For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

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t24a-01 | Ages 5-7 | A guess to keep

Task 1: Make a guess. Keep it. Circle groups of ten and count every seed.

Task 2: Hippo guessed 16. Elephant guessed 22. Whose guess is closer to your checked count?

Little hint: Keep the first guess. Can you build full groups of ten before counting the rest?

Task 1 answer: Any whole-number guess 0-50 is allowed. The checked count is 18: 10 + 8. Task 2 answer: Hippo's guess 16 is closer: it is 2 away from 18, while 22 is 4 away.

t24a-02 | Ages 5-7 | A spread-out surprise

Task 1: Mat A and Mat B were moved. Did the number change?

Task 2: COPY should have 24. Draw the missing seed.

Little hint: Look for seeds arriving or leaving, not for a change in the space between them.

Task 1 answer: Same: Mat A has 24 seeds and Mat B has 24 seeds. Task 2 answer: COPY has 23 seeds, so draw exactly one clear seed inside COPY.

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t24a-03 | Ages 5-7 | Keep the guess, fix the count

Task 1: Hippo counted 38. Cross out only the count and write the checked result.

Task 2: Which little train also carries 28 seeds?

Little hint: Leave the guess alone. Count the full groups, then the loose seeds.

Task 1 answer: Keep My guess 30. Two groups of 10 plus 8 loose seeds show 28. Task 2 answer: Train A: 10 + 10 + 8 = 28. Train B: 10 + 8 + 8 = 26.

t24a-04 | Ages 5-7 | Three new travelers

Task 1: There were 31 seeds. Three arrive. Guess, then check the new total.

Task 2: Now three seeds leave. Cross out three in the new set. How many stay?

Little hint: Start with the known set. Count only the seeds that join or leave.

Task 1 answer: Any whole-number guess 0-50 is allowed. 31 + 3 = 34. Task 2 answer: Cross out any three distinct seeds in the 34-seed set; 34 - 3 = 31 stay.