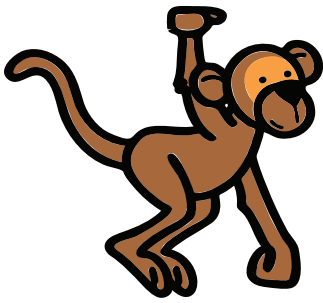
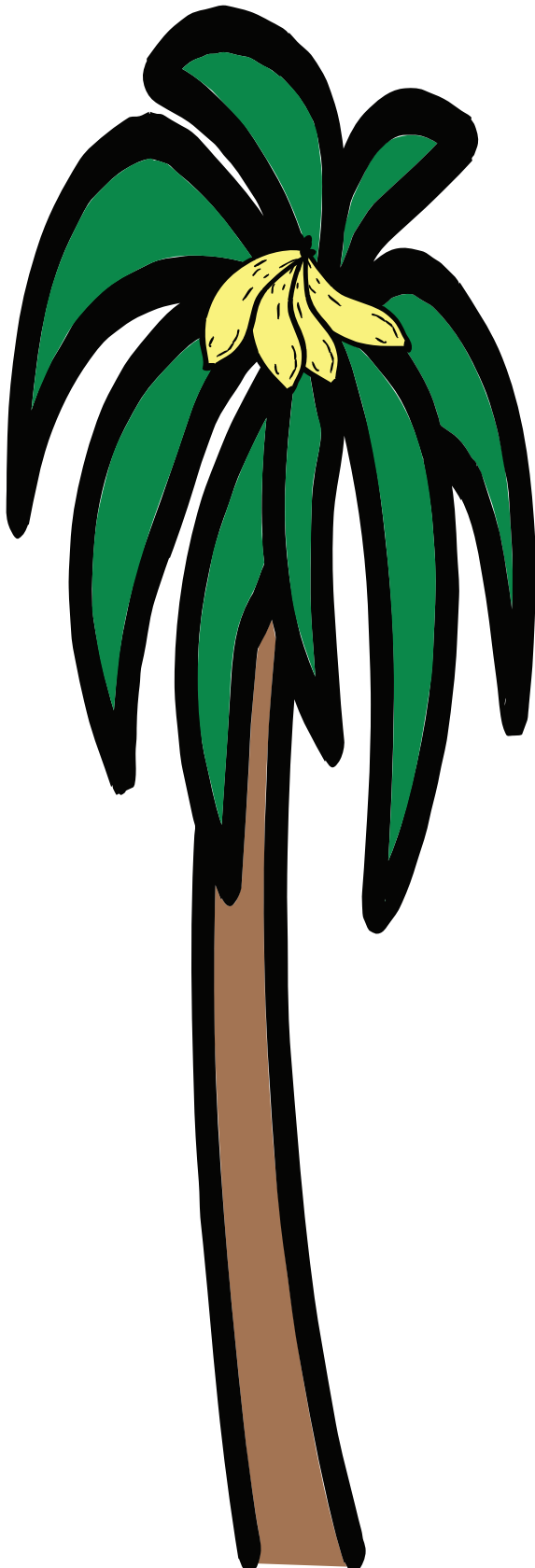
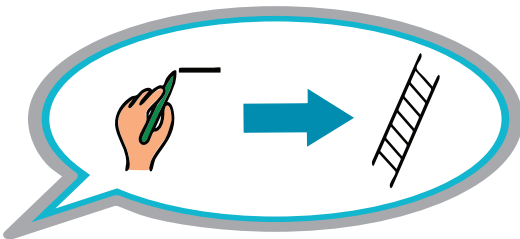
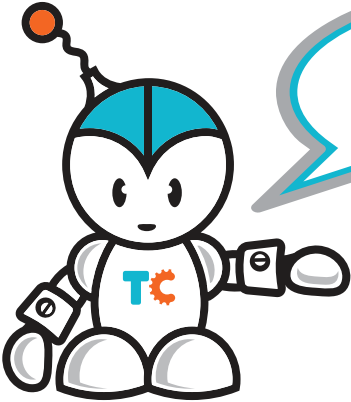
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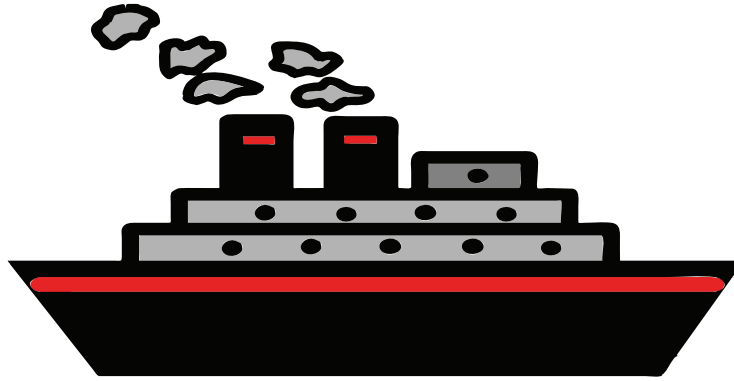
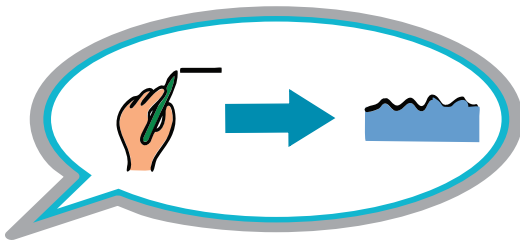
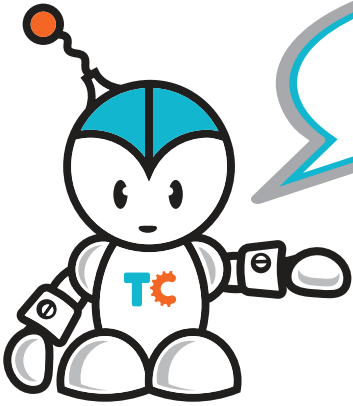
Two vertical lines forming a frame for a drawing. At the bottom, there are three horizontal dashed lines extending across the frame, intended for drawing the rungs of a ladder.

Instructions: Draw some more lines for the ladder to help the knight rescue the princess.



A vertical ladder structure consisting of two parallel vertical lines. The lower portion of the ladder has three horizontal dashed lines connecting the two vertical lines, serving as a guide for drawing additional rungs.

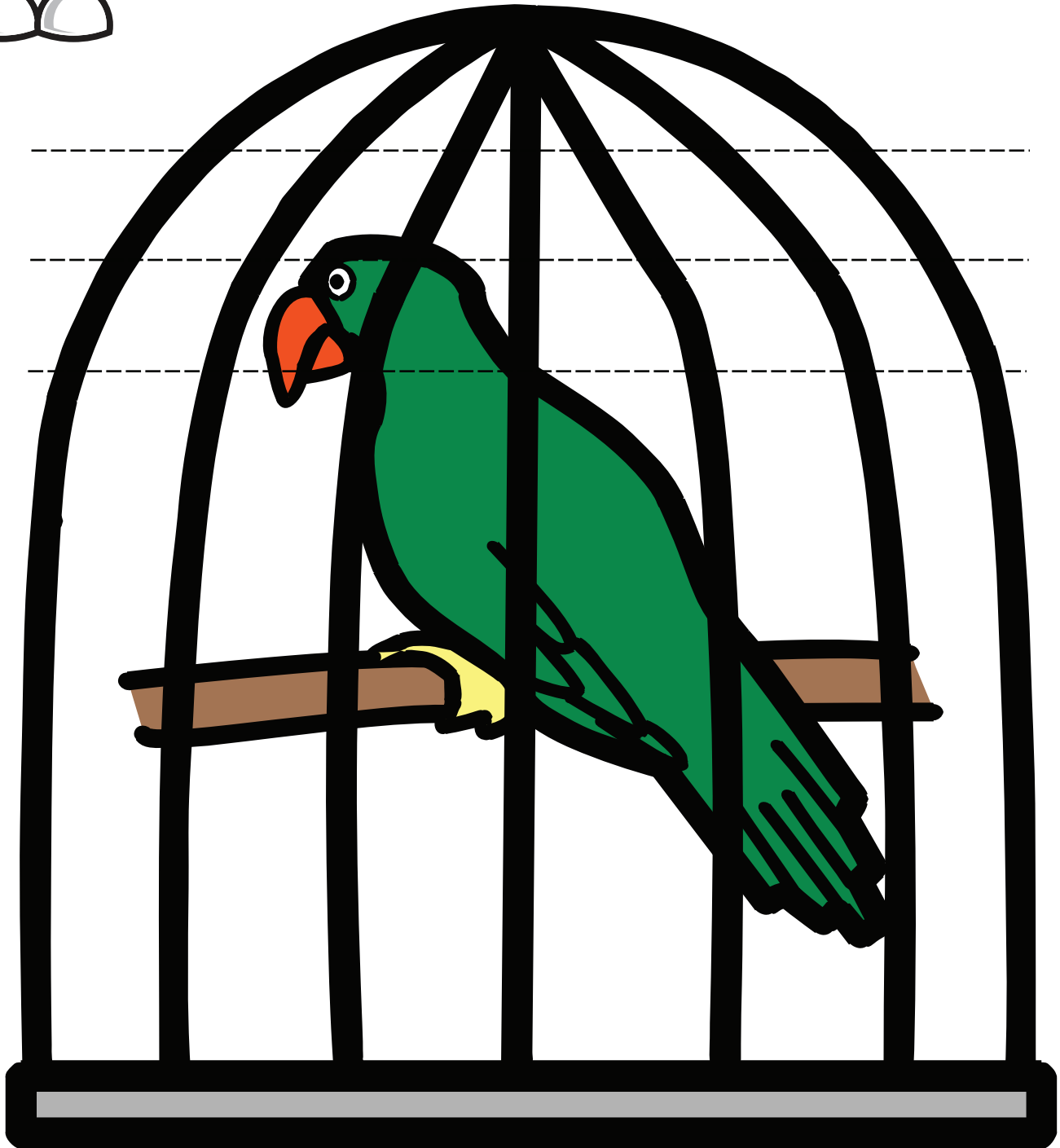
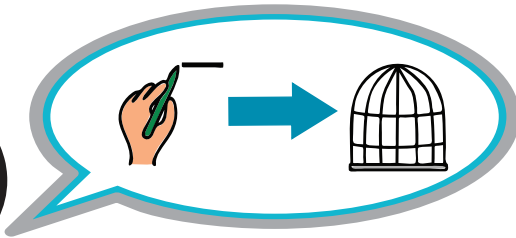
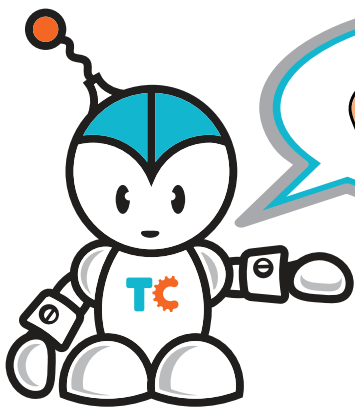
Instructions: Draw some more lines for the ladder to help the monkey get the bananas.



