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About This Course

The images, artwork, and words used in this course are all designed to connect children to the good and the beautiful: family, faith, high moral character, and the wonders and beauty of nature and human life.

Doodles & Pre-writing for Littles is designed for most children between the ages of 2 ½ and 5 years old who are ready to develop the dexterity and coordination of small muscles as well as the mental focus needed to write.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

This level focuses on the strokes and forms used to create letters and common shapes and is designed to help small children develop the fine motor skills necessary for writing. This workbook includes 100 sheets, which is 3–4 sheets per week for a normal school year. The course is divided into three sections:

1. Skill: continuous motions. Forms: curves, loops, waves, and spirals. Shapes: circle, oval, ellipse, quatrefoil, and curved triangle.
2. Skill: changing directions. Forms: straight lines, angles, and zigzags. Shapes: triangle, square, rhombus, parallelogram, trapezoid, pentagon, and hexagon.
3. Skill: combining different forms and shapes from sections one and two to create letters or more complex shapes, such as hearts and stars, and finding shapes in nature.

COLORING AND NATURE

Each sheet in this course provides an opportunity for the child to color, improving both coloring and motor skills. The doodles, forms, and shapes the child practices are all connected to nature or other common objects in a child's world.

PENCIL GRIP

Correct pencil grip is essential. For help with pencil grip, there are several YouTube videos and websites that display correct pencil grip. Be sure to gently and patiently correct the child's incorrect pencil grip when writing or drawing.

DOING HANDWRITING WITH LITTLES

The course is designed to be simple enough that a child could work on it without assistance. However, there are optional extension activities, such as questions about the objects on the page, that can be done if parents would like to work further with the child. Some children will want to spend a lot of time on each page, while others will fly through. To help the child get more use and skill development from this course, encourage him or her to trace over each shape or form twice. Using a variety of

colors and mediums (such as crayons, colored pencils, or markers) will make this more enjoyable. After the child has completed the whole course, you can allow the child to cut along the dotted lines to practice using scissors. Pages with large patterns will work best. Upon completion some children will be ready to move on to the Level K Handwriting course, while others may benefit from repeating this course.

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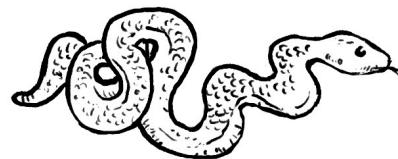
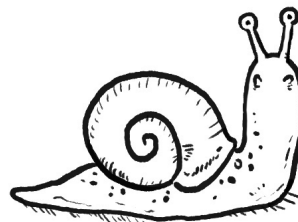




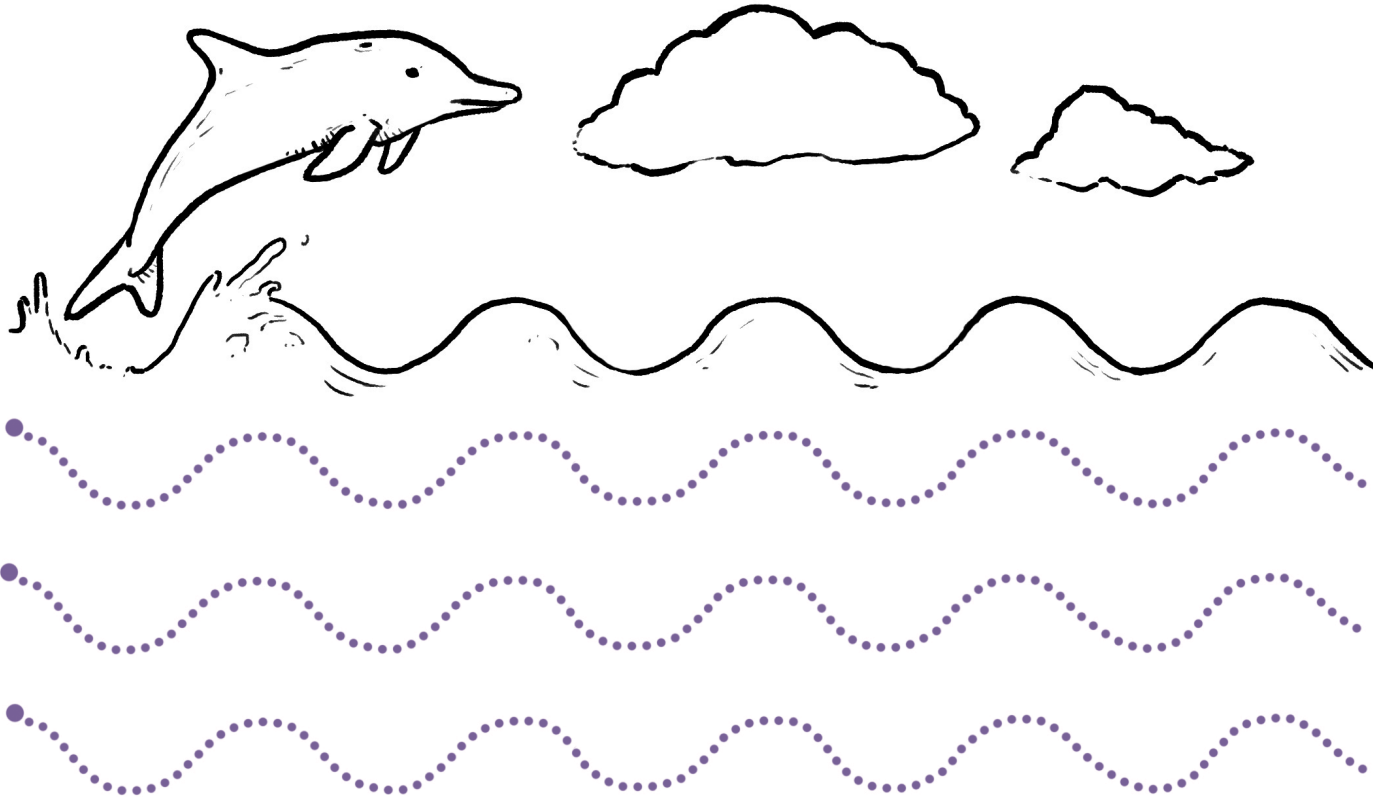
CONTINUOUS MOTIONS

Curves, Loops, Waves,
and Spirals

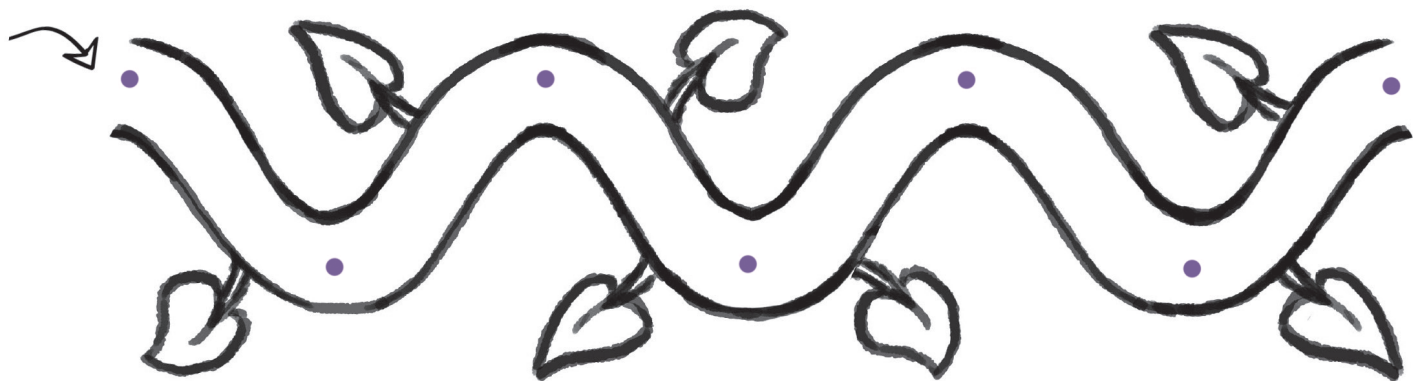
Trace the lines, starting on the dot, and color the images. Which animal has four legs?



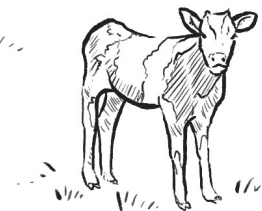
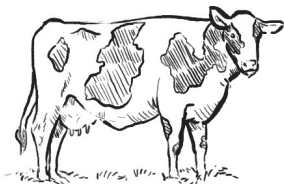
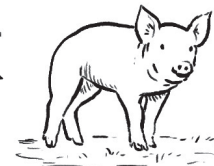
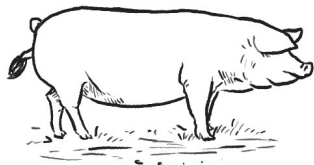
Trace the lines, starting on the dot, and color the image. Dolphins are very friendly. Who is one of your friends?



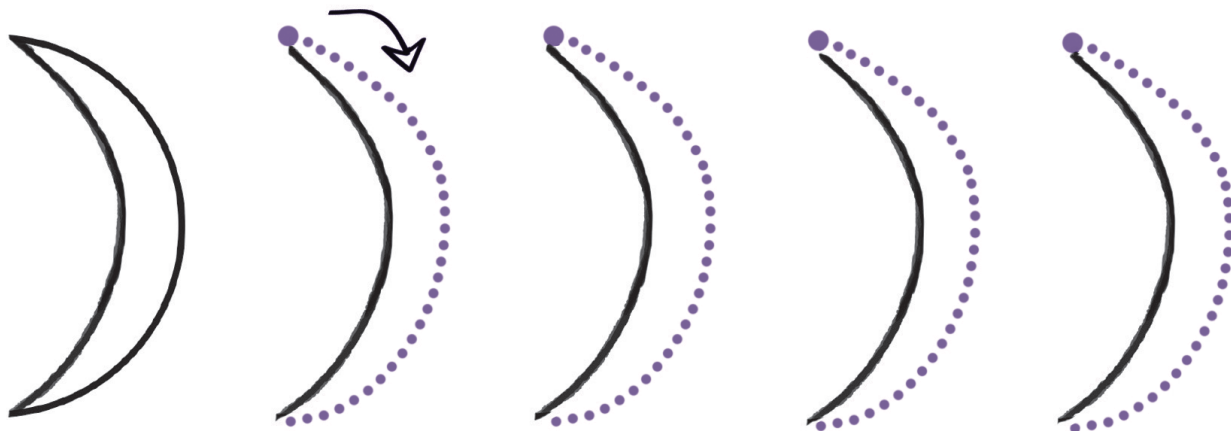
Practice the rhyme “April showers bring May flowers” as you draw lines connecting the dots.



Draw a line inside the path to get to the baby animals. What are baby pigs called?



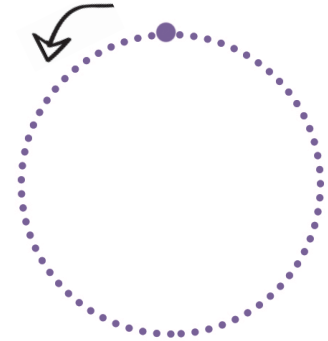
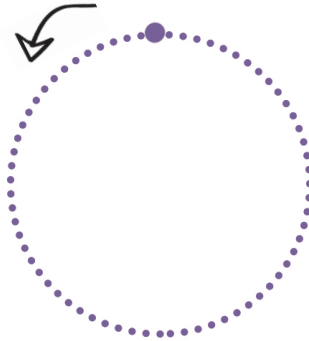
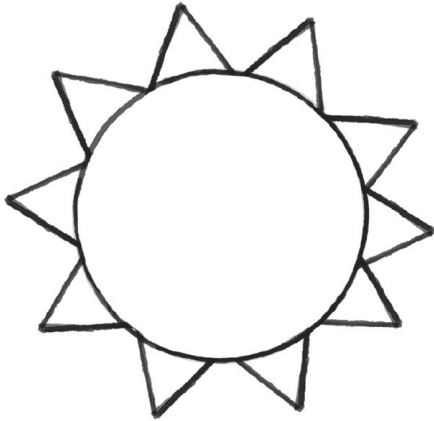
Trace the dotted lines of each crescent moon, starting on the dot. How many moons are on this page?



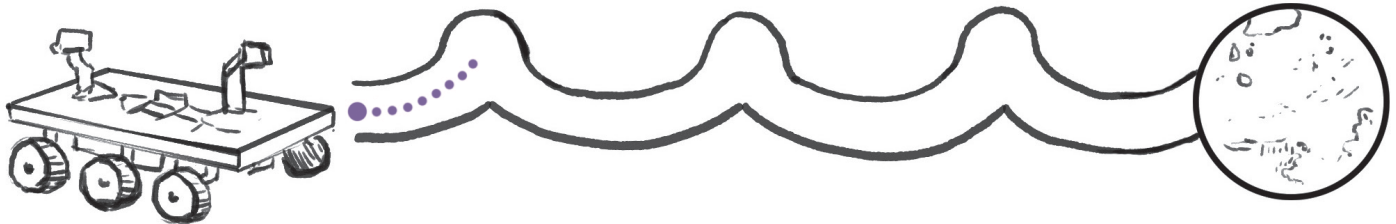
Draw a line inside the path to get the space shuttle to the moon.



Trace each circle, starting on the dot. Optionally, add lines around the outside to turn the circle into a sun.



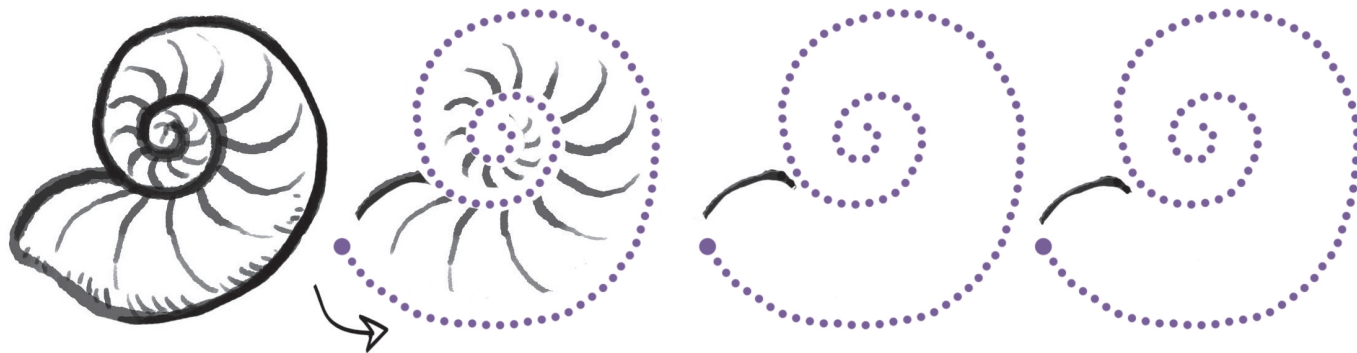
Draw a line inside the path to get the land rover to Mars.



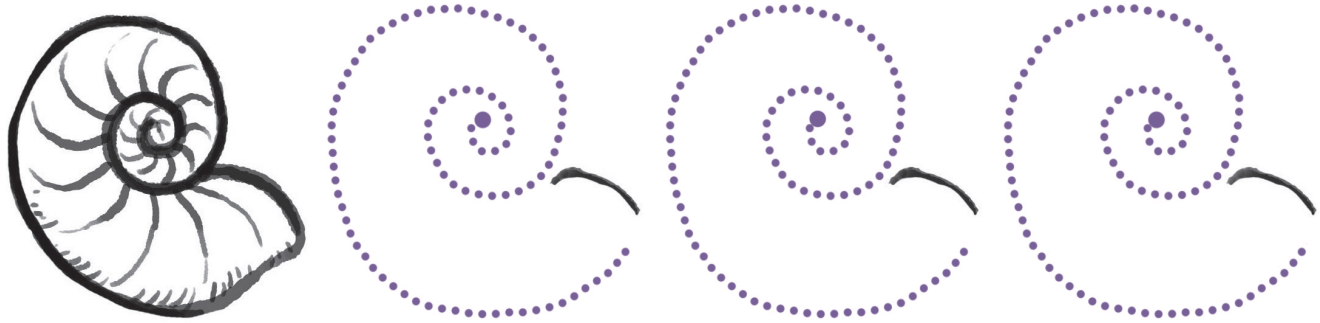
Trace each spiral, starting on the dot.



