For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Gecko: Collection Signs · companion worksheet set

4 cards · ages 2.5-7

No need to print this page. Look here if your child would like a little help. Each hint comes before the answer, so you can nudge without giving it away.

Point and Place

Ages 2.5-3

Little hint Touch each stone on the tray just once, and say a number for every touch.

Answer **3 - the middle field.** Pointing to the group of three dots is a complete answer; no drawing needed.

Why: the last number word tells how many stones are in the whole tray.

One Crayon

Age 4

Little hint Look at the sign together. Try making its collection with real counters before circling.

Answer **4 - the middle field.** The sign asks for four, so the group of four dots matches.

Color and Count

Age 5

Little hint Follow the edge of the tray with one finger. Which stones are inside?

Answer **5 - the middle field.** The two stones outside the tray are not counted.

Why: a collection is only what belongs inside it.

Make and Change

Ages 6-7

Task 1 · How many more to make 6?

Little hint Compare the stones already on the tray with the sign.

Answer **2 more.** Four are on the tray, and 6 - 4 = 2. Any two clear marks or a clear numeral 2 is correct.

Task 2 · Six stones, two go. How many stay?

Little hint Make six counters, then take two away and count what is left.

Answer **4 stay.** Any four clear marks or a clear numeral 4 is correct.

Pointing counts. A spoken number, a pointed field, or any clear mark can be a correct answer. Drawings and color choices are never graded on neatness.