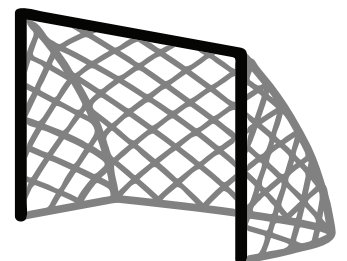
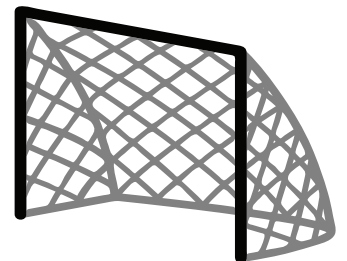
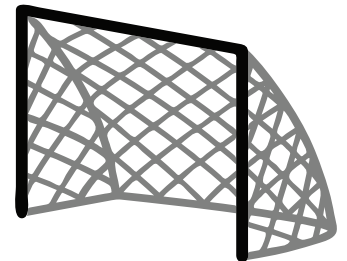
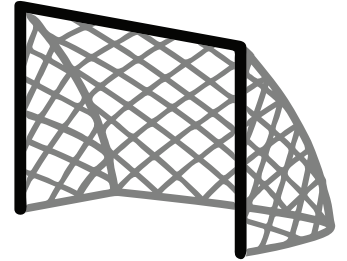
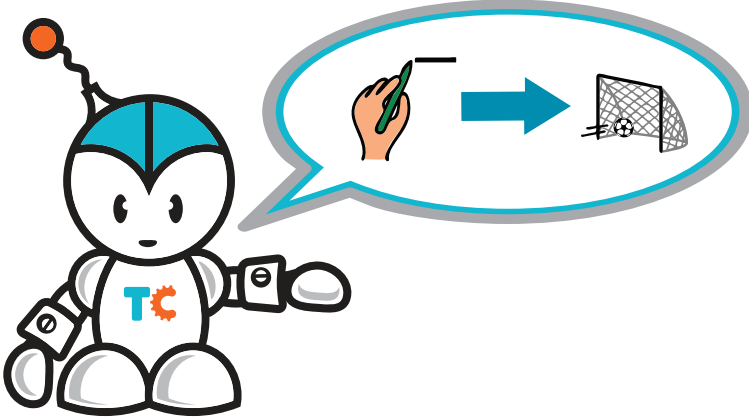
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Instructions: Draw some more lines of water so that the boat can float in the ocean.

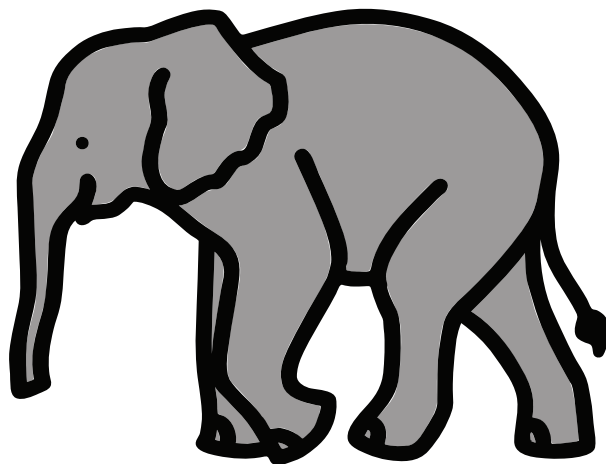
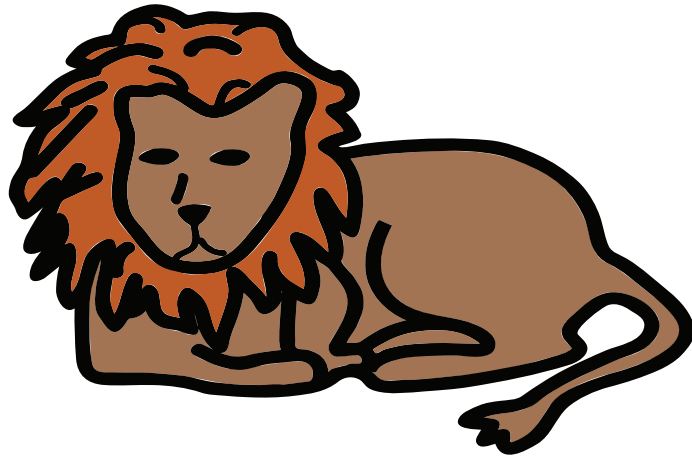
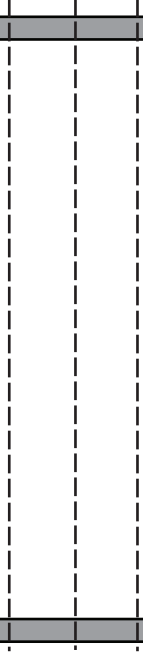
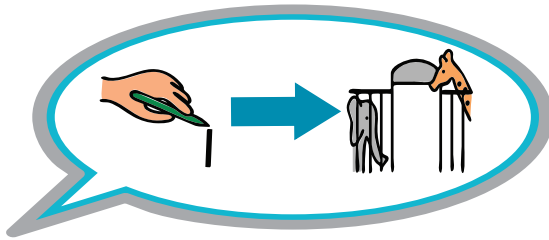
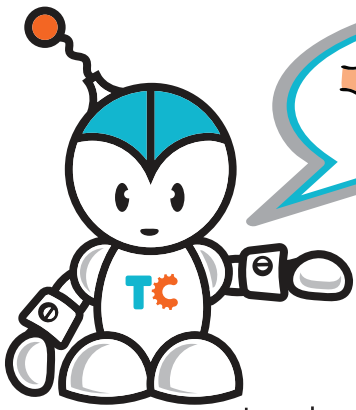


Instructions: Draw some more lines to finish the bird cage.

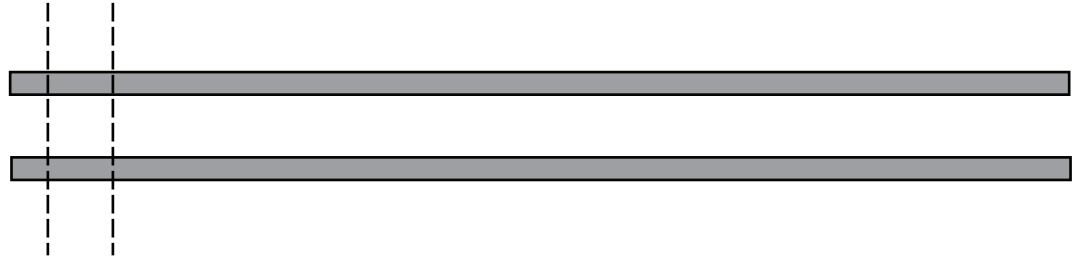
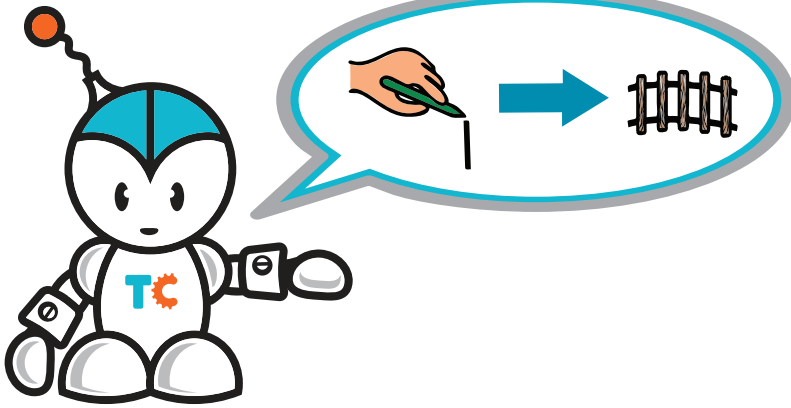


Instructions: Draw some a line to kick each ball into the goal. Score!

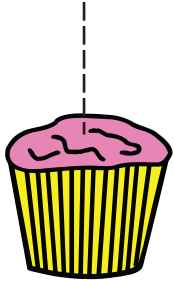
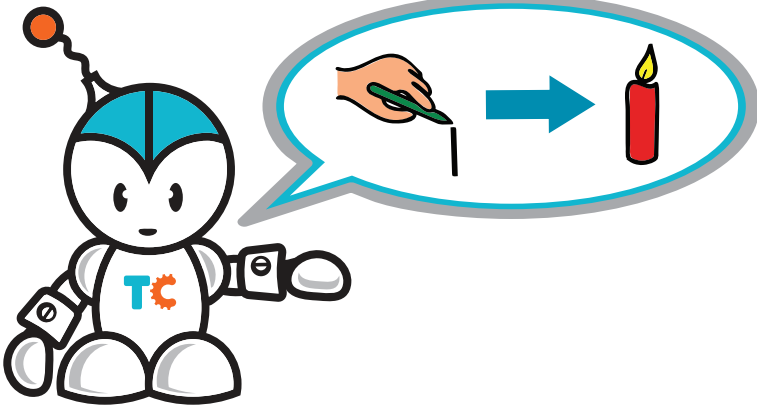