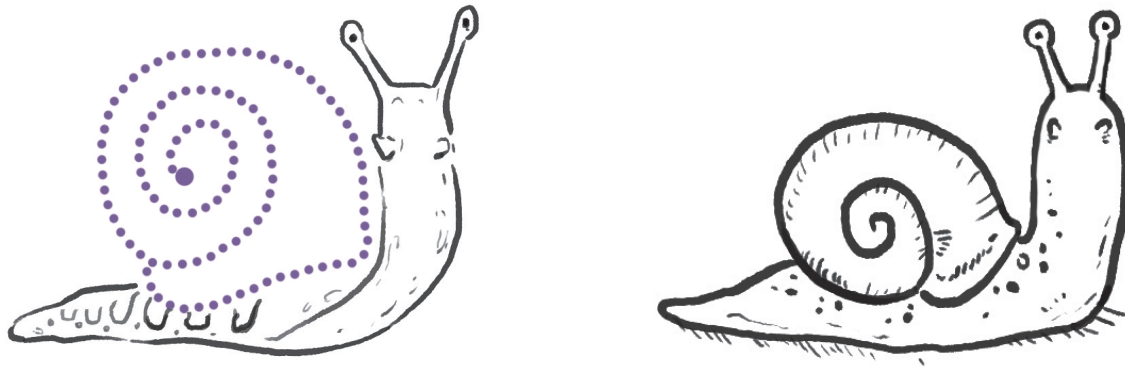
Trace the spiral of the shell, starting on the dot. How many shells do you see?



Trace each spiral, starting on the dot.



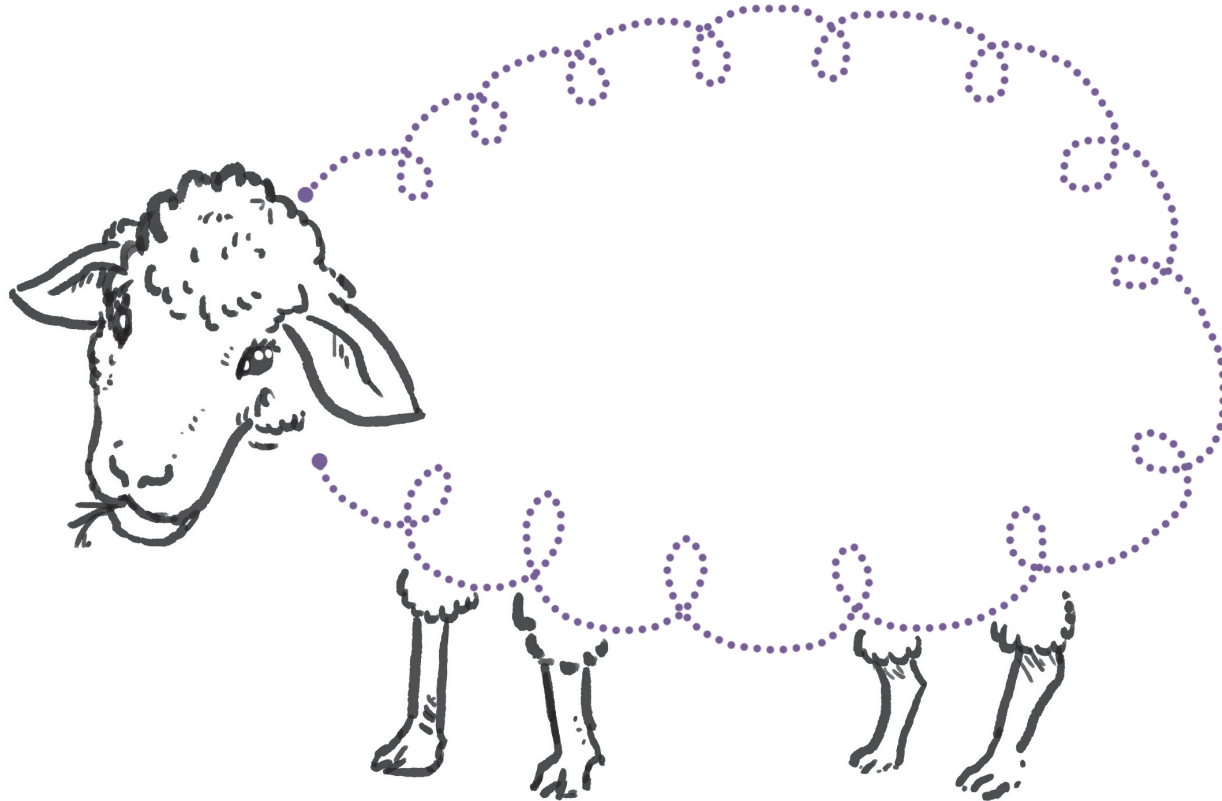
Trace the snail, starting on the dot, and then color both snails.



Trace each curly line, starting on the dot.



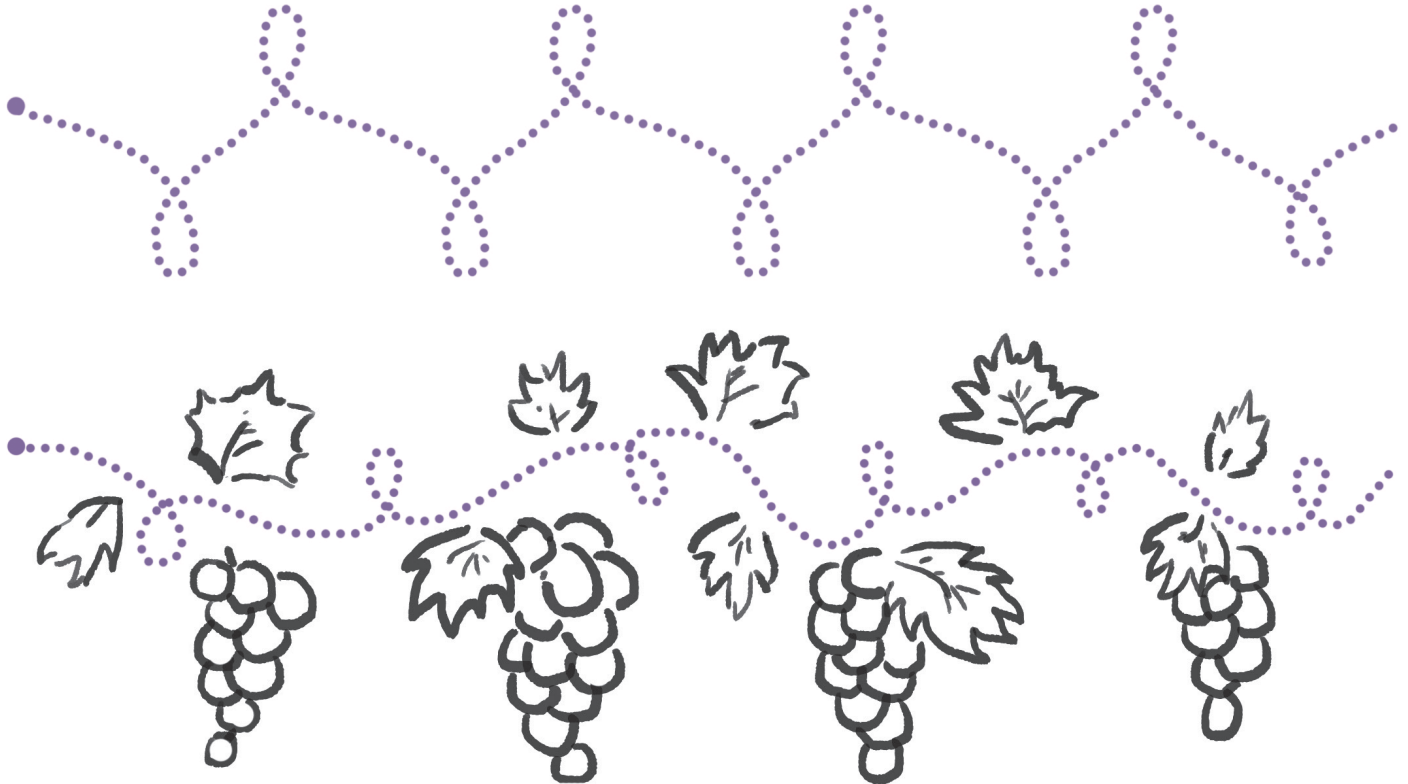
Trace the curly wool of the sheep and color it. Optionally, after completing pages 11 and 12, remove this page and allow your child to glue cotton balls on the sheep's body.



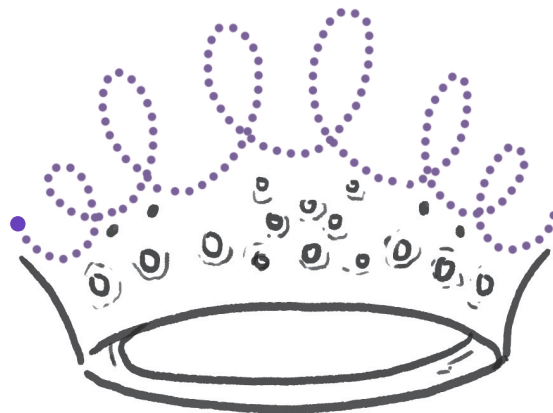
Trace each line, starting on the dot. Do pears grow in the ground or on a tree?



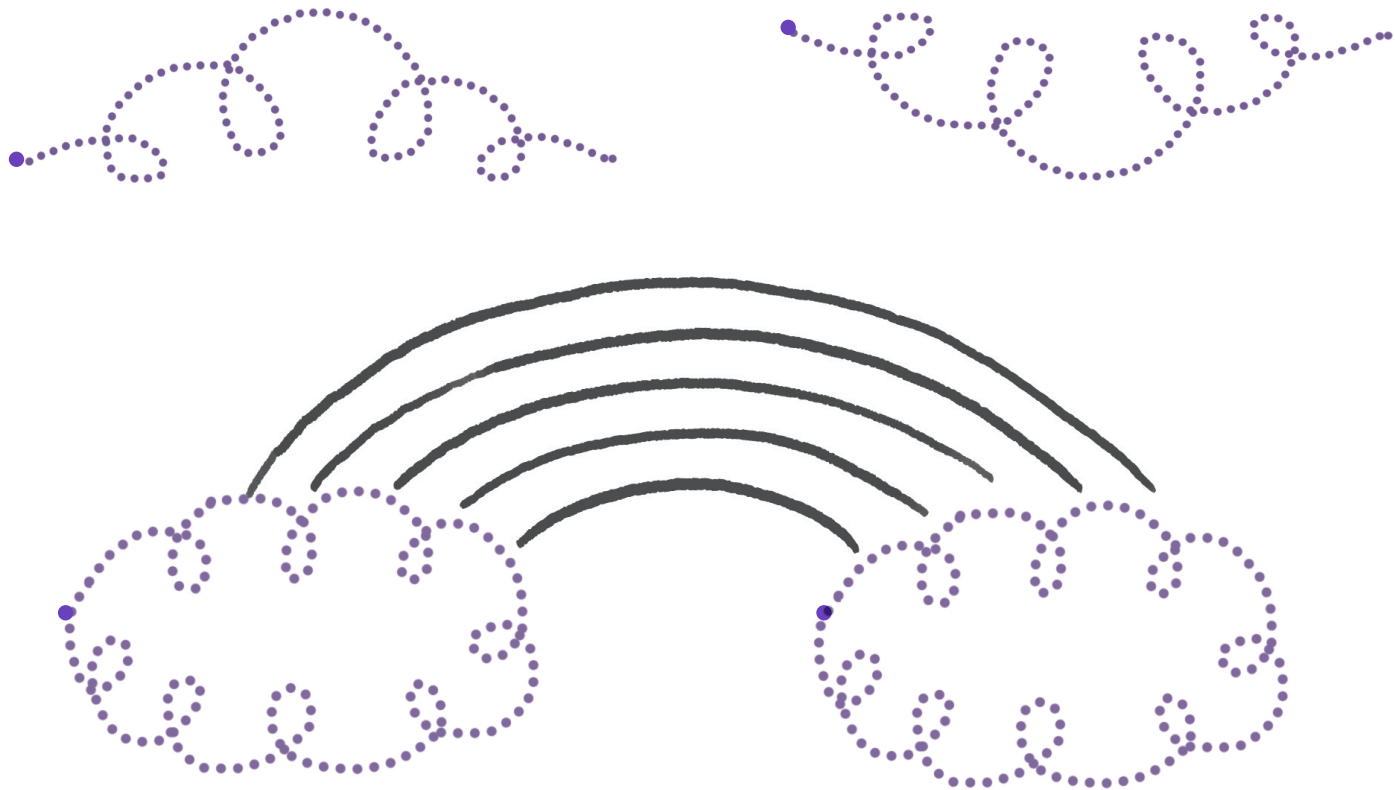
Trace the loops, starting on the dot. These grapes are growing on a vine.



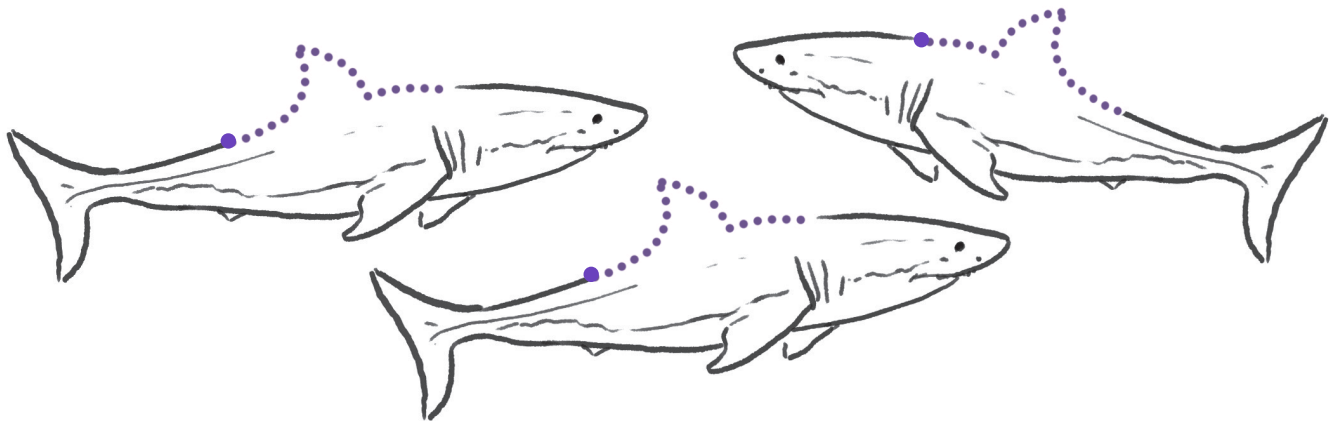
Trace the loops, starting on the dot, and then color the crowns.