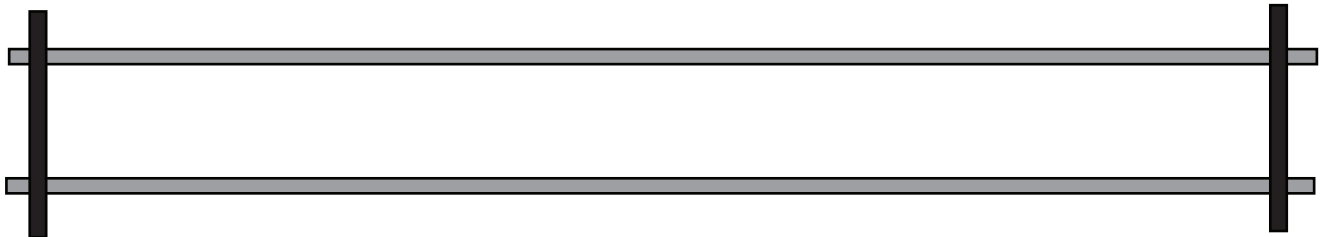
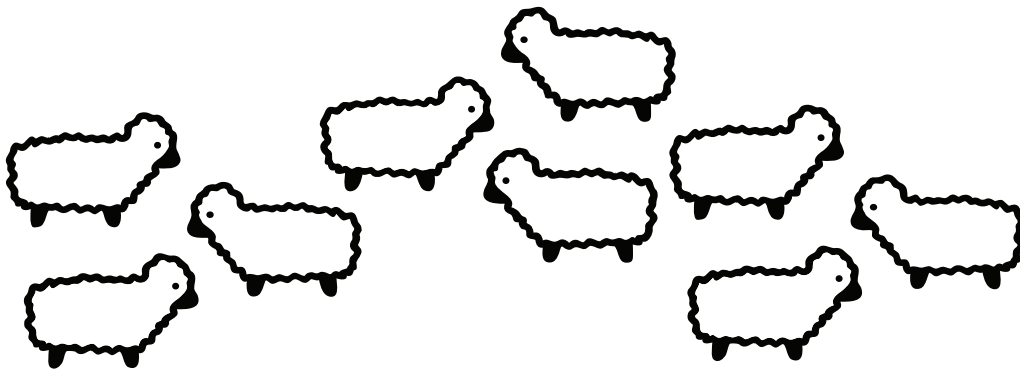
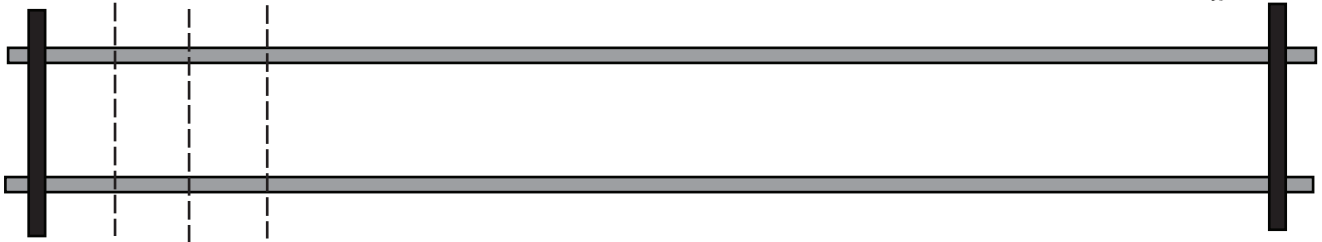
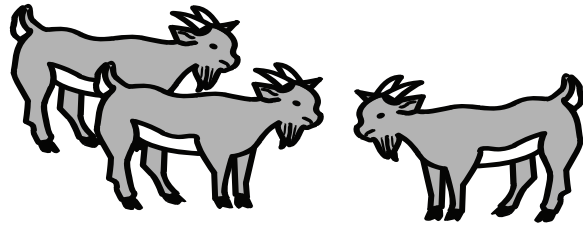
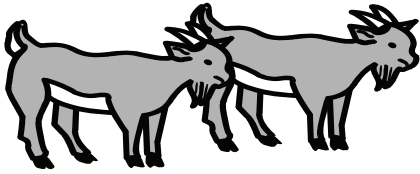
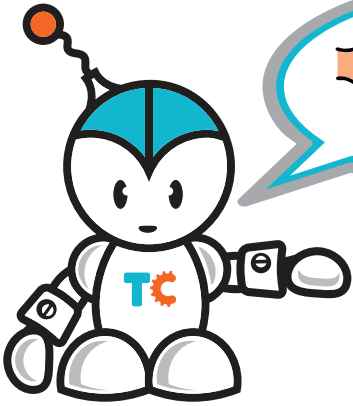
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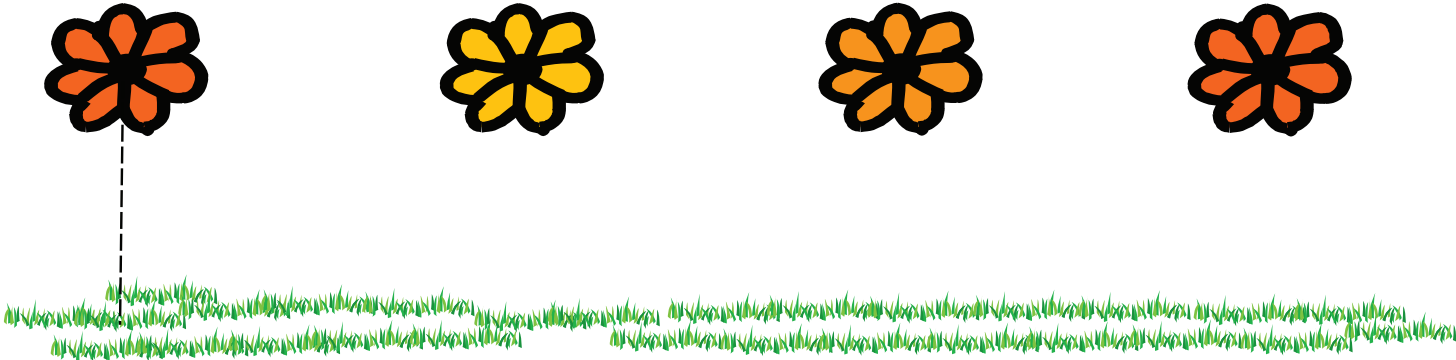
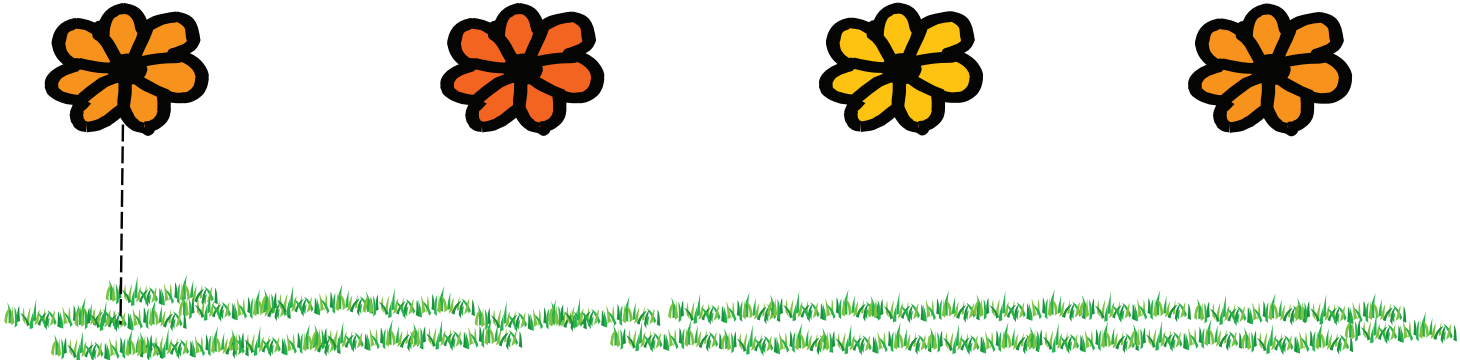
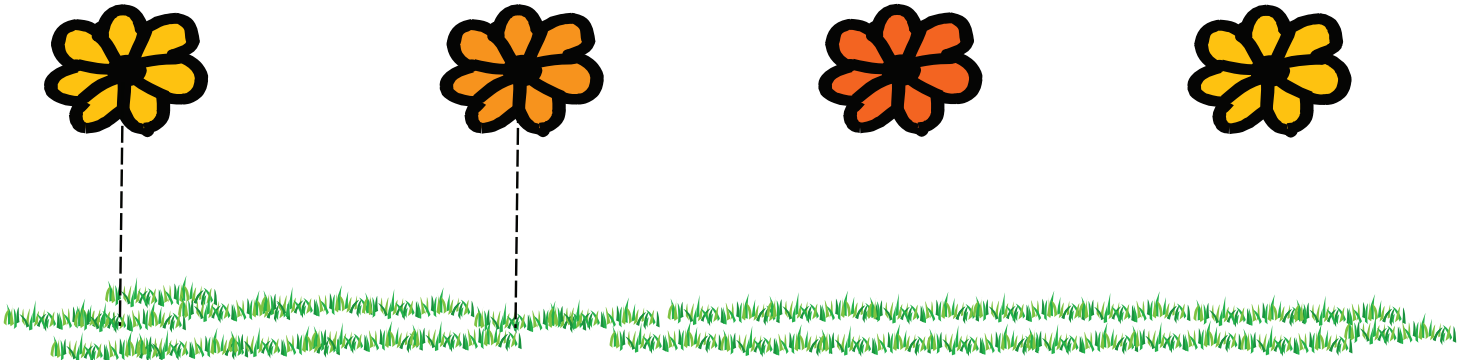
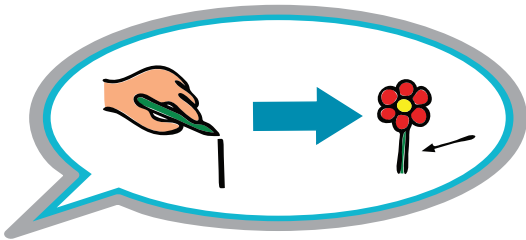
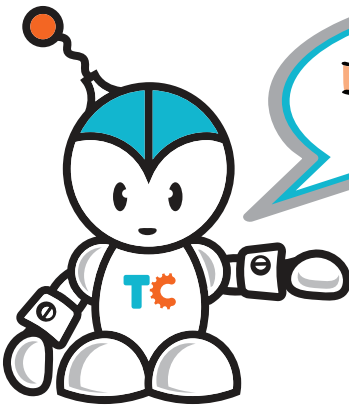
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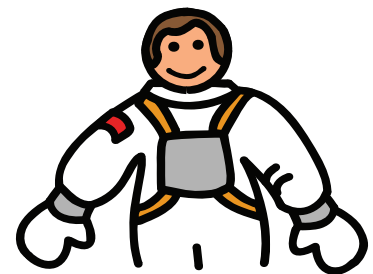
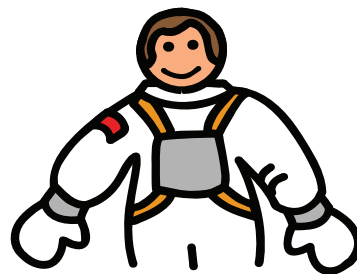
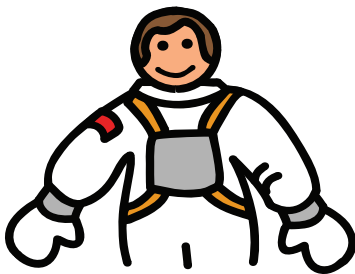
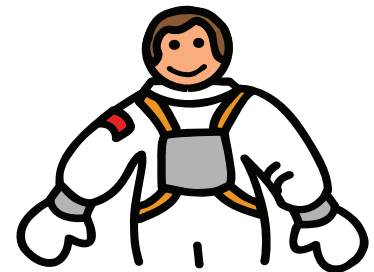
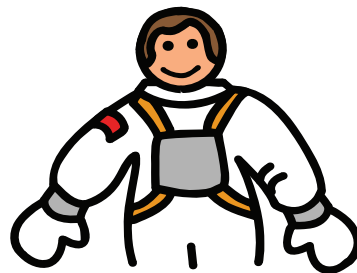
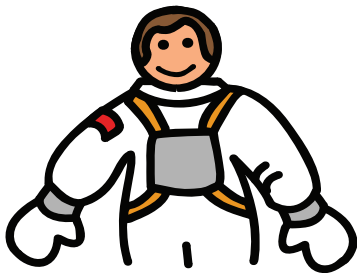
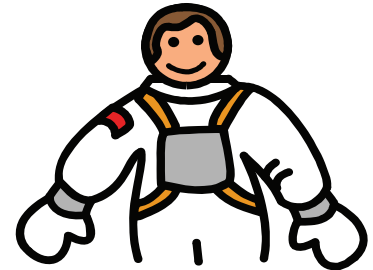
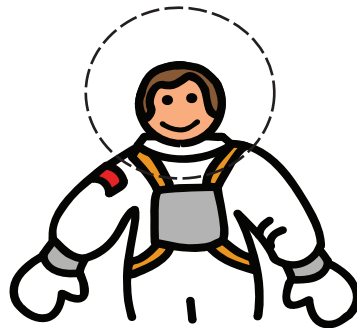
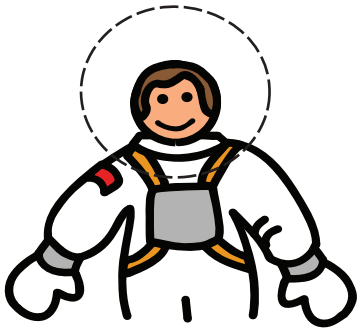
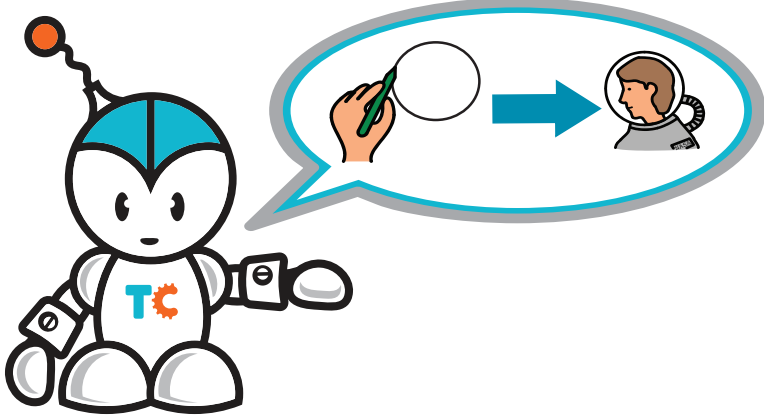
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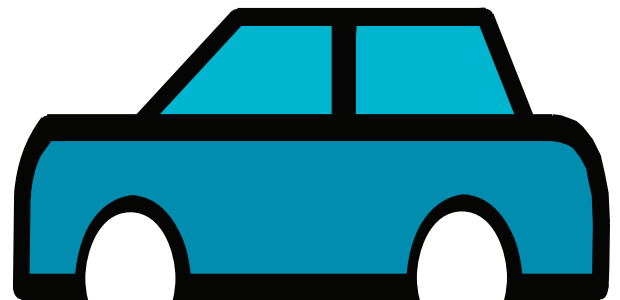
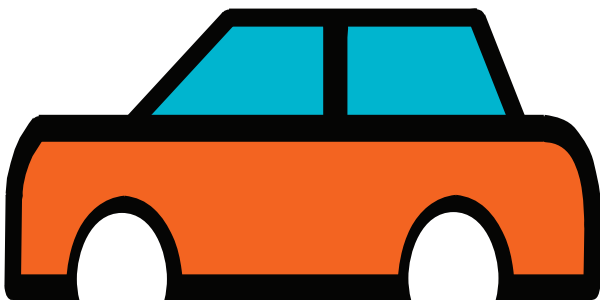
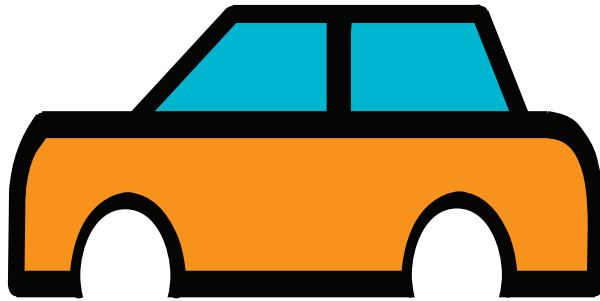
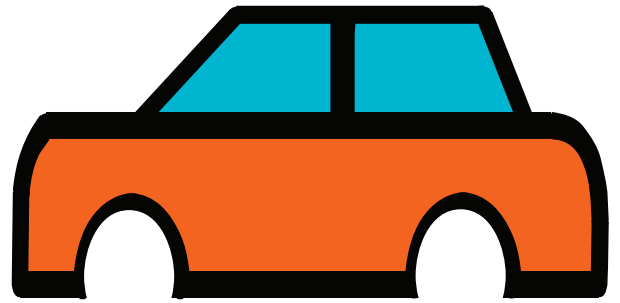
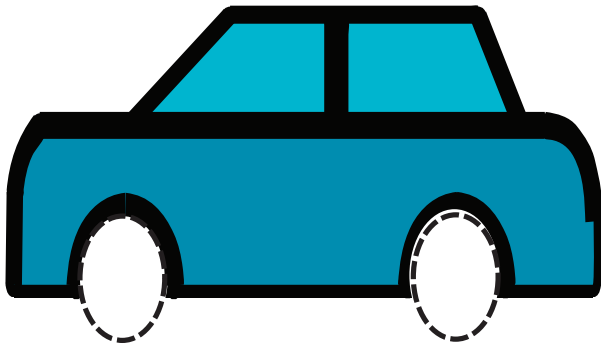
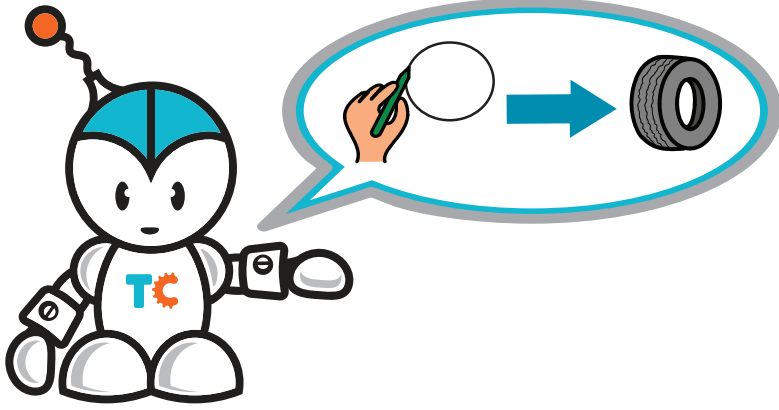
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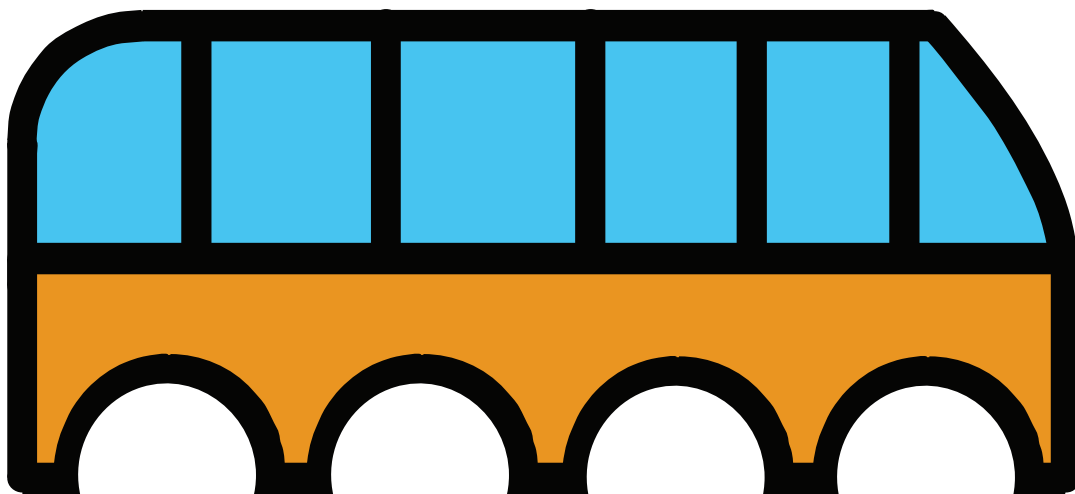
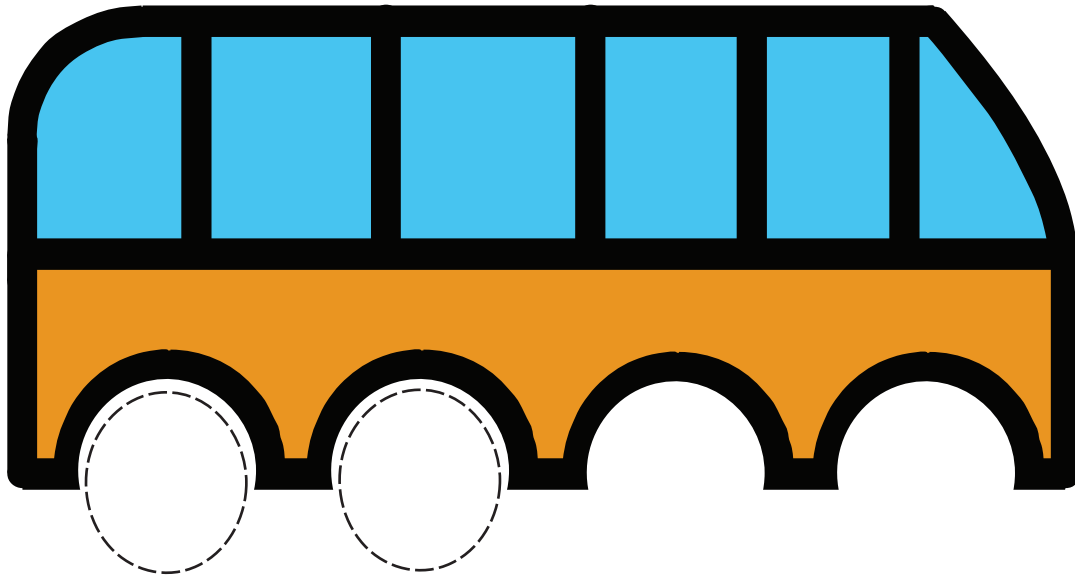
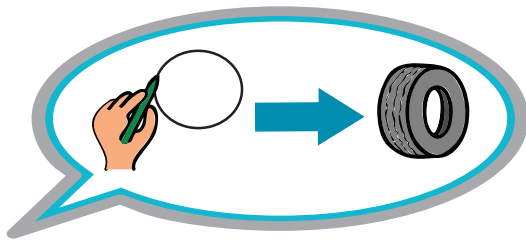
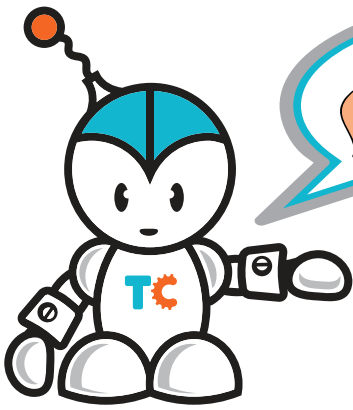
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Instructions: Draw some circles to give the astronauts helmets.