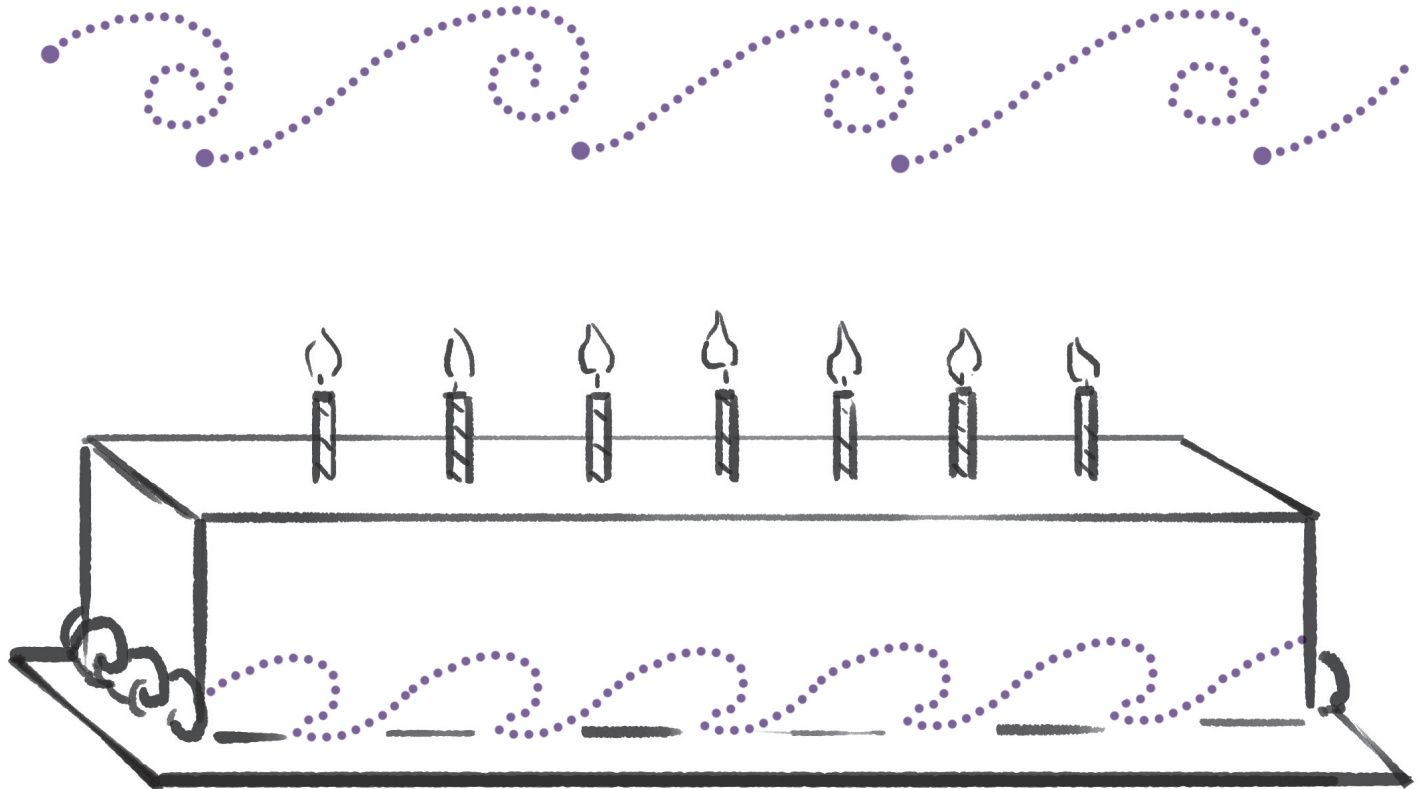
Trace each loop and cloud, starting on the dot, and then color the rainbow.



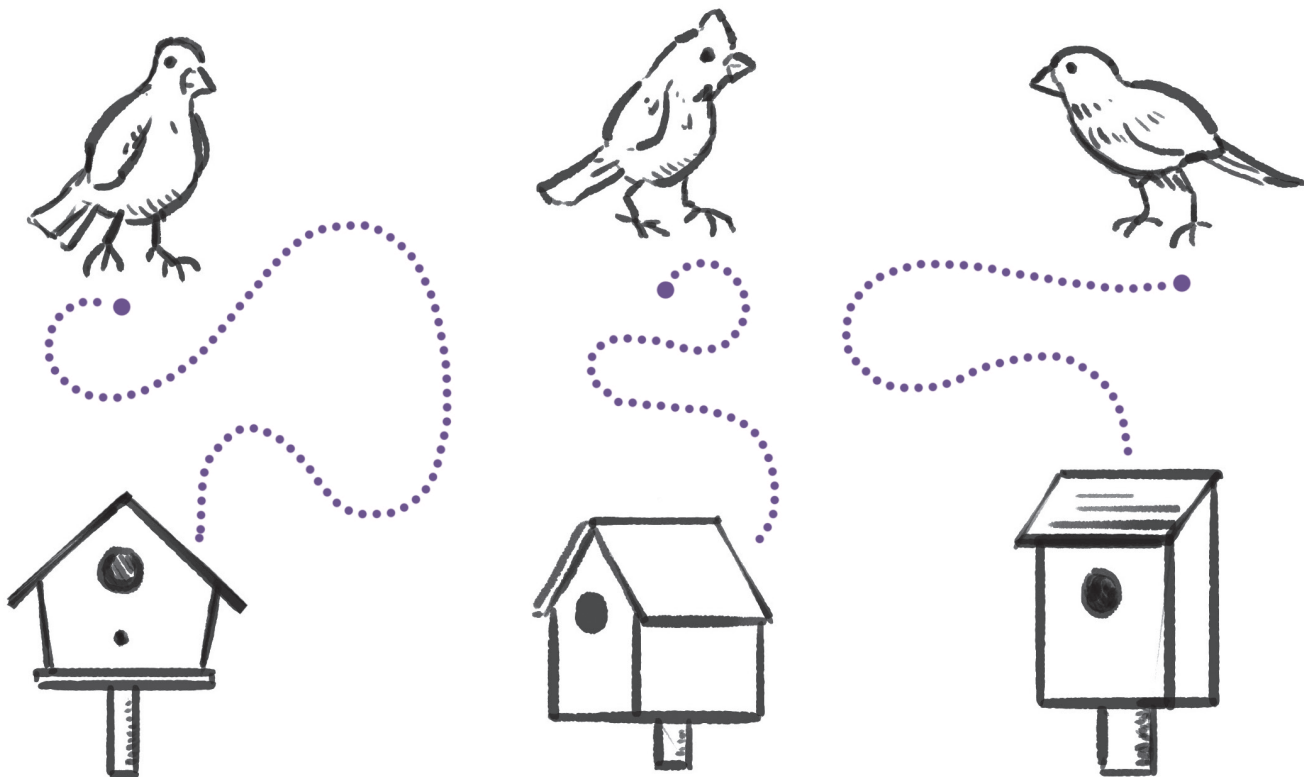
Trace the waves and shark fins, and then color the picture. How many sharks do you see?



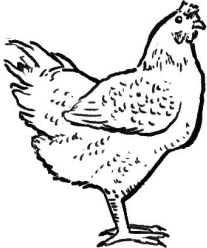
Trace the lines and color the cake. How many candles are on the cake?



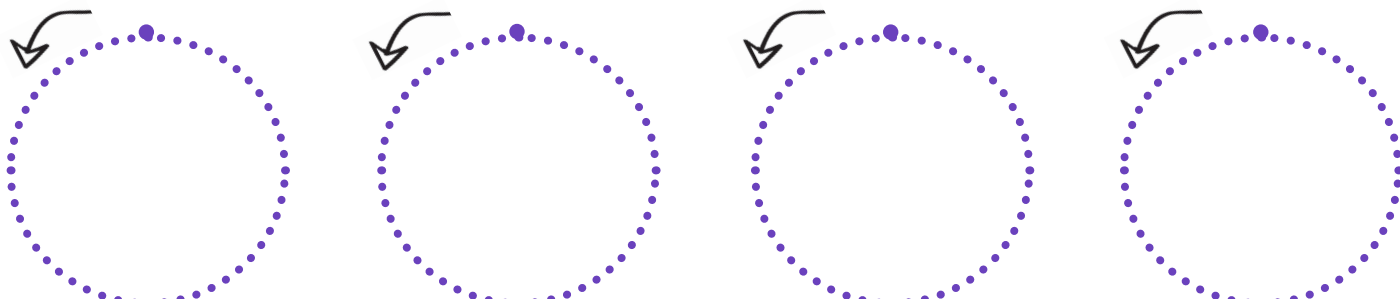
Trace the paths between the birds and their houses, and then color the pictures.



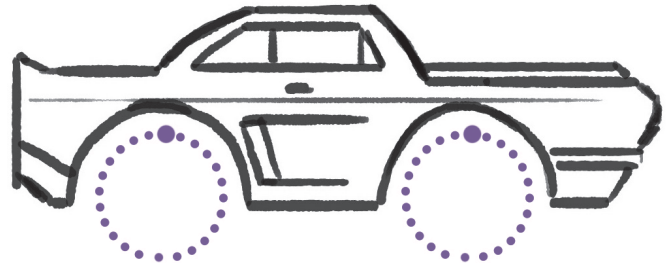
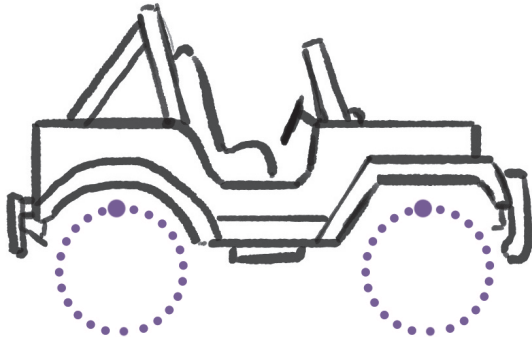
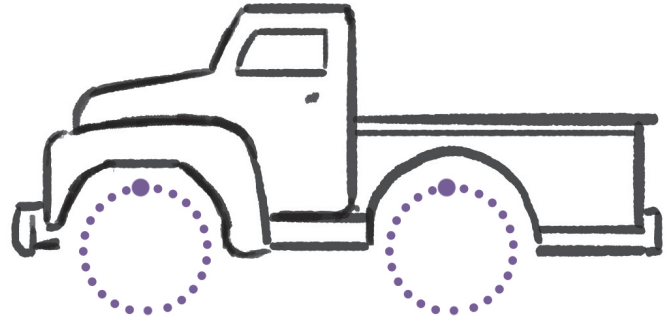
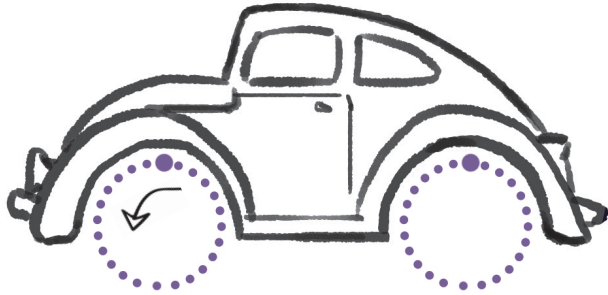
Match the birds to their shadows. Draw a line to connect each one. Optionally, make your lines wavy or loopy.



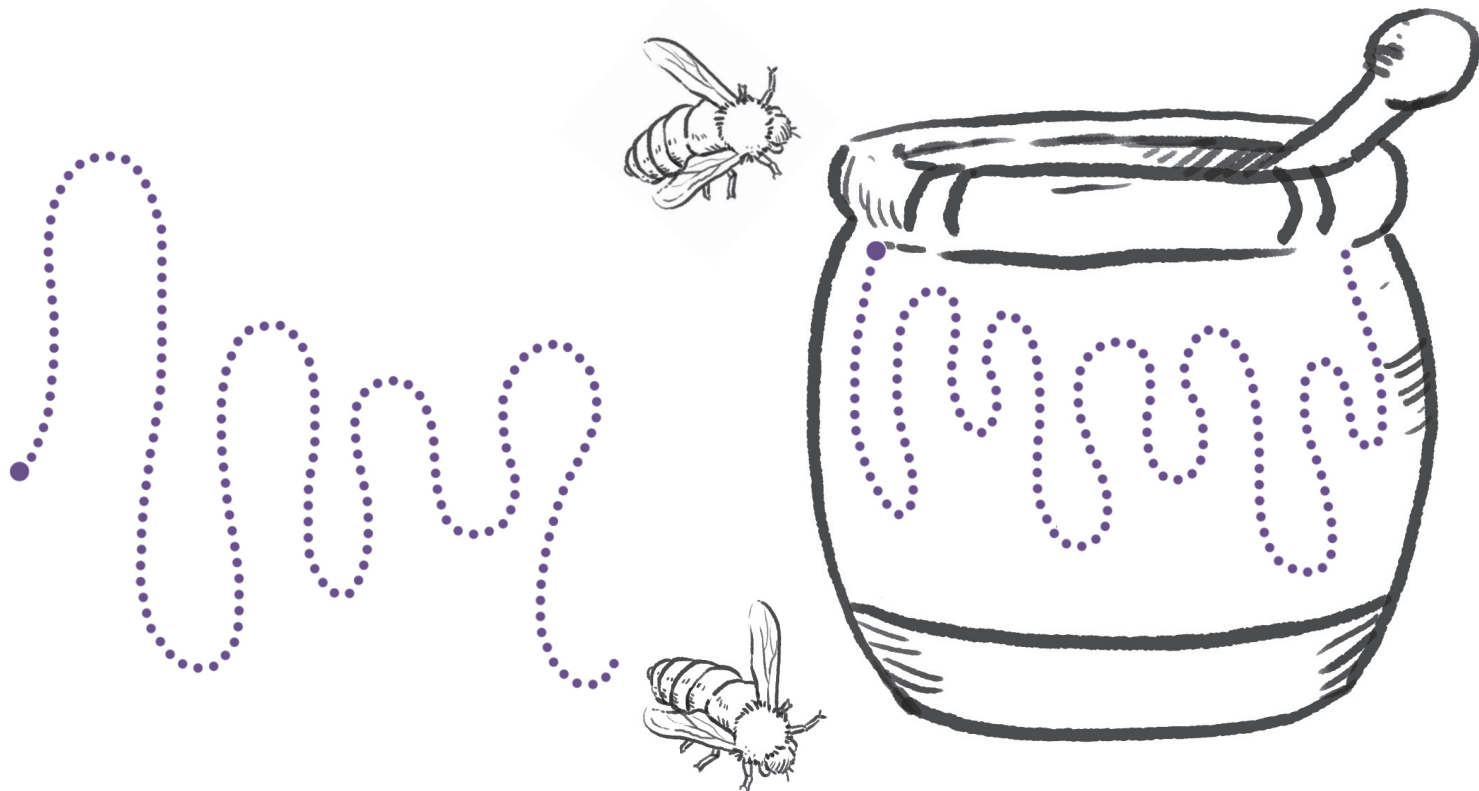
Trace the circles and color the owls. How many owls do you see? Optionally, turn the 4 circles into sets of eyes.



Trace the circles and color the vehicles. How many cars do you see?



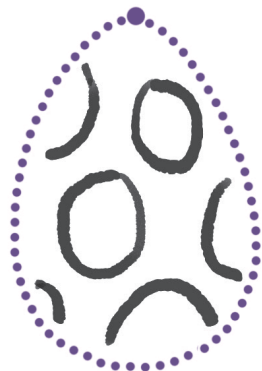
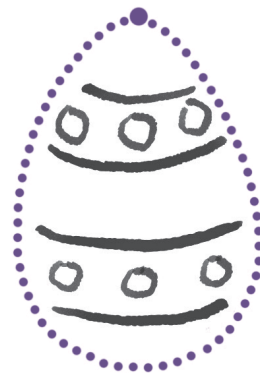
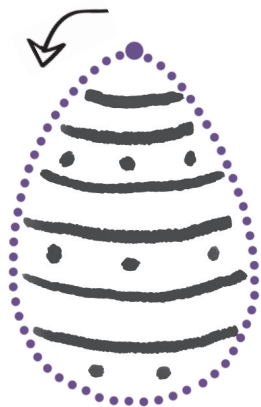
Trace the waves, starting on the dot, and then color the honey on the pot. What does honey feel like?



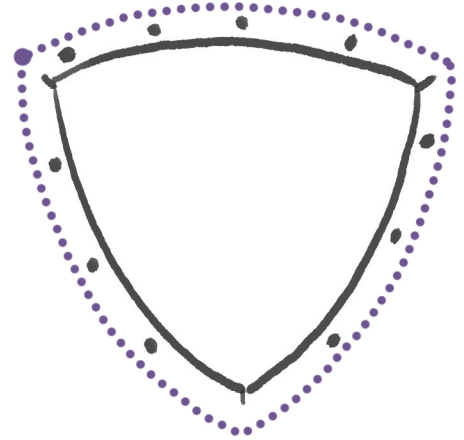
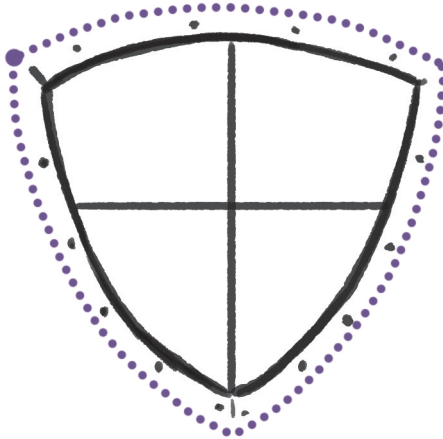
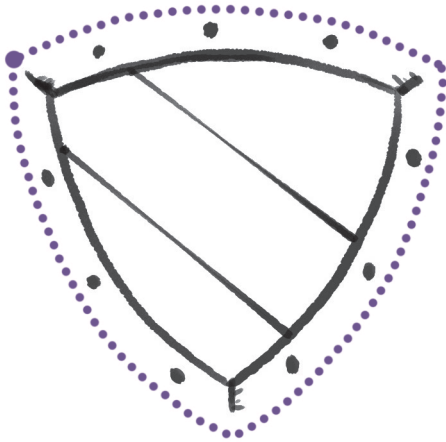
Trace the raindrops, starting on the dot. How many drops can you count?



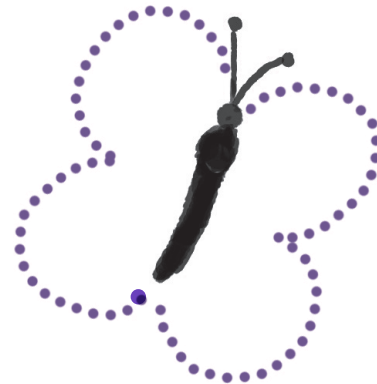
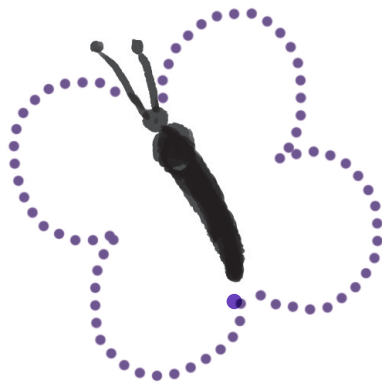
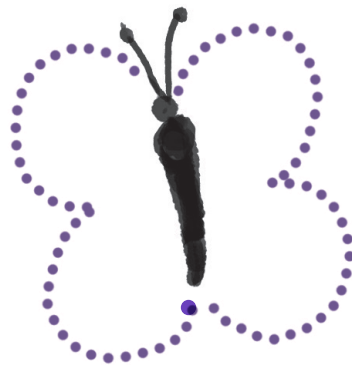
Trace the eggs and color the designs. Which design do you like the best?



Trace the curved triangles, and then color the shields. Add your own design to the last one.



Trace the lines and color the butterflies. How many butterflies do you see?

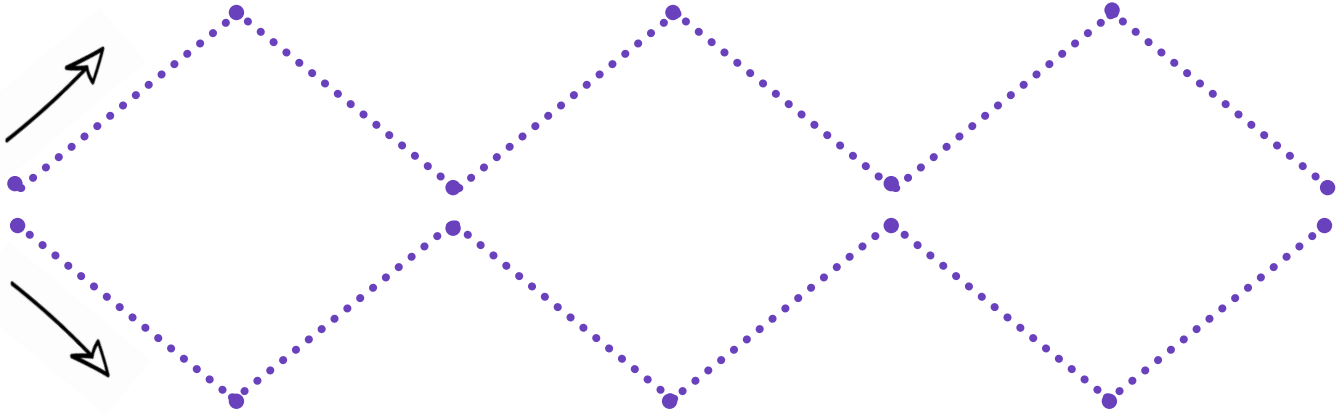




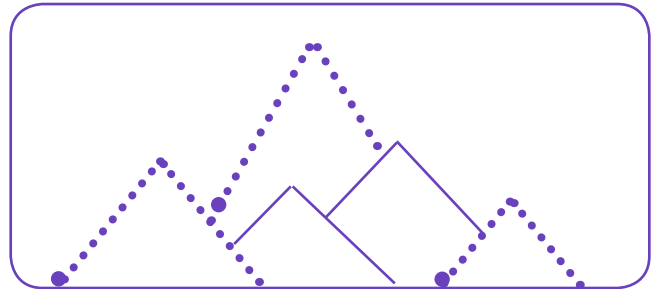
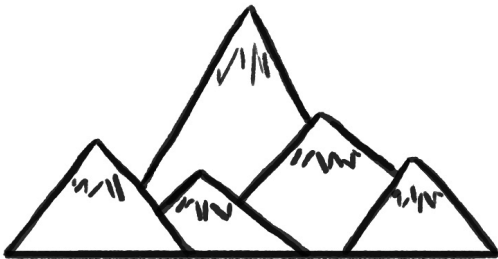
CHANGING DIRECTIONS

Straight Lines, Angles, and Zigzags

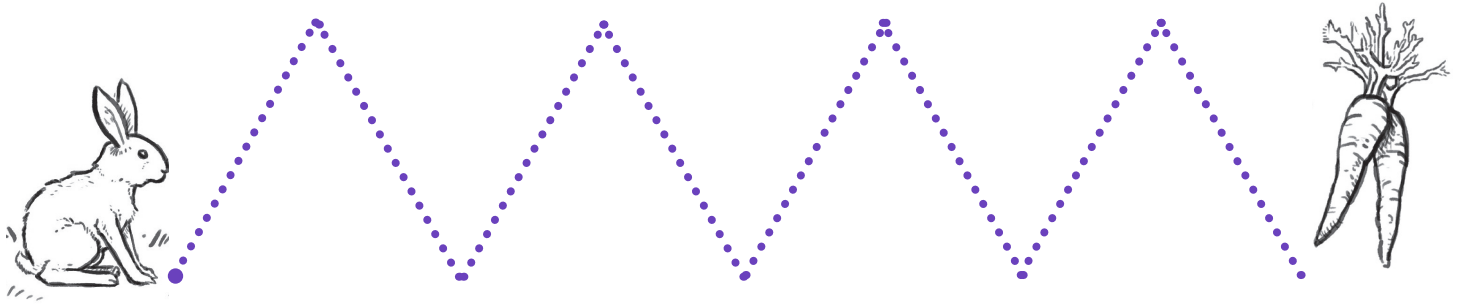
Trace each line, starting on the left and connecting the dots.



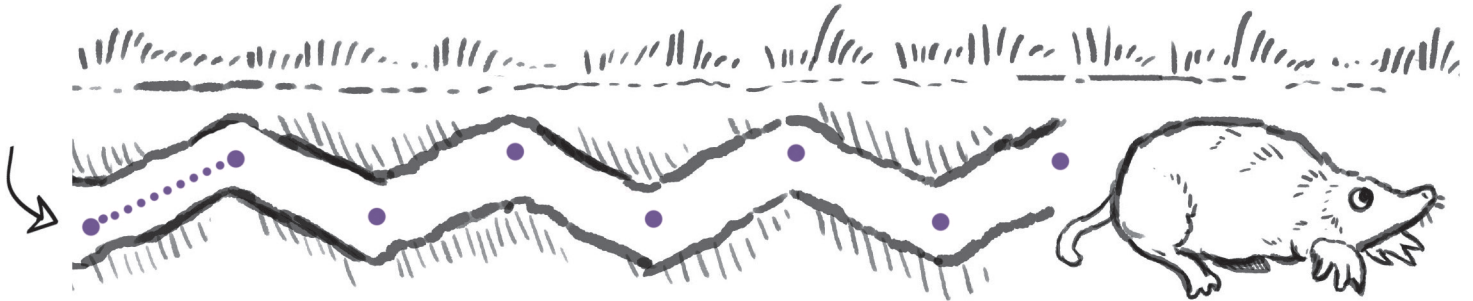
Complete the mountain drawing in the box. How many peaks do you see?



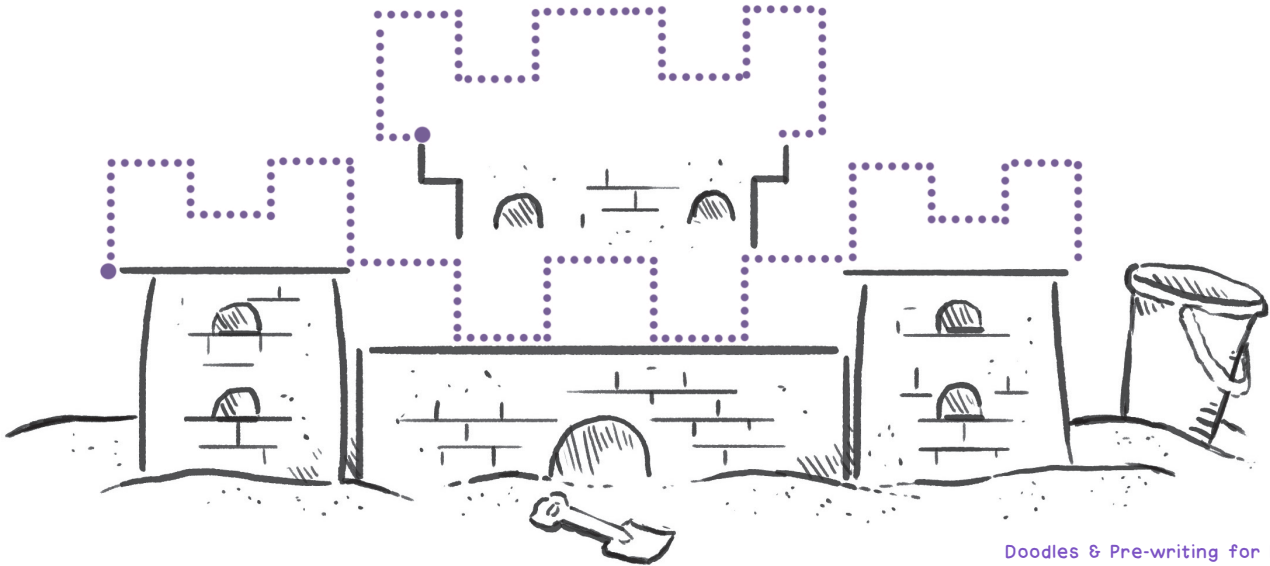
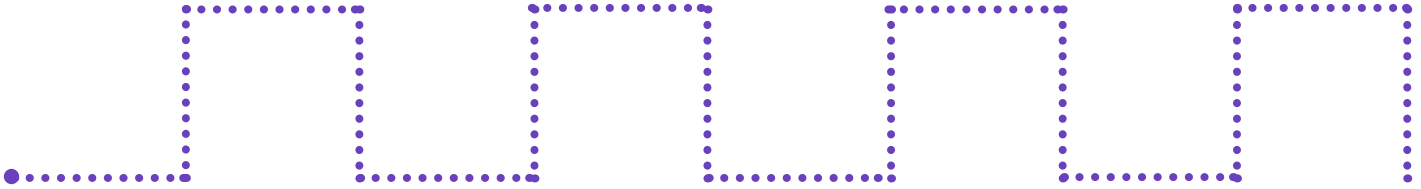
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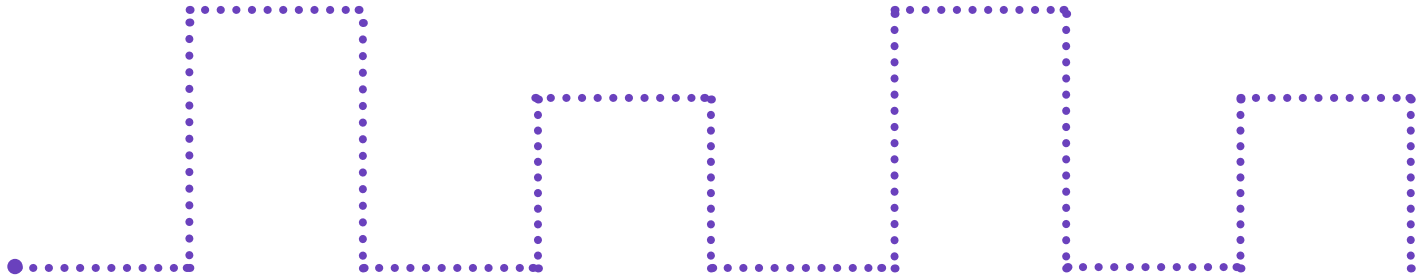
Draw a line connecting the dots, and then color the picture.



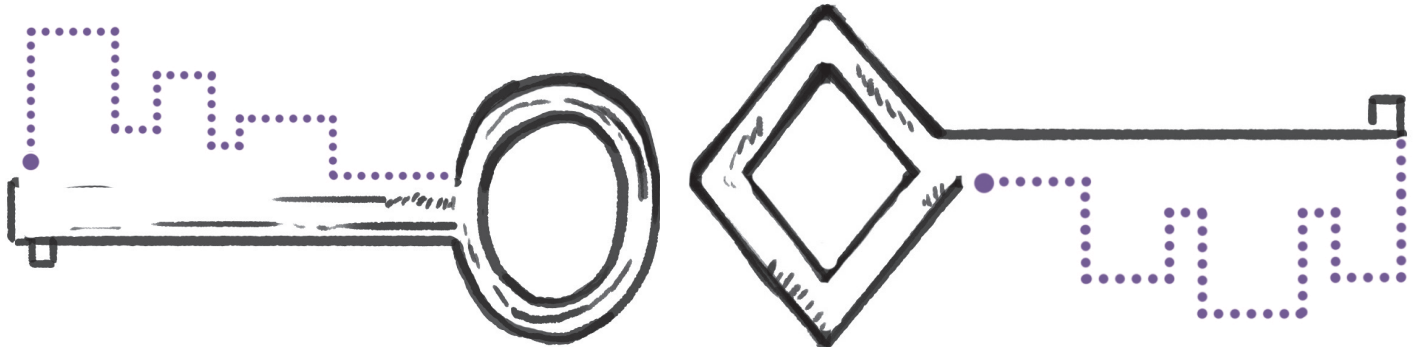
Trace each line, starting on the dot. What kind of castle did you draw below?