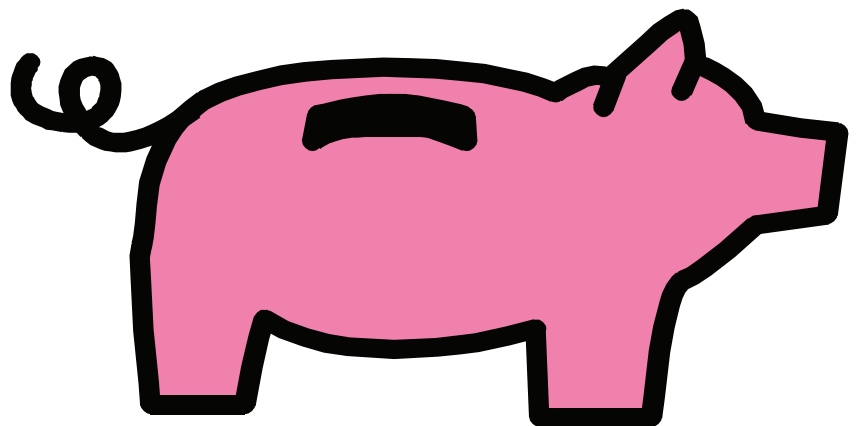
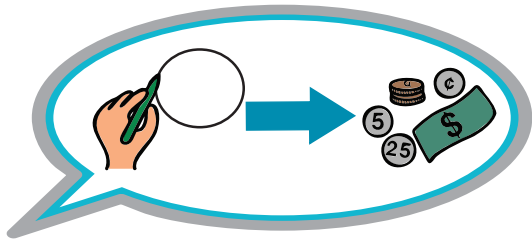
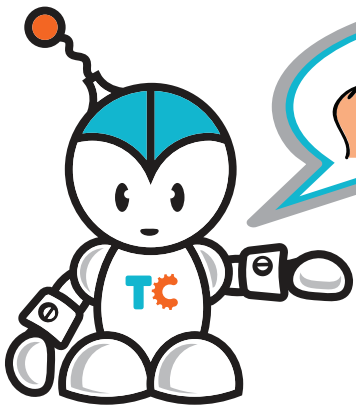


Instructions: Draw some circles to make wheels for the cars.