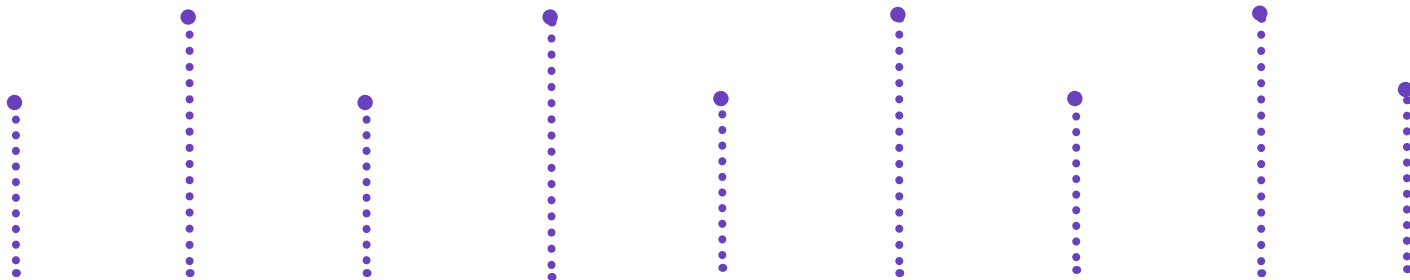
Trace each line, starting on the dot.



Trace the lines and color the keys. What do you use keys for at your house?



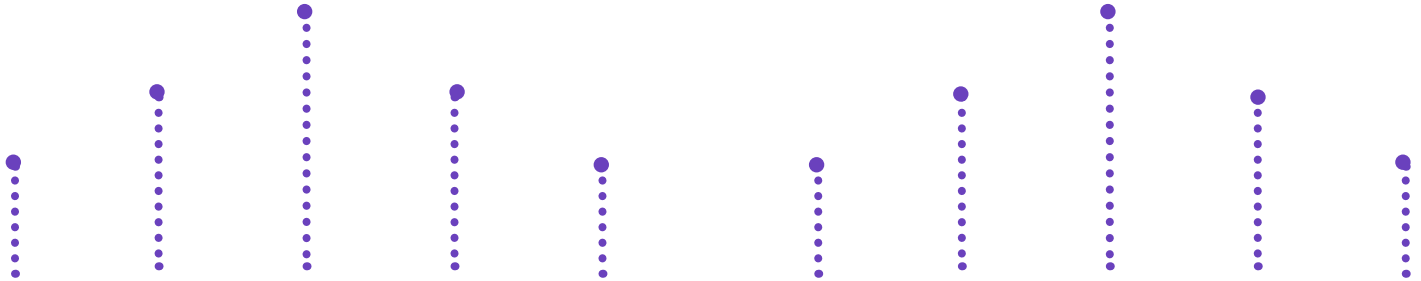
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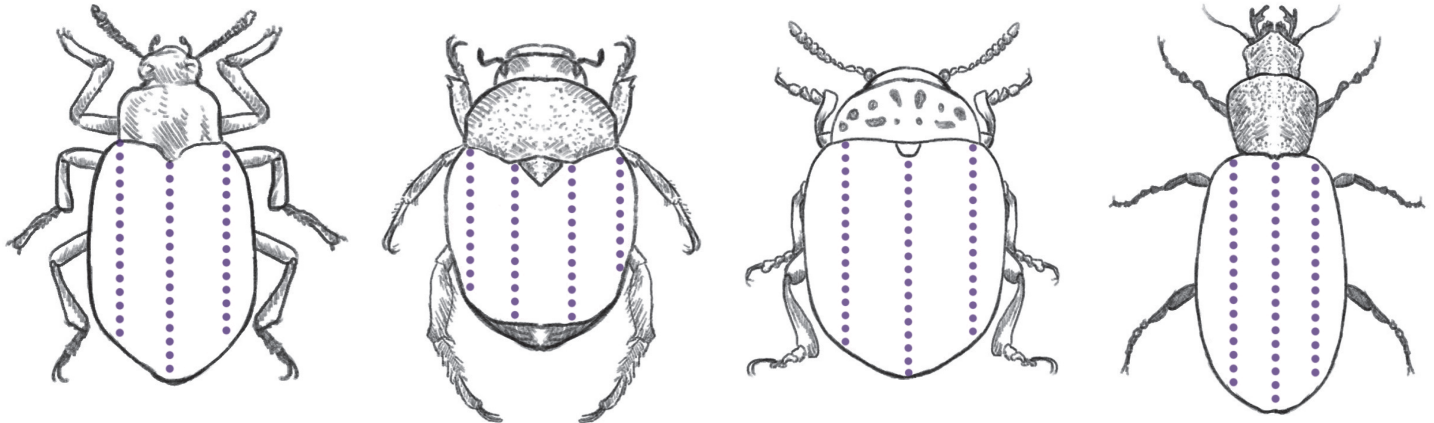
Trace the stems and color the flowers. Which flower is your favorite?



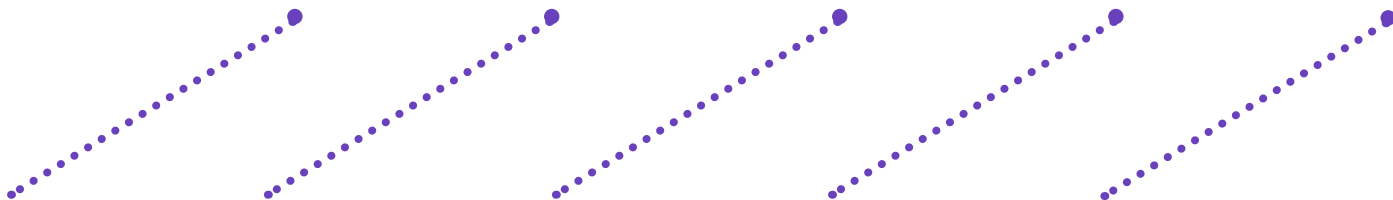
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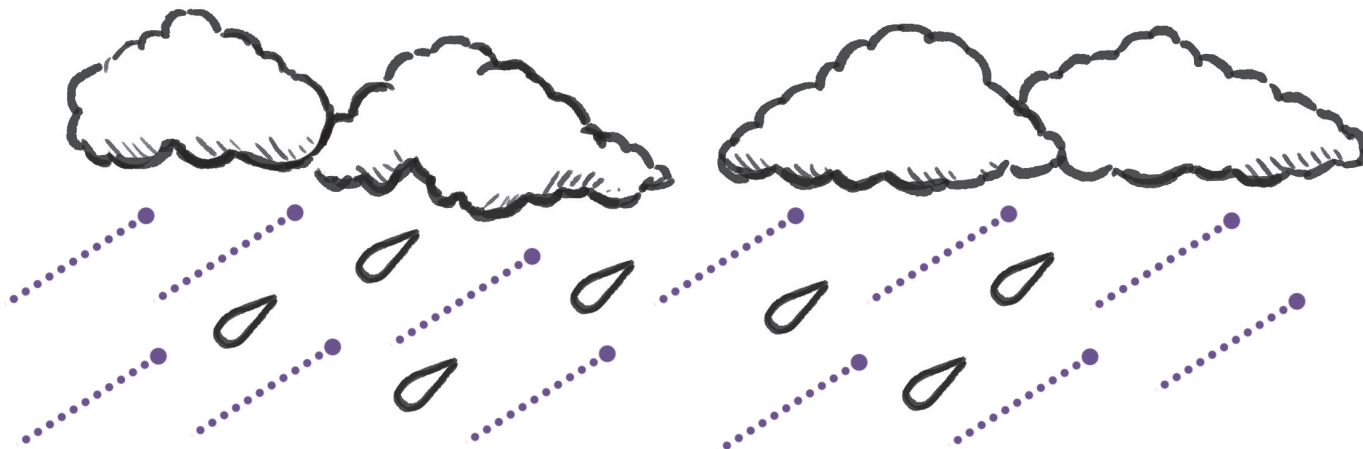
Trace the lines and color the bugs. Which bug has the most stripes?



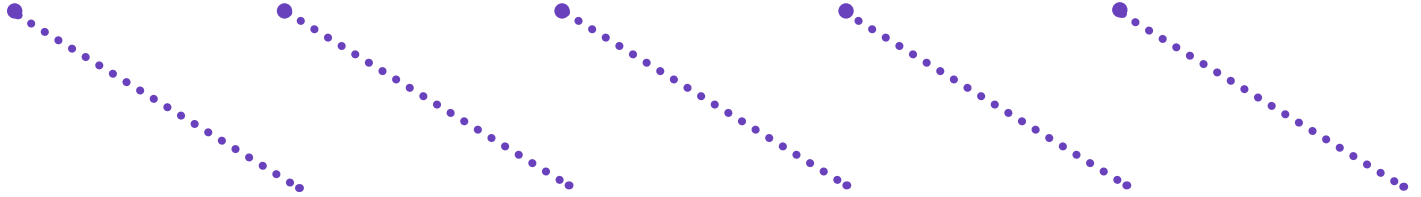
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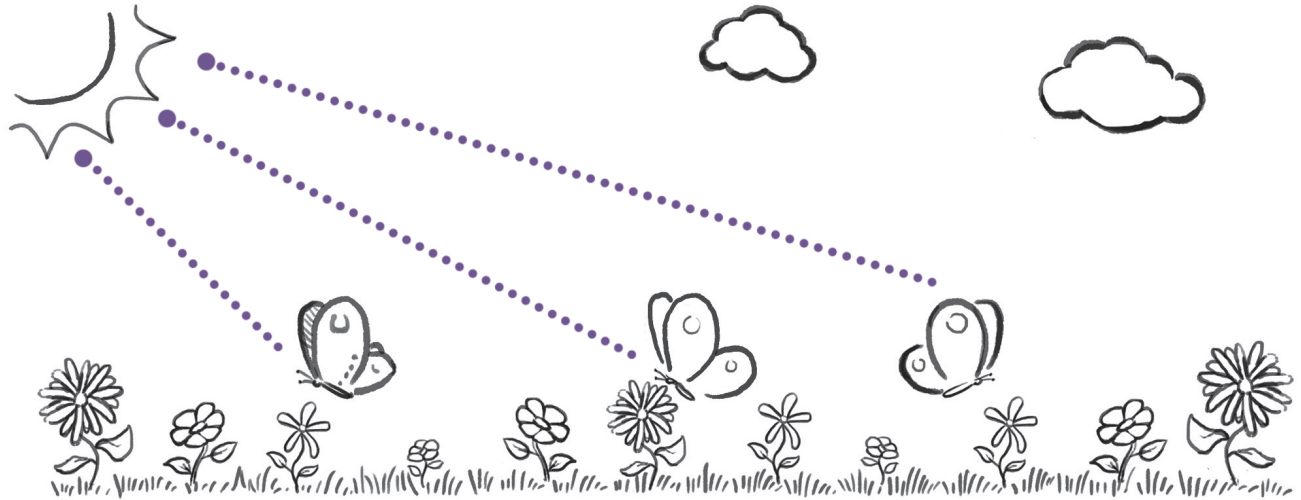
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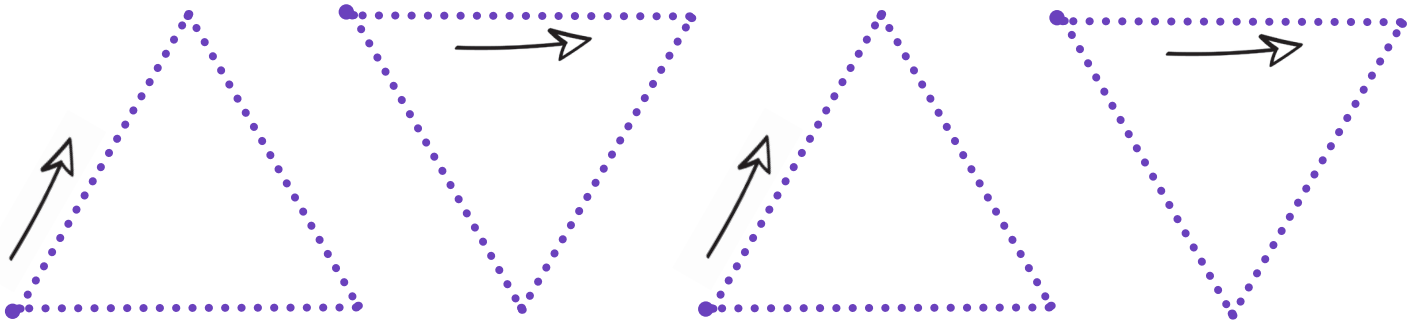
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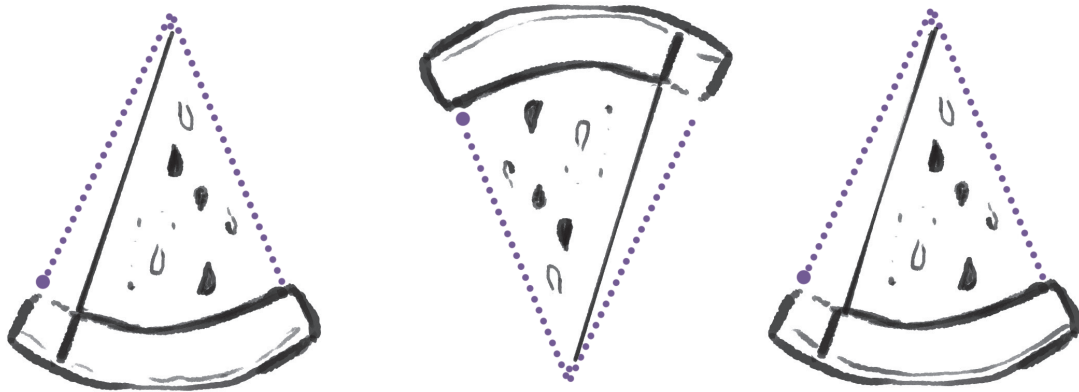
Trace the lines and color the picture. How many butterflies can you find?



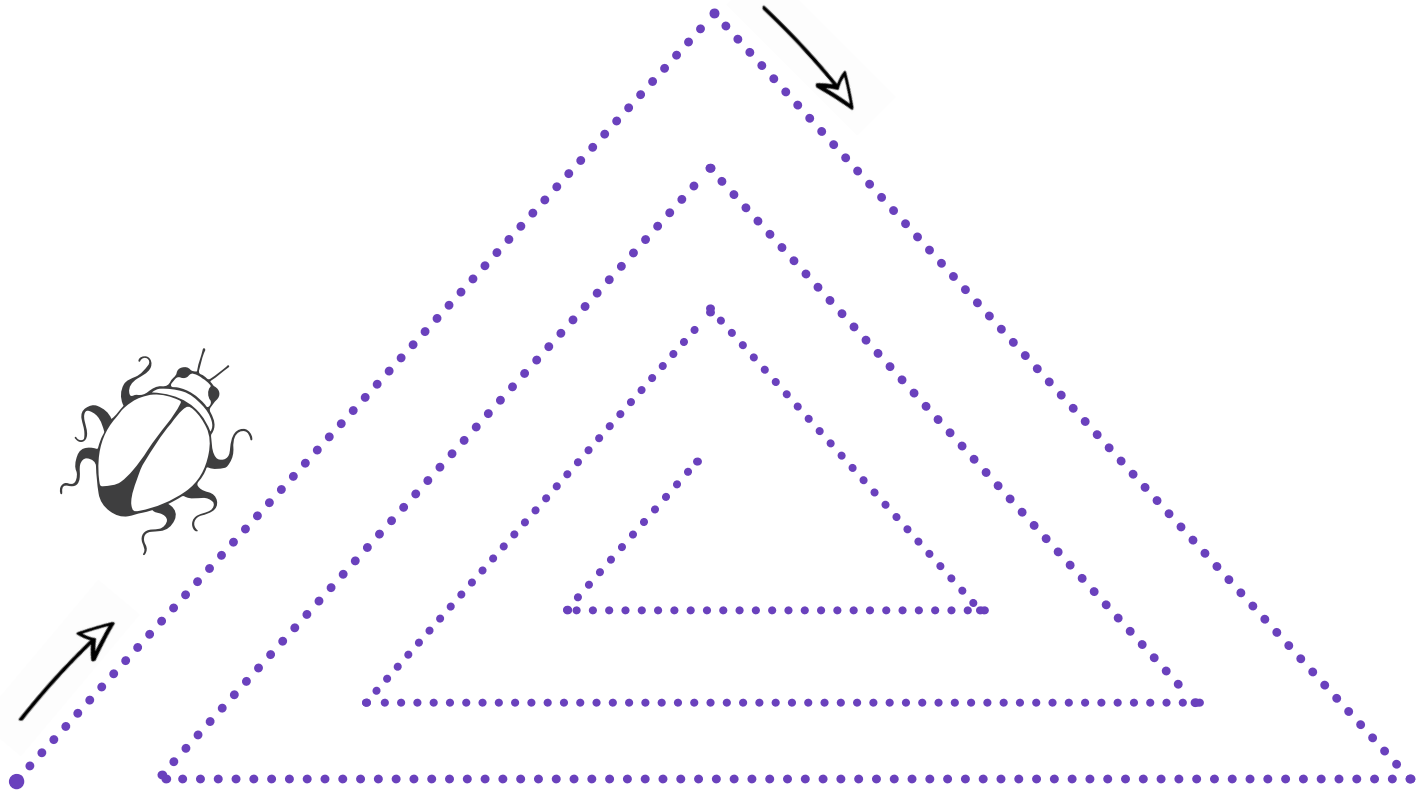
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This shape is called a triangle. How many sides does it have?



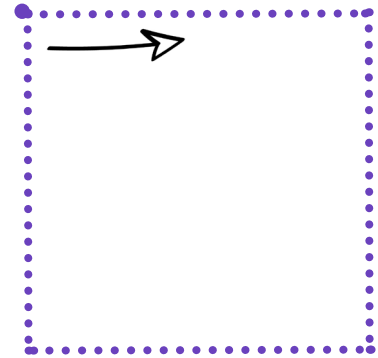
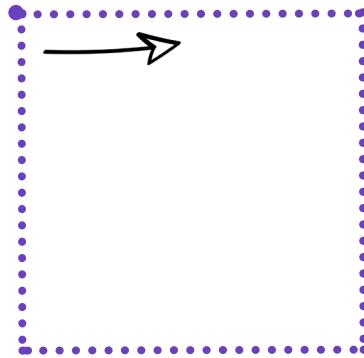
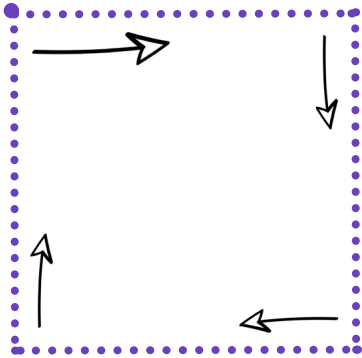
Trace the lines and color the watermelon slices.



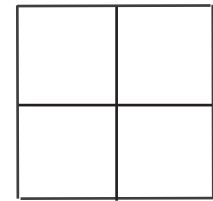
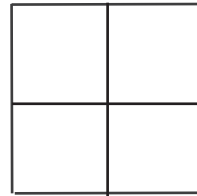
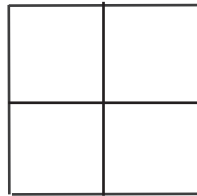
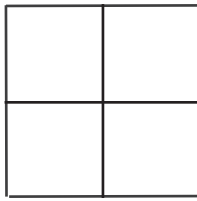
Trace the line, starting on the dot. How many legs does the bug have?



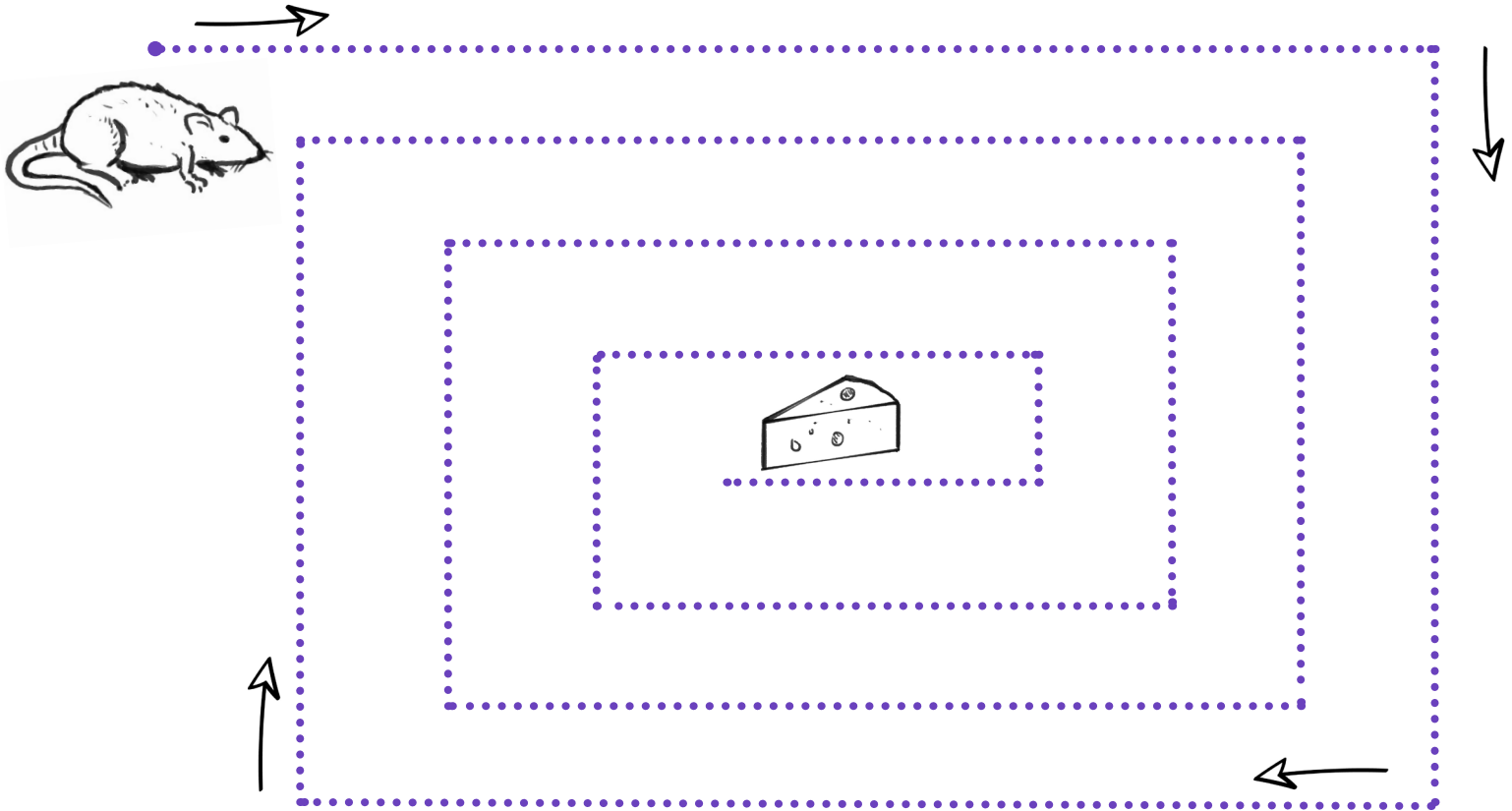
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This shape is called a square. How many sides does it have?



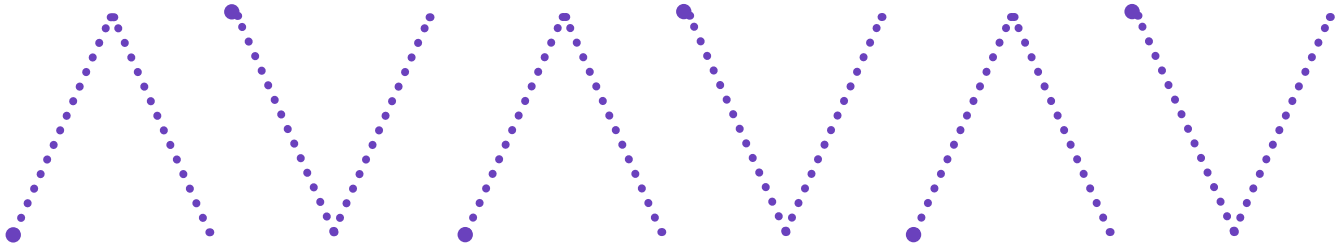
Connect the dots to get the bug around the windows.



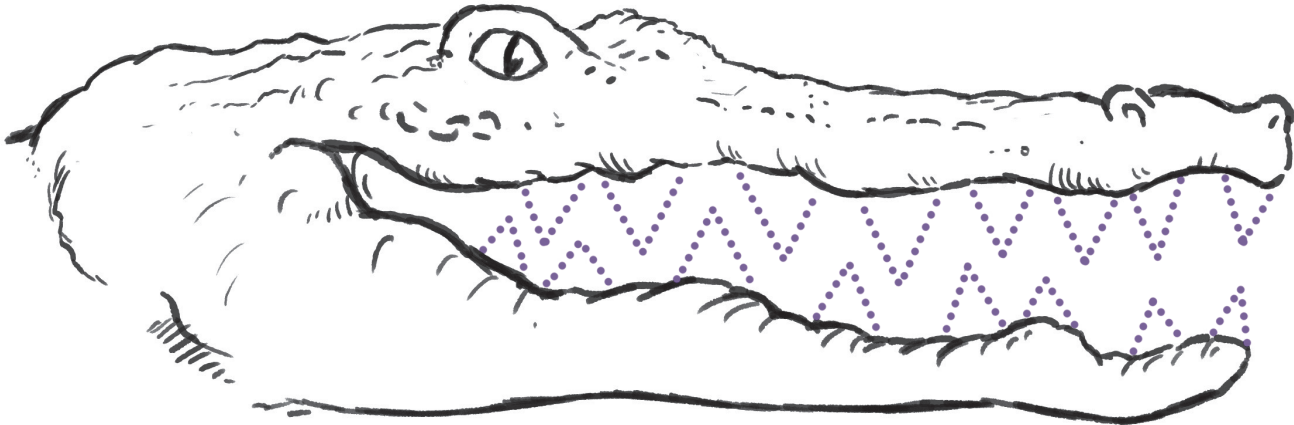
Trace each line, starting on the dot, to help the rat find the cheese.



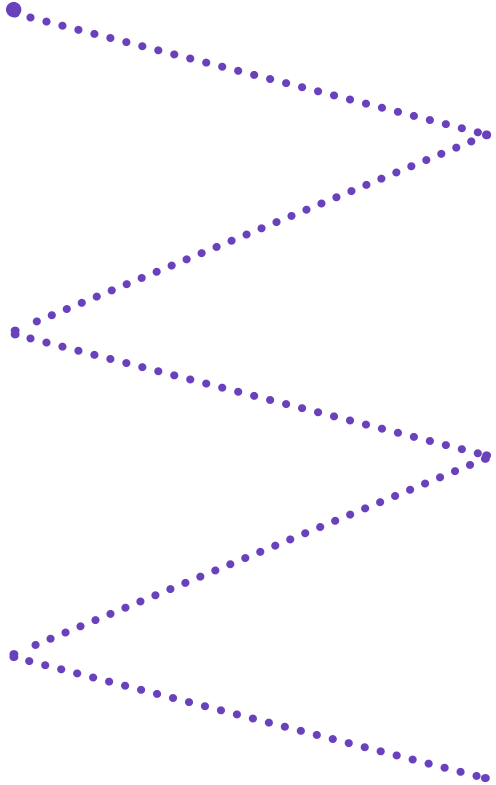
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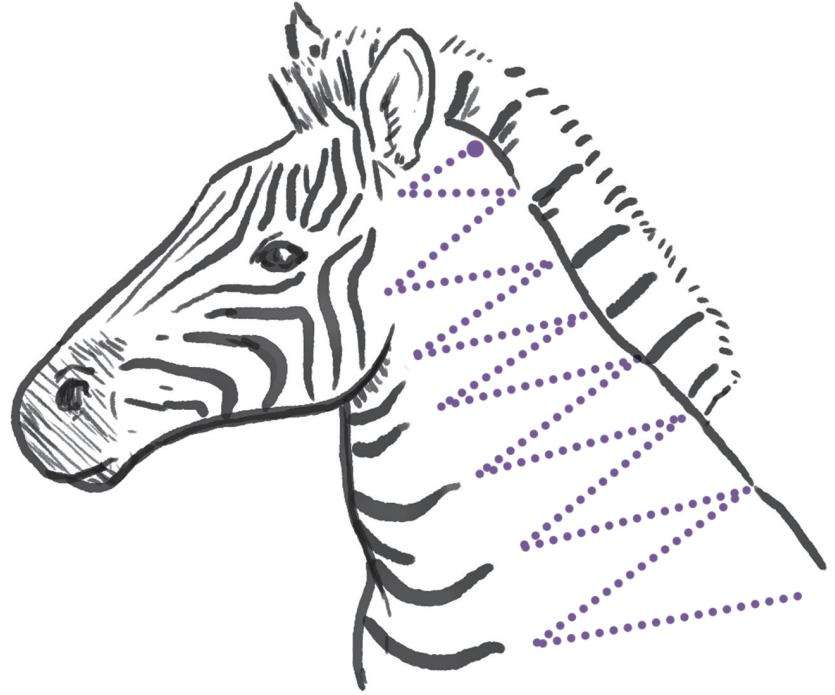
Trace the lines and color the picture. Would an alligator make a good pet?



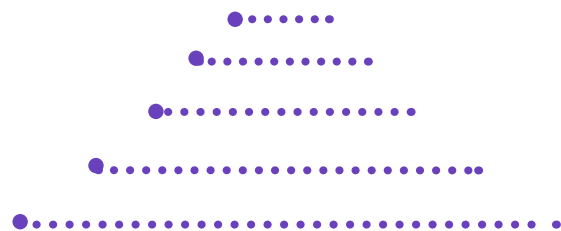
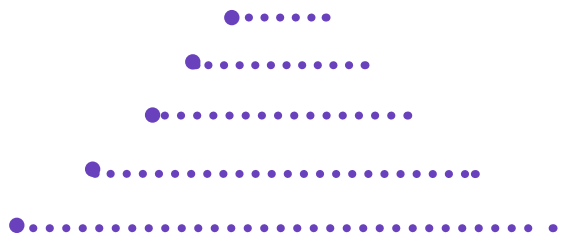
Trace the zigzag line, starting on the dot.