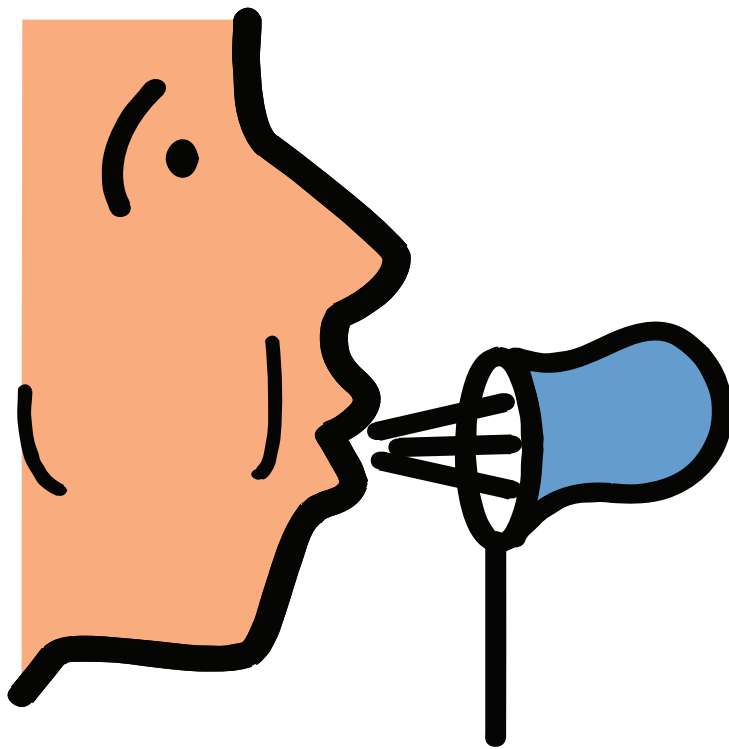
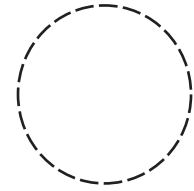
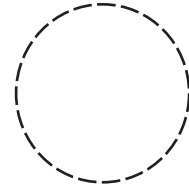
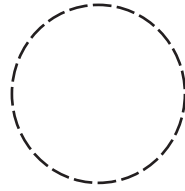
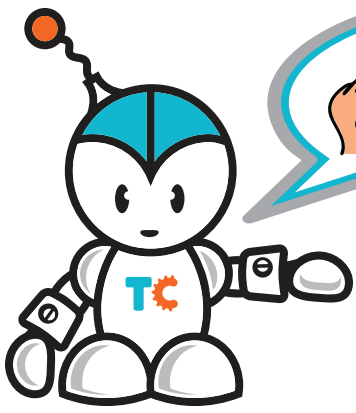


Instructions: Draw some circles to make wheels for the bus.

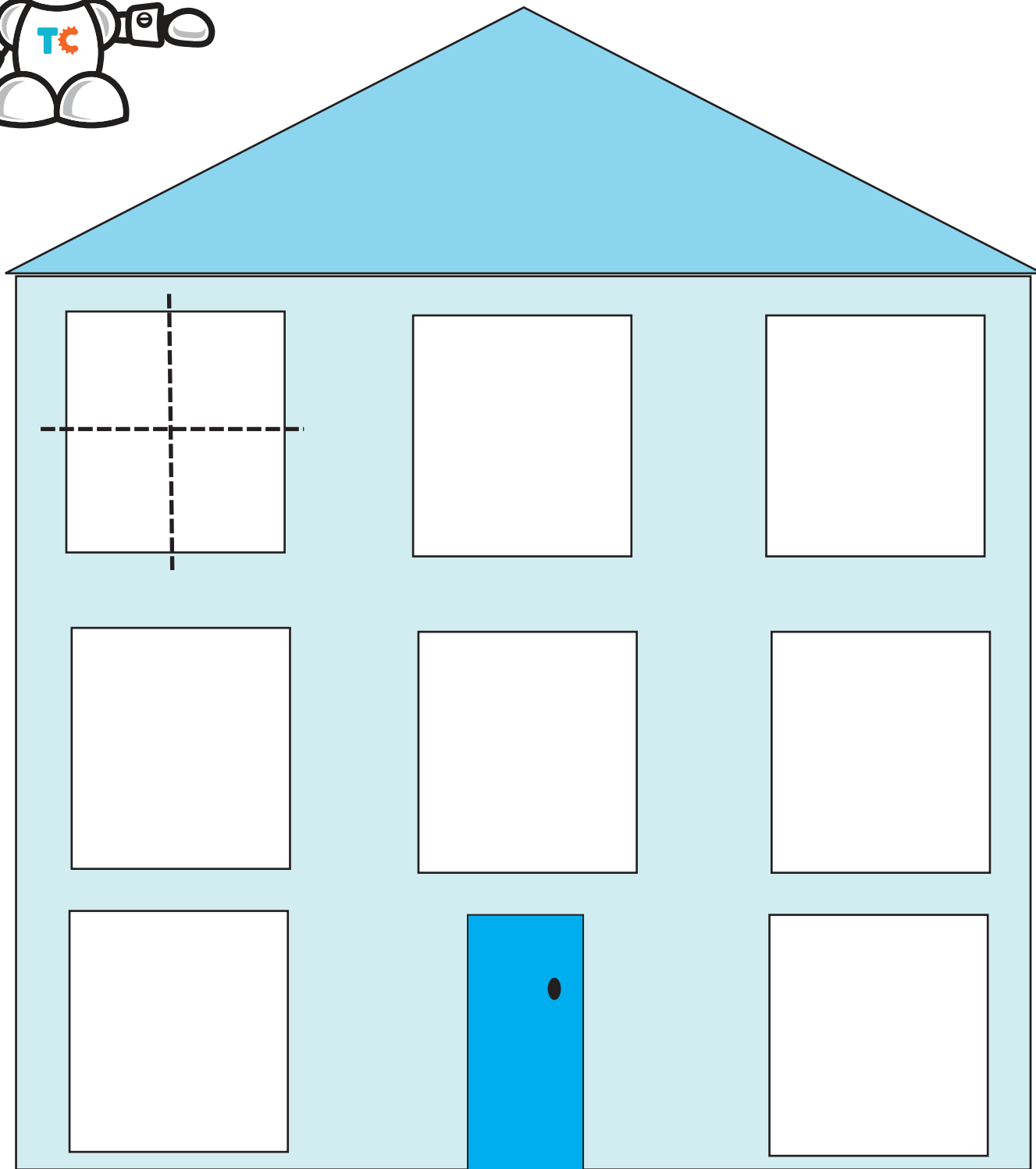
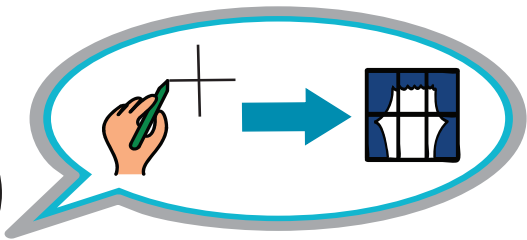
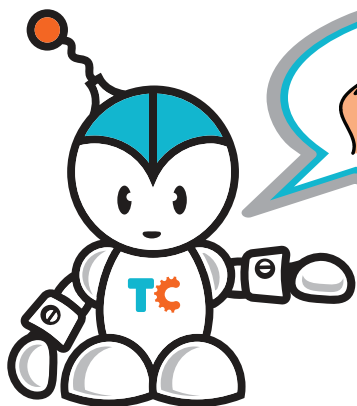




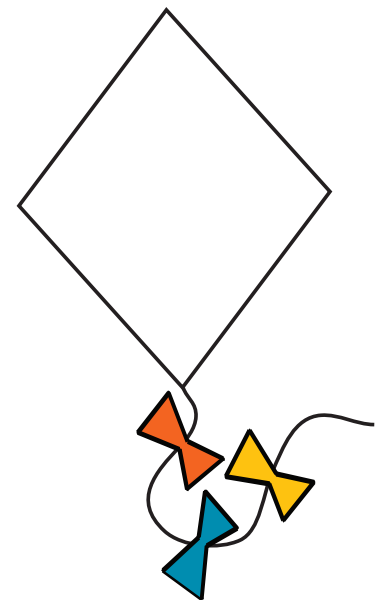
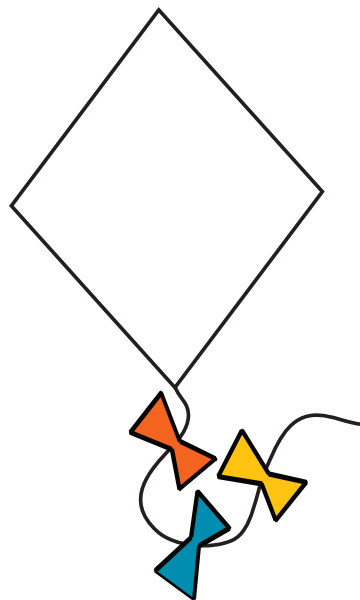
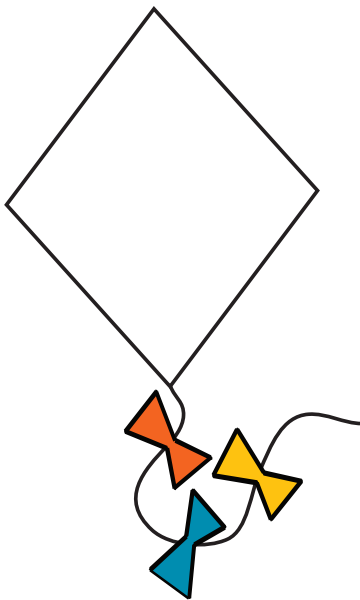
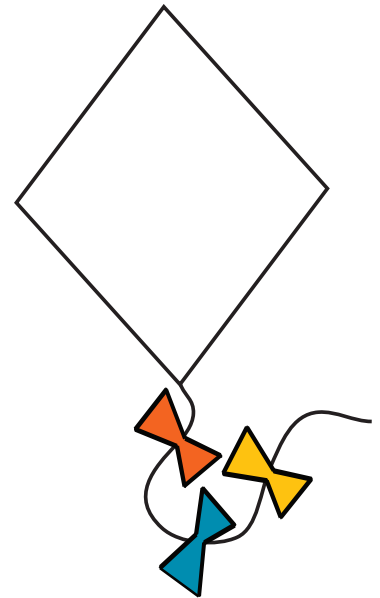
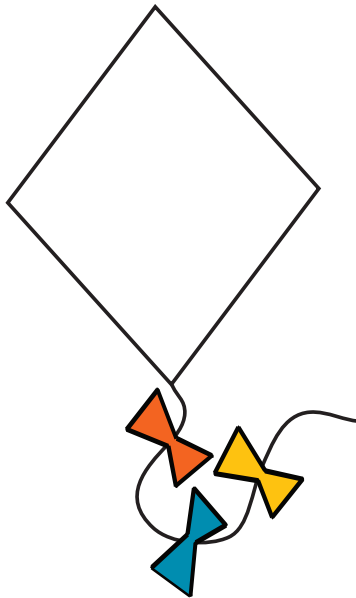
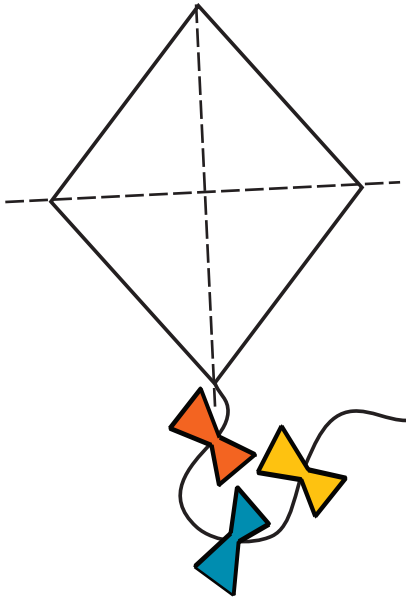
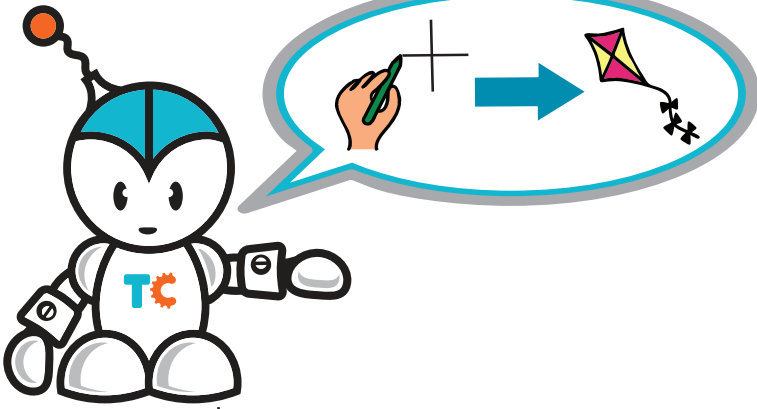
Instructions: Draw some circles to around the money to put in the piggy bank.



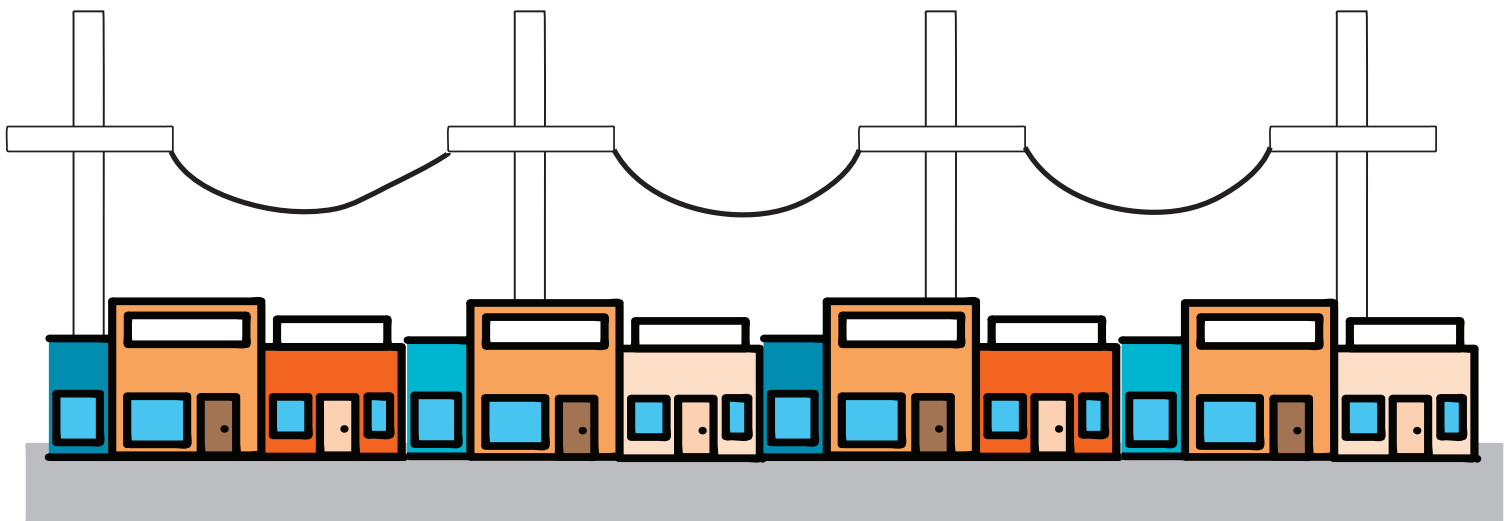
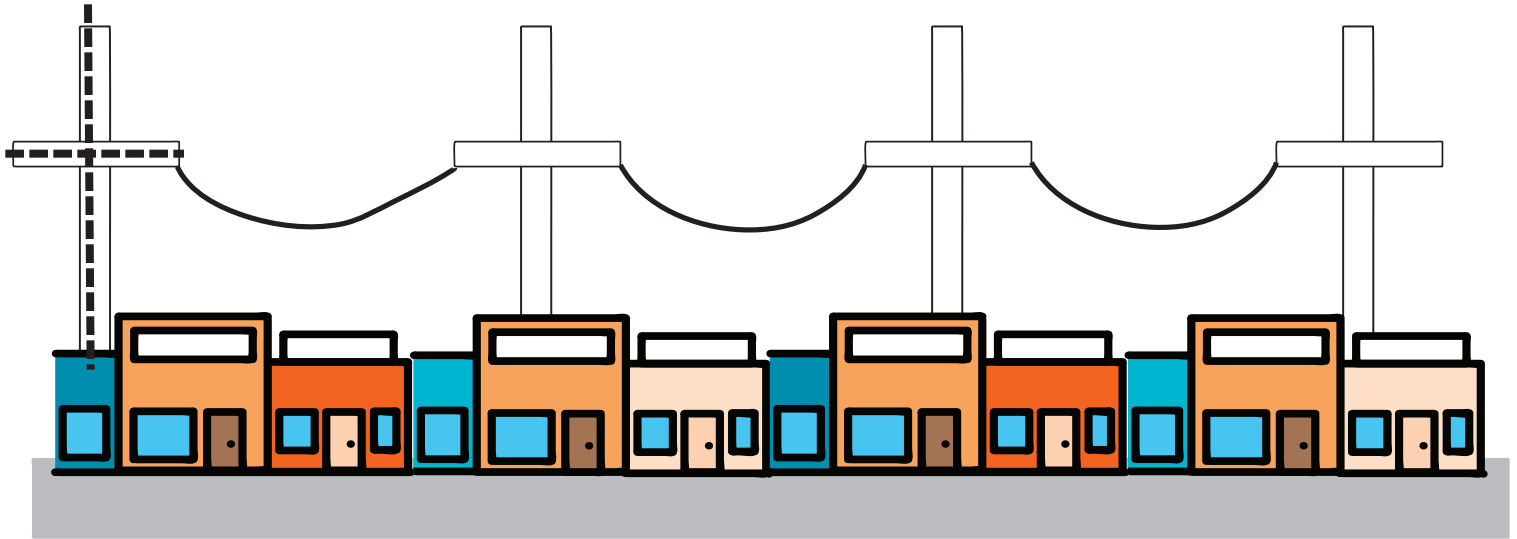
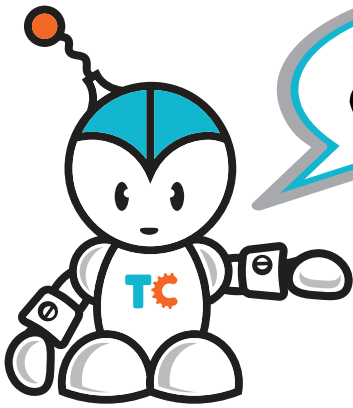
Instructions: Draw some circles to make some more bubbles.