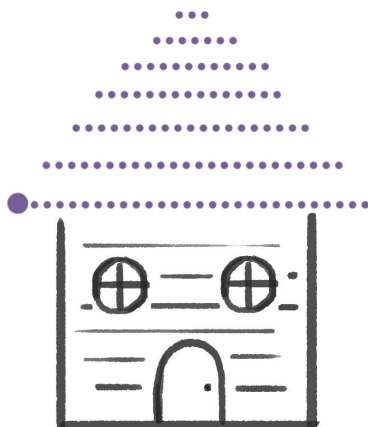
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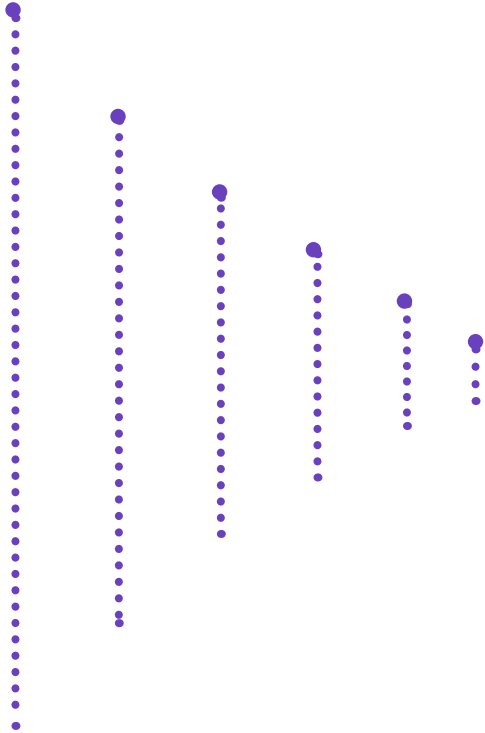
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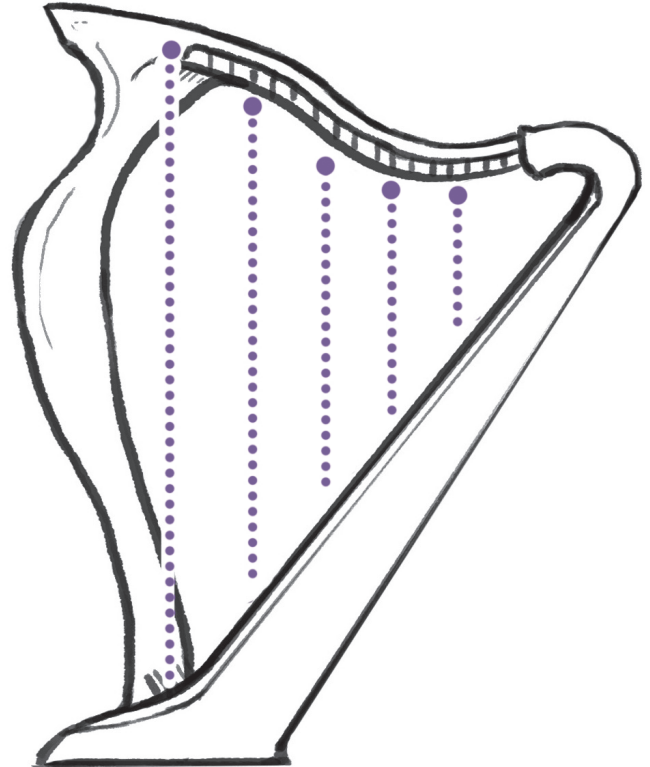
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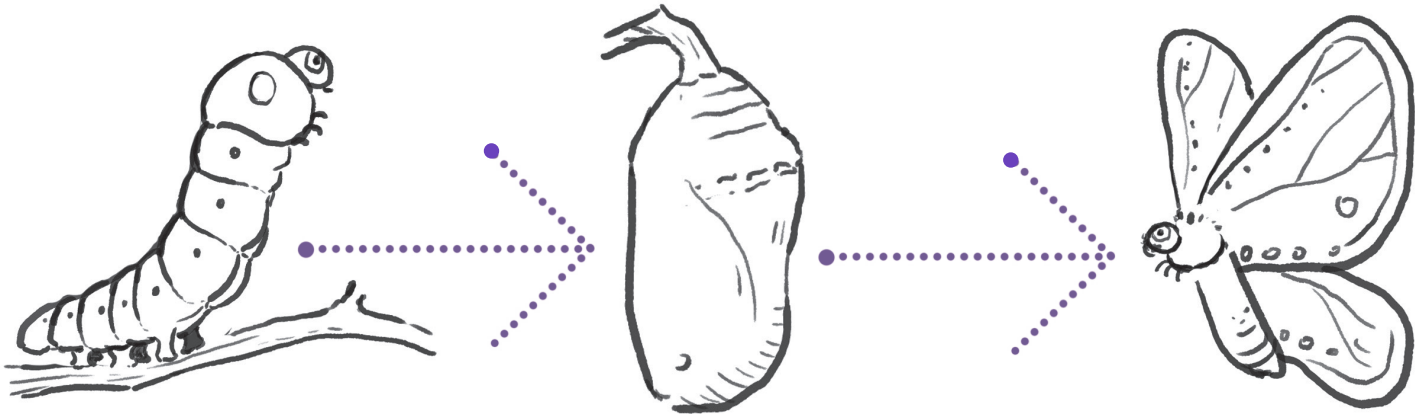
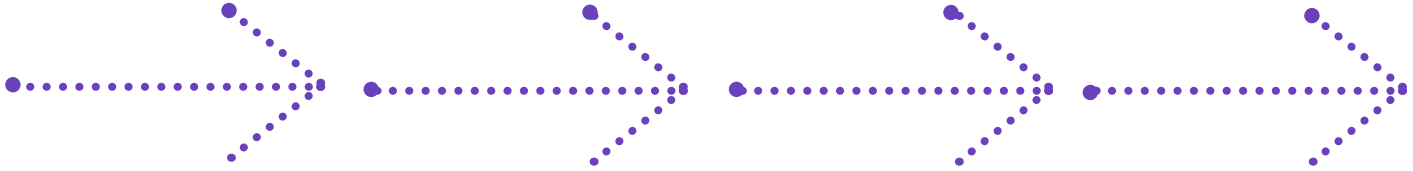
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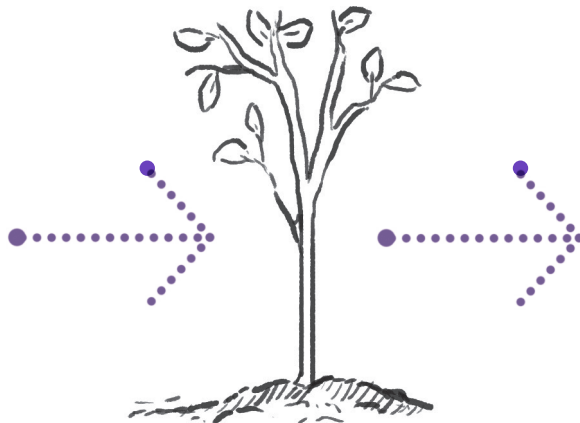
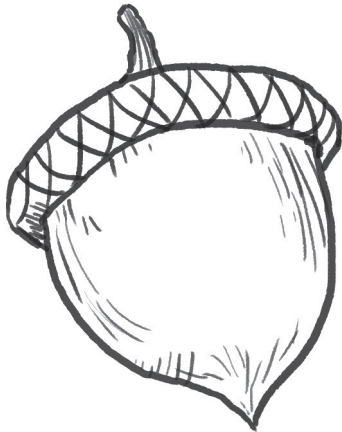
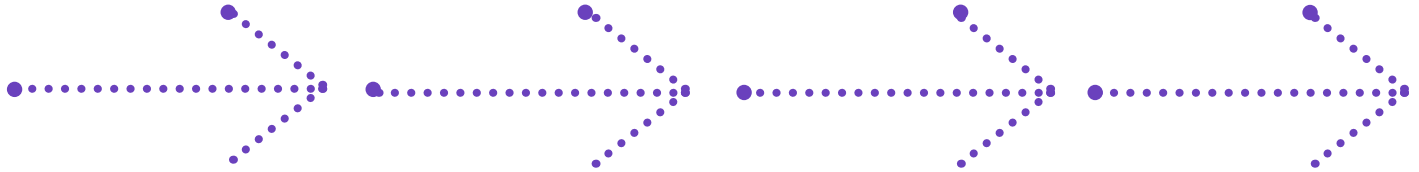
Color the harp and draw in the strings.



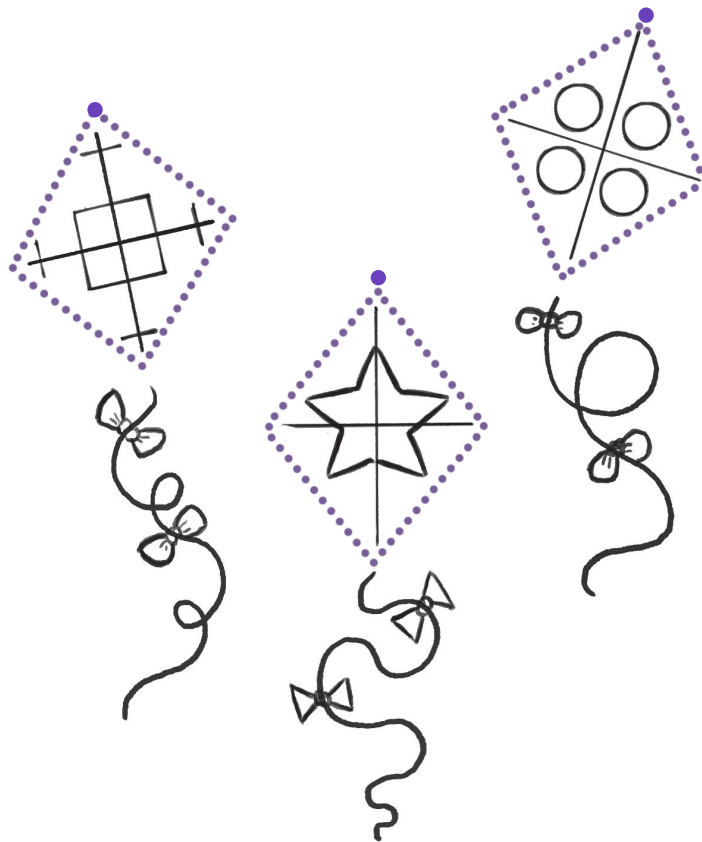
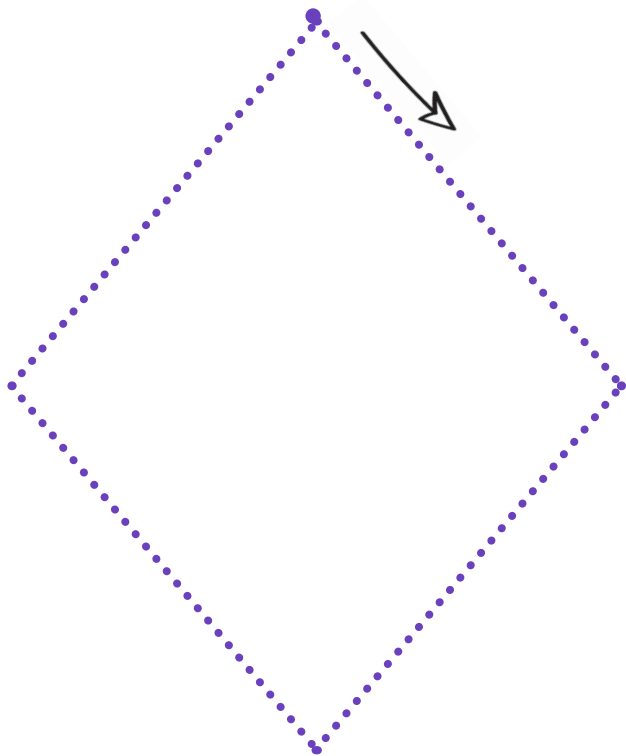
Trace the arrows. Then color the images. What happens while the caterpillar is inside the cocoon?



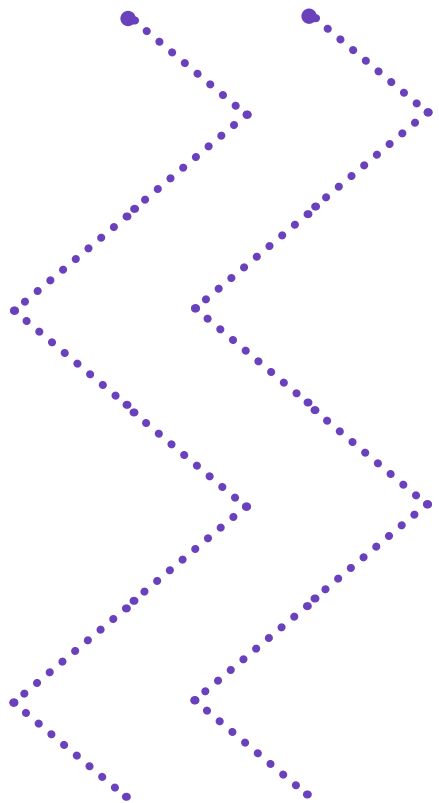
Trace the arrows. Then color the images. What do plants need to grow?



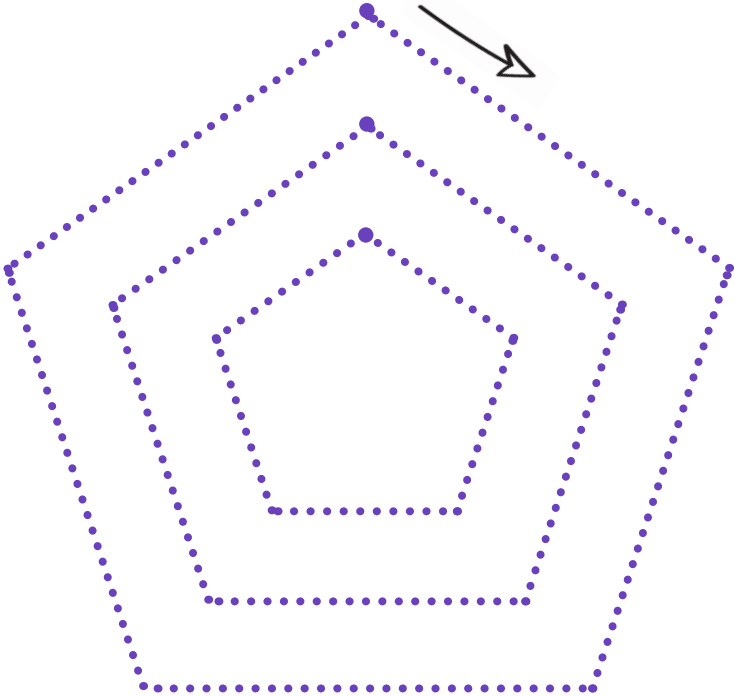
Trace the rhombus shape. Then trace and color the kites. Which one is flying the highest?



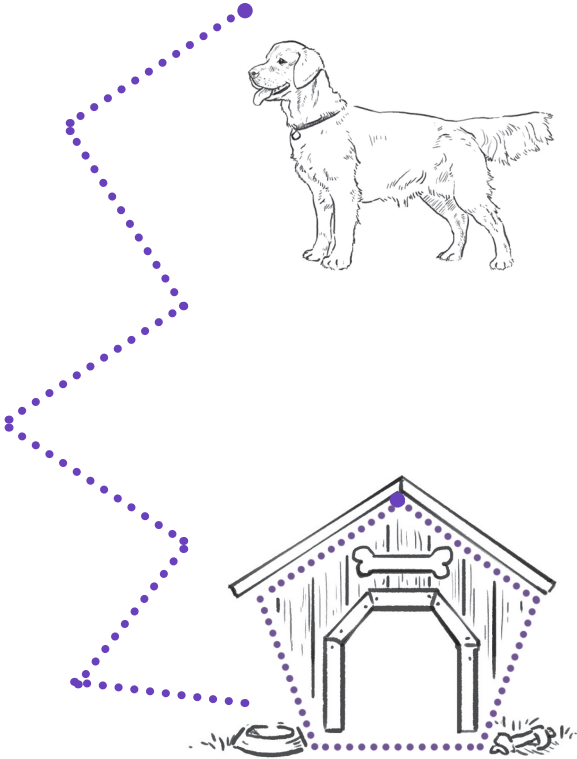
Trace the lines, and then draw stripes on the tiger. What color do you think this tiger should be?



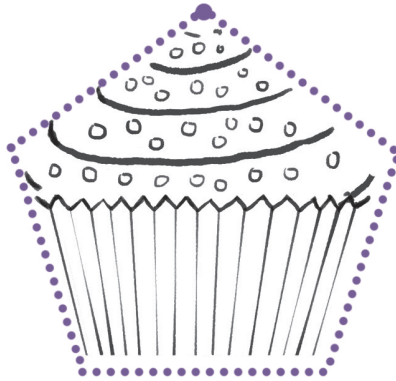
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This shape is called a pentagon. How many sides does it have?