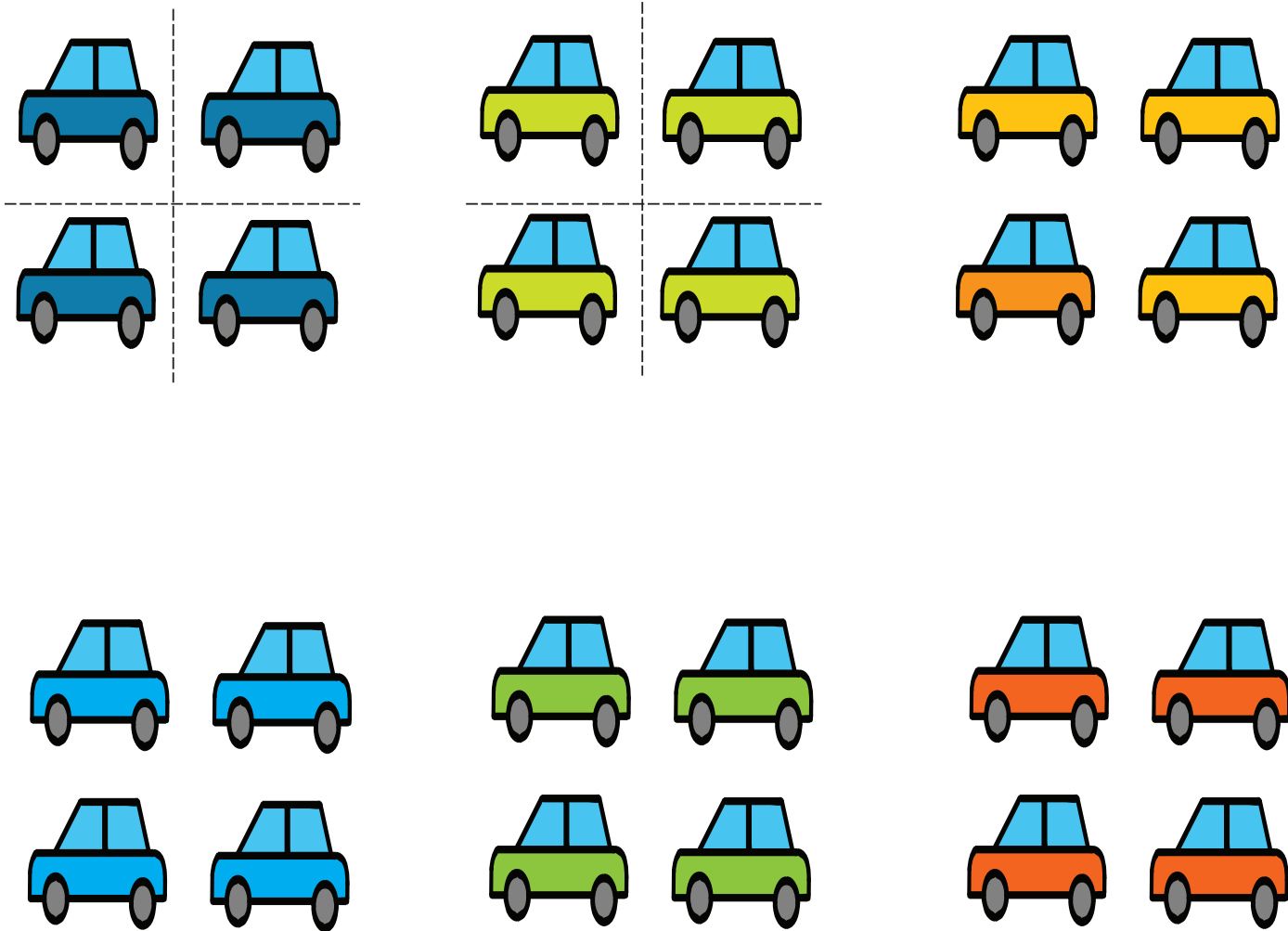
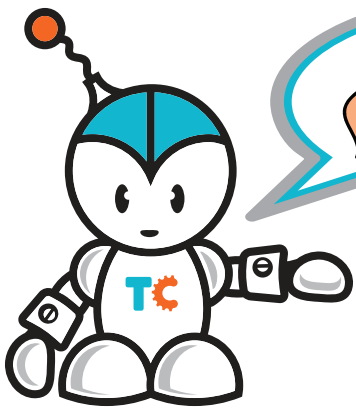
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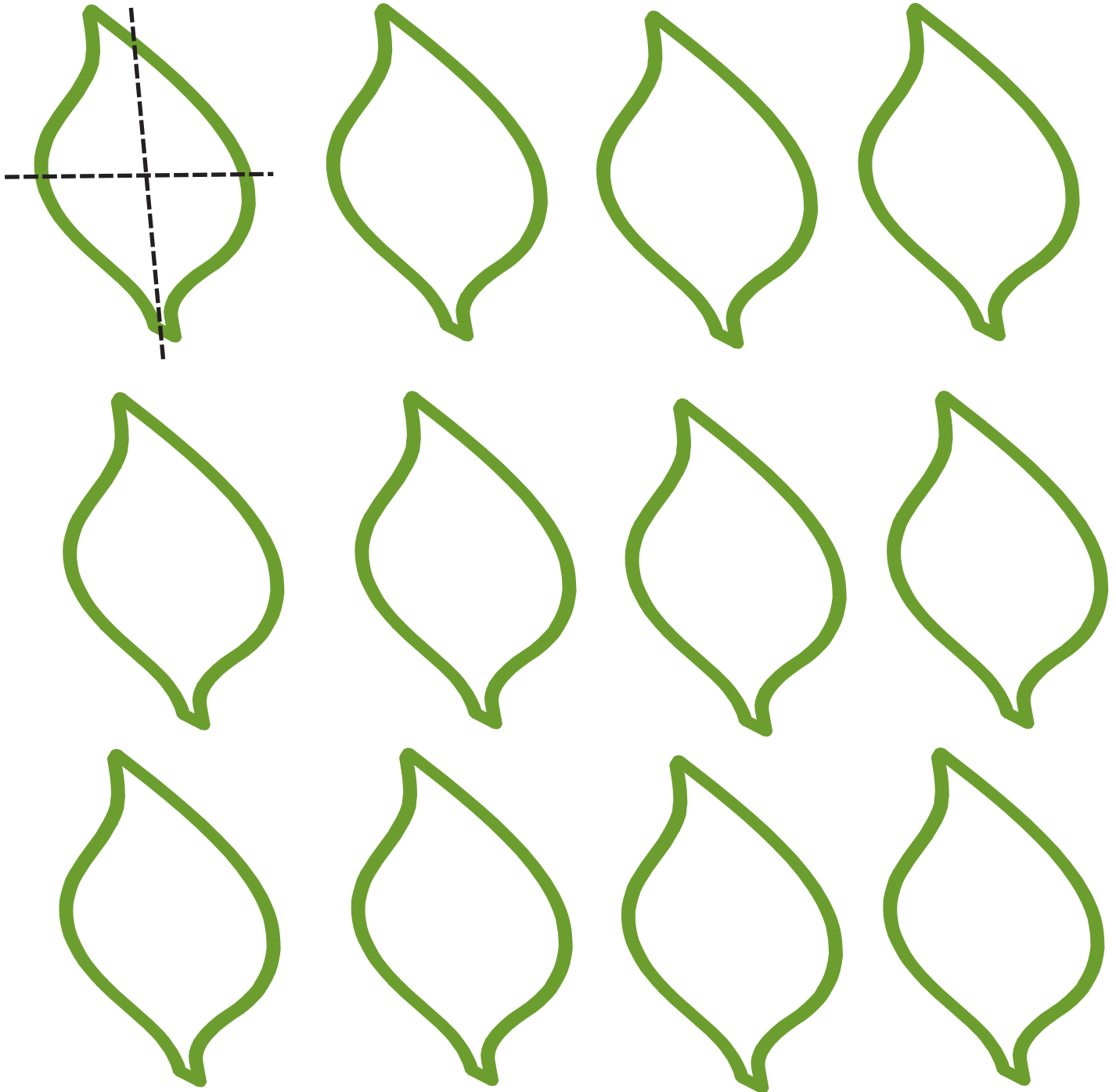
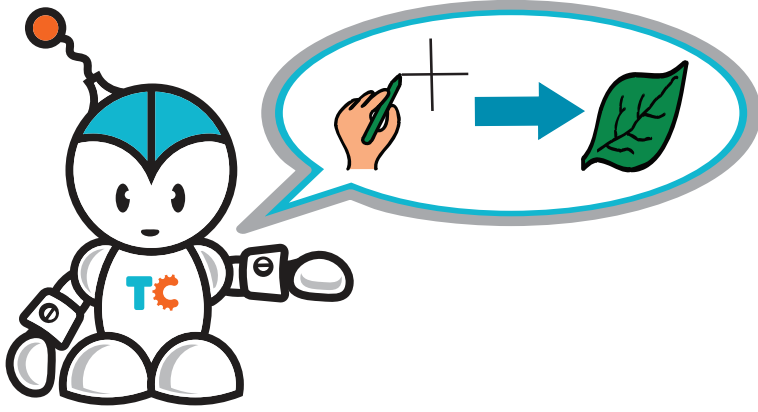
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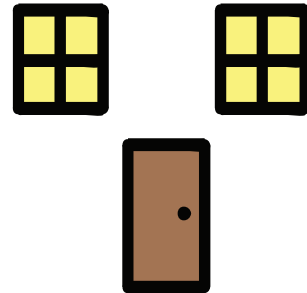
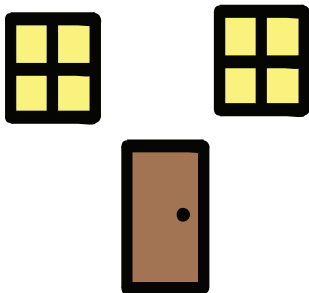
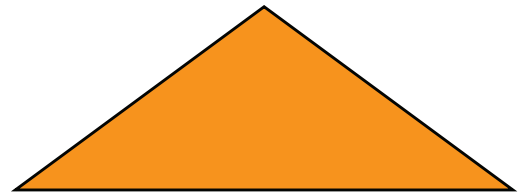
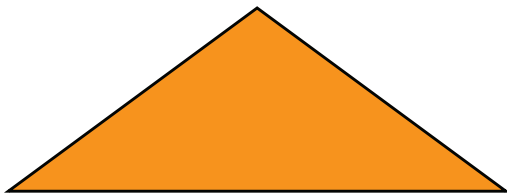
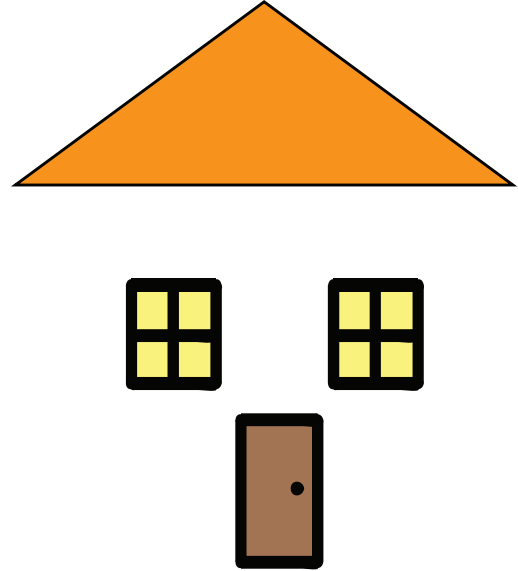
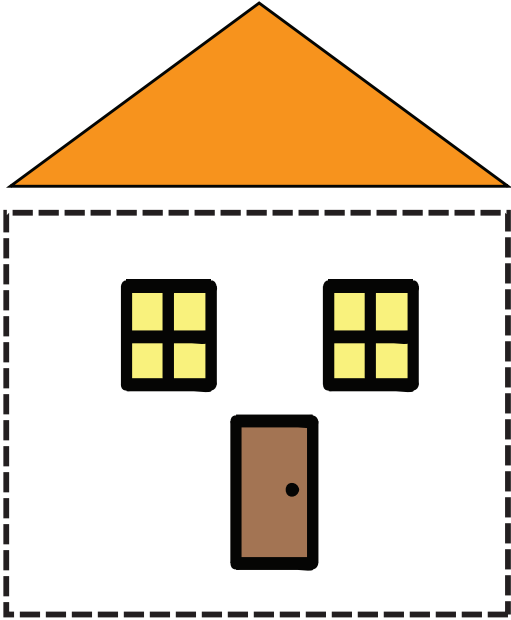
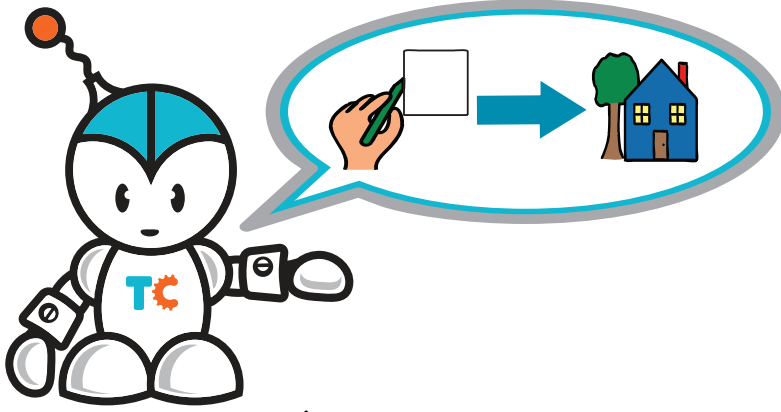
Instructions: Draw some crosses to finish making the electricity poles.



Instructions: Draw some crosses to finish making the parking lot.

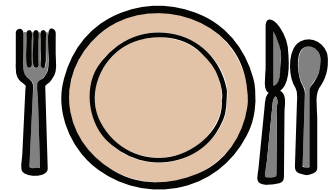
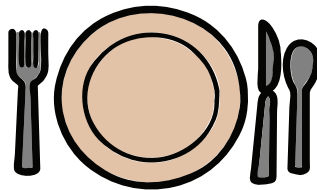
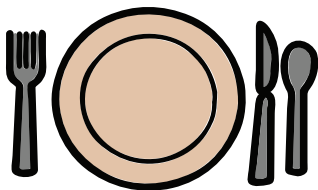
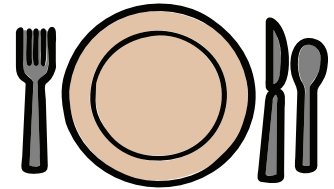
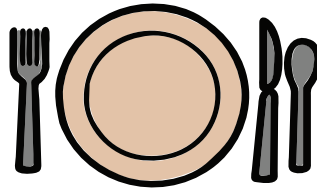
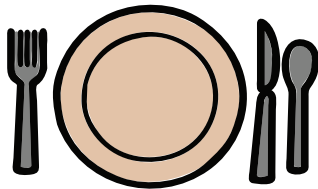
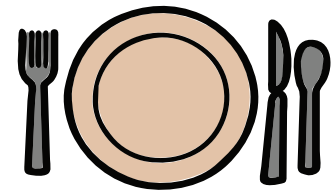
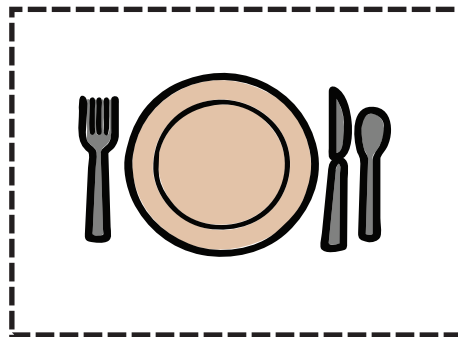
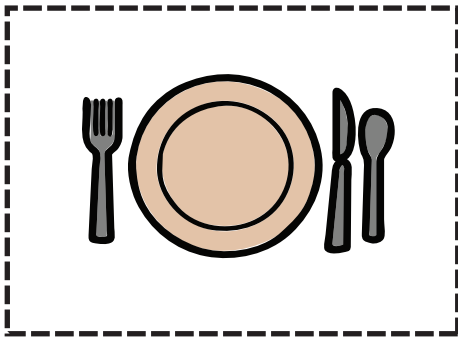
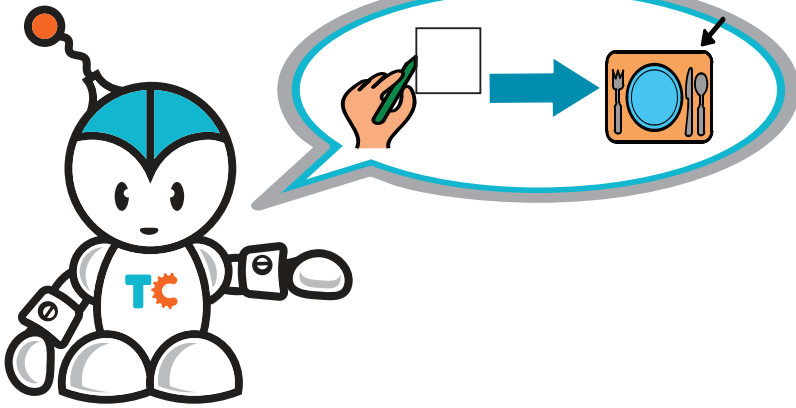


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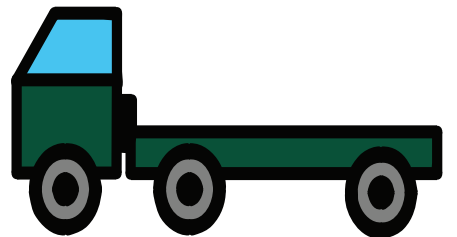
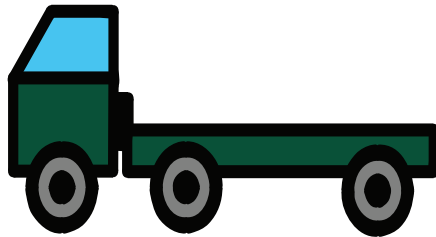
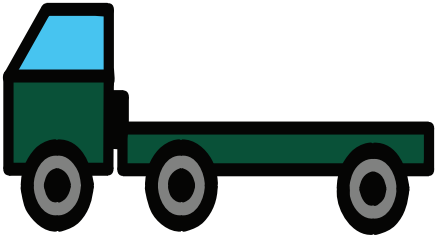
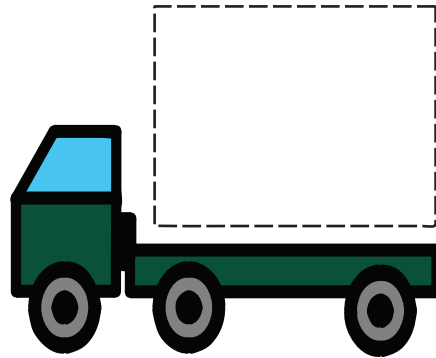
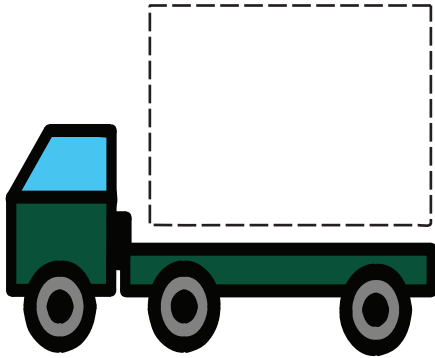
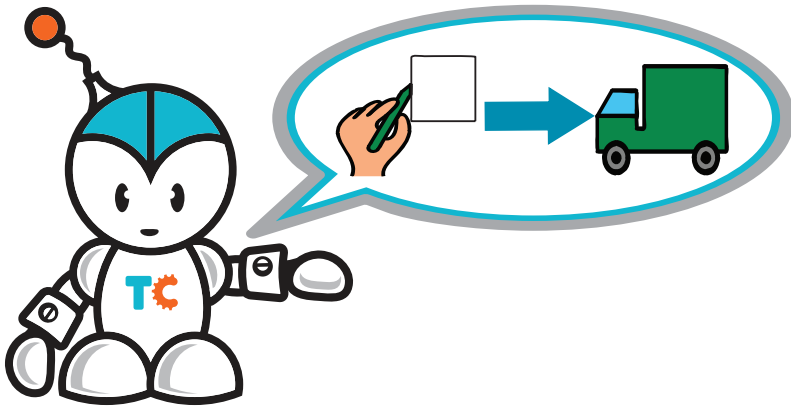


Instructions: Draw some square to finish building the houses.

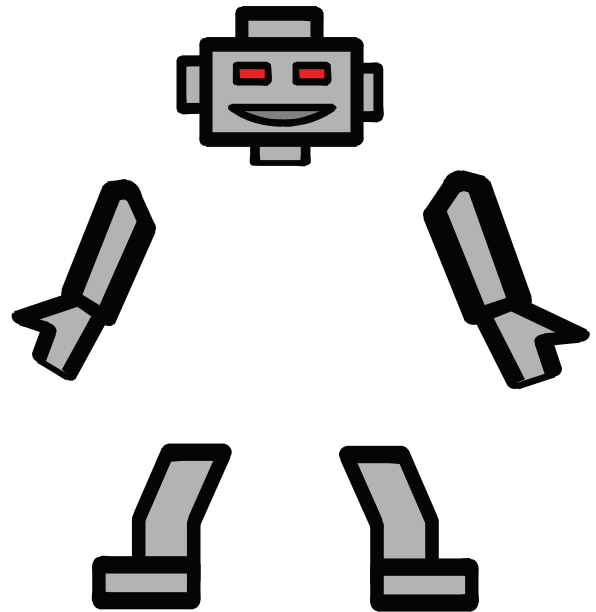
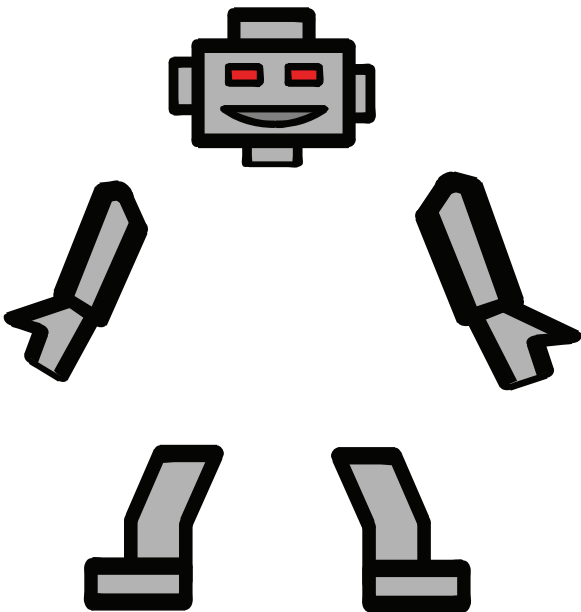
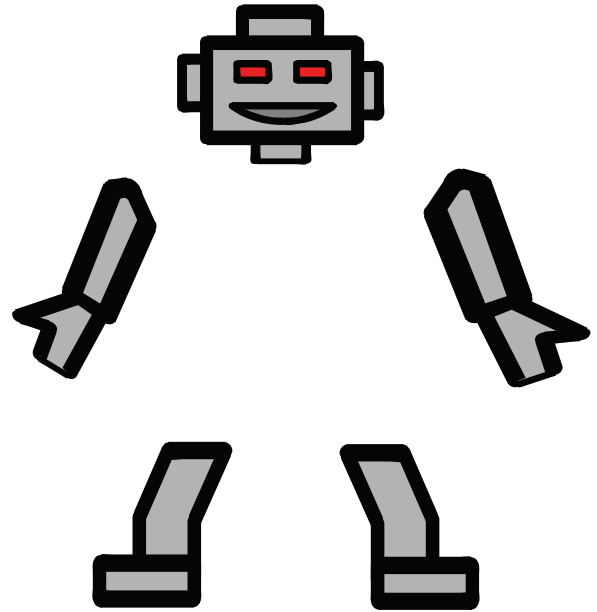
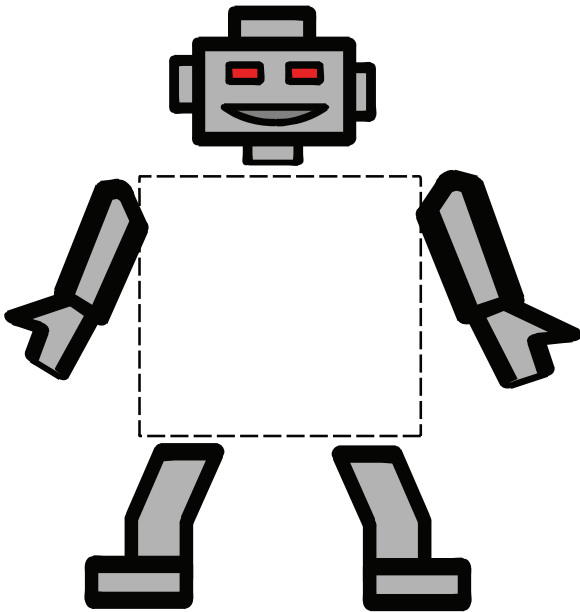
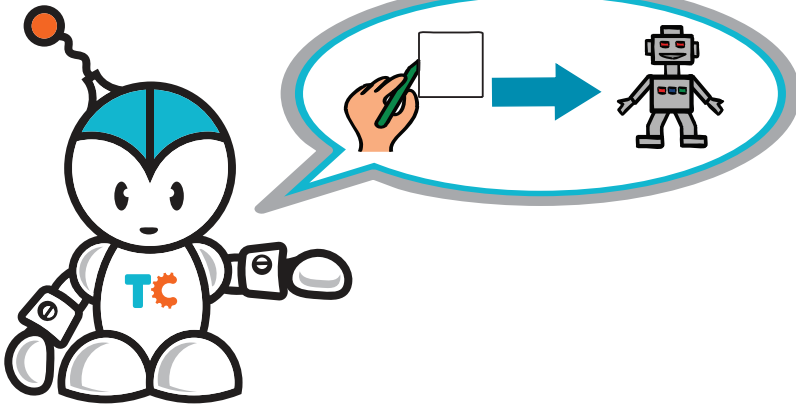




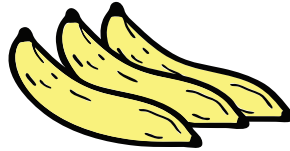
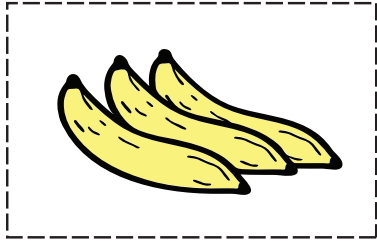
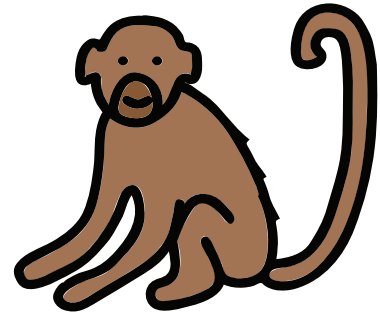
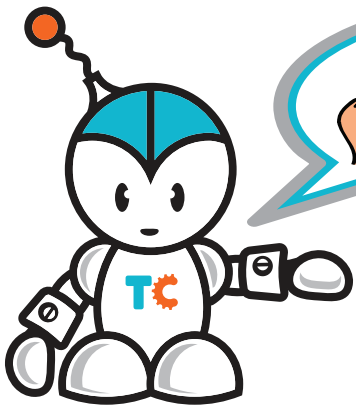
Instructions: Draw some squares to finish putting placemats on the table.



Instructions: Draw some squares to finish loading the trucks.



Instructions: Draw some squares to finish the robots.



Instructions: Draw some squares to build boxes so the monkey can't eat the bananas.