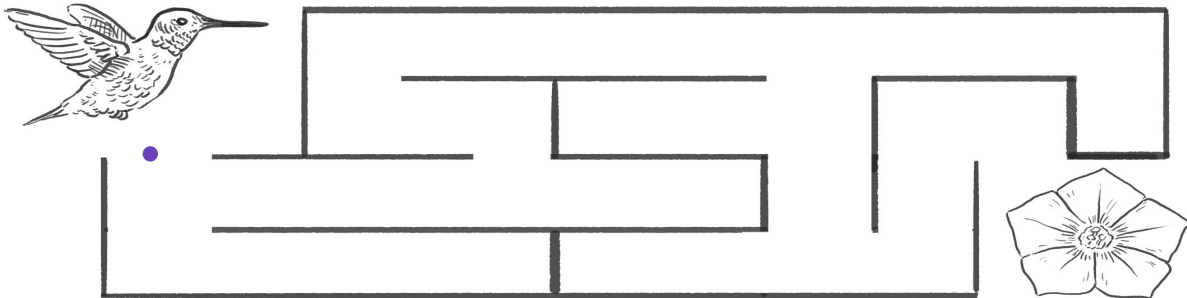
Trace the path and the doghouse. What would you name this dog?



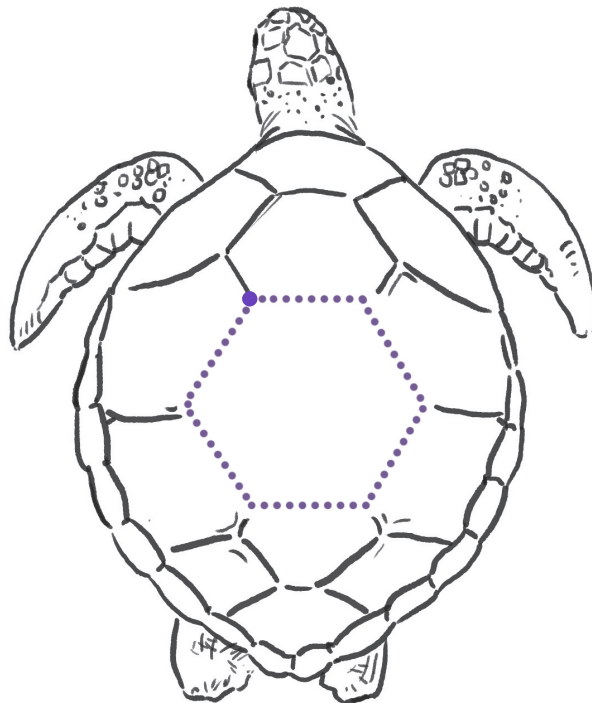
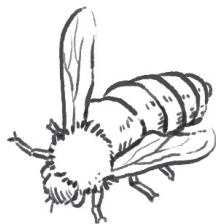
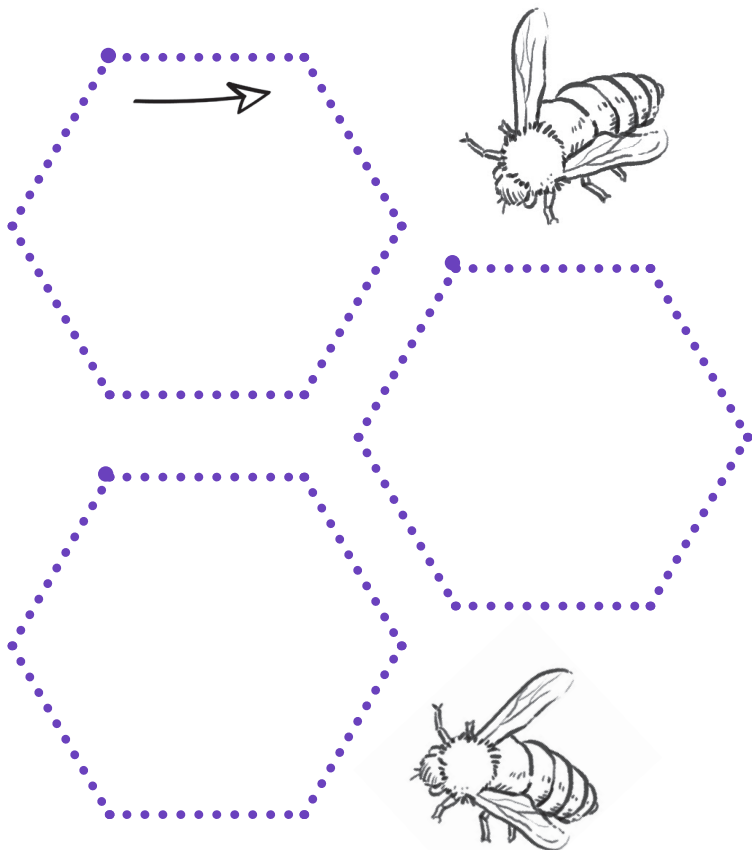
Trace the lines and color the cupcakes. What flavor is your favorite?



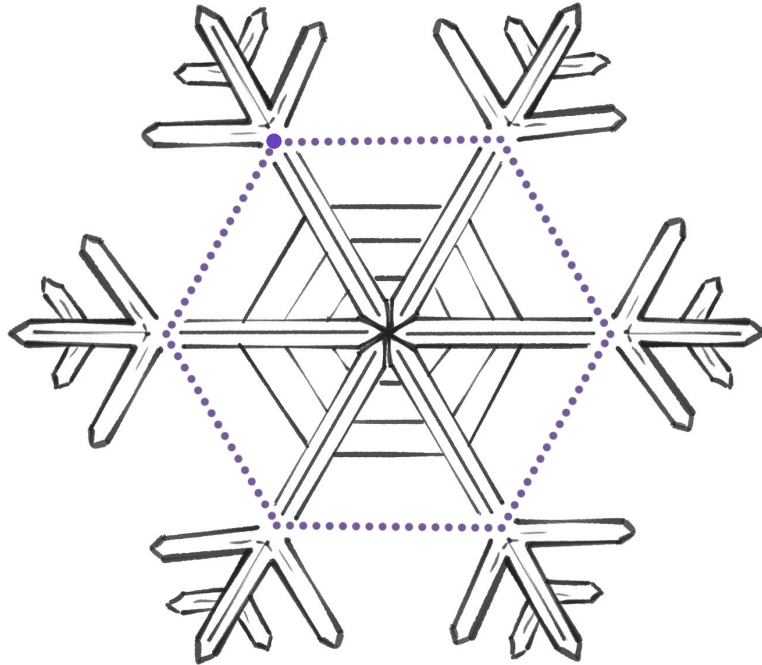
Complete the maze to help the hummingbird find the flower and drink its nectar.



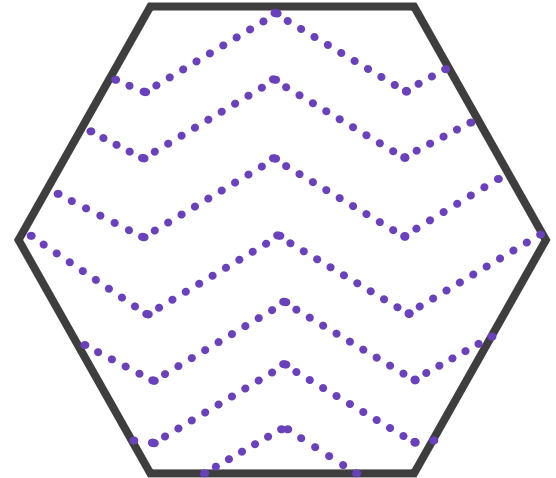
Trace the shapes and color the bees and turtle. This shape is called a hexagon. How many sides does it have?



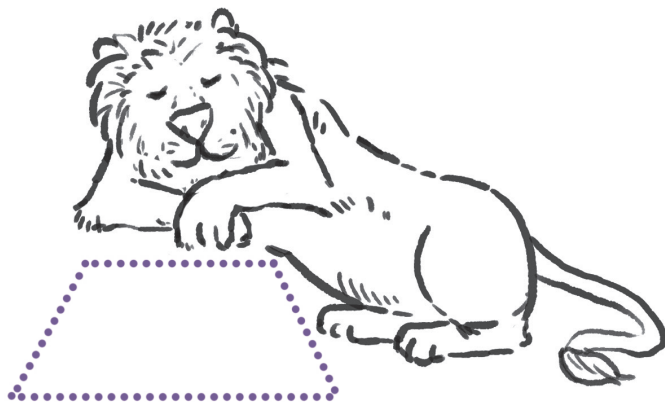
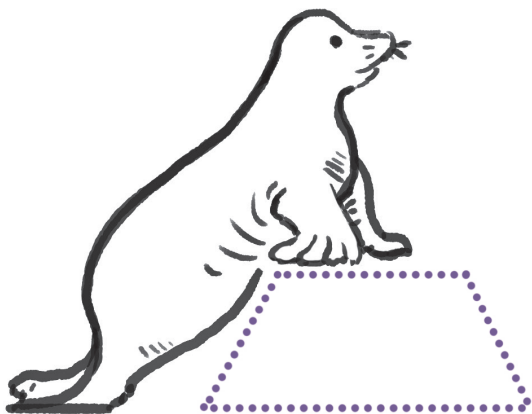
Trace the hexagon in the snowflake.



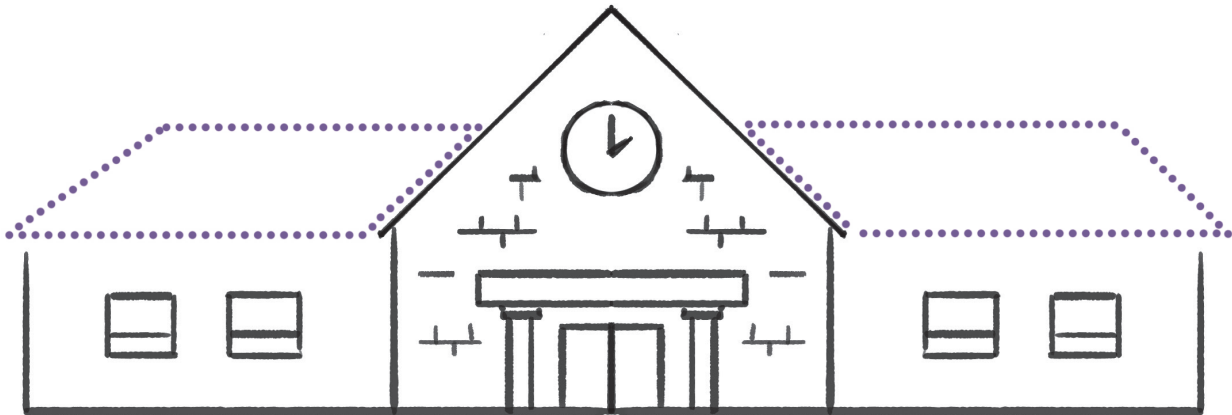
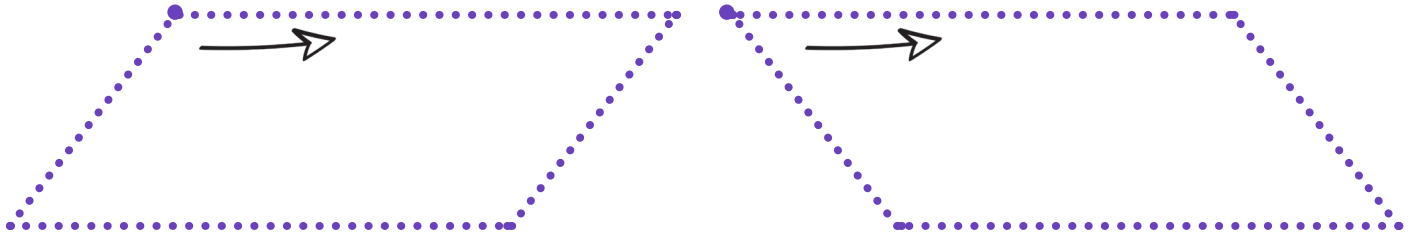
Trace the lines inside the hexagon.



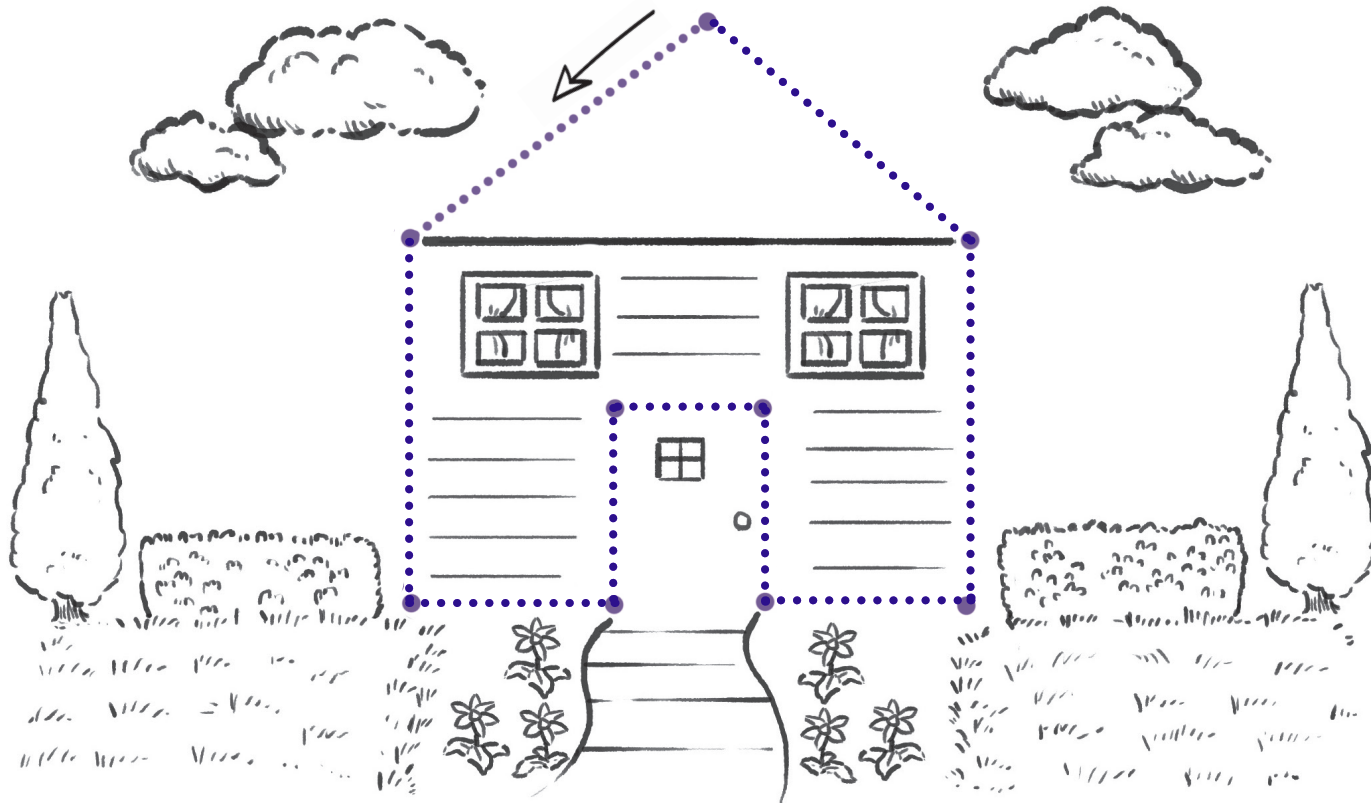
Trace the shapes and color the animals. This shape is called a trapezoid.



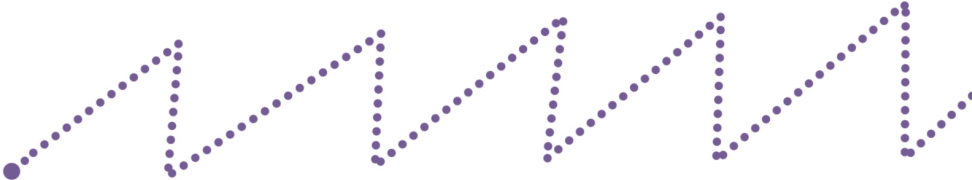
Trace the shapes and color the building. This shape is called a parallelogram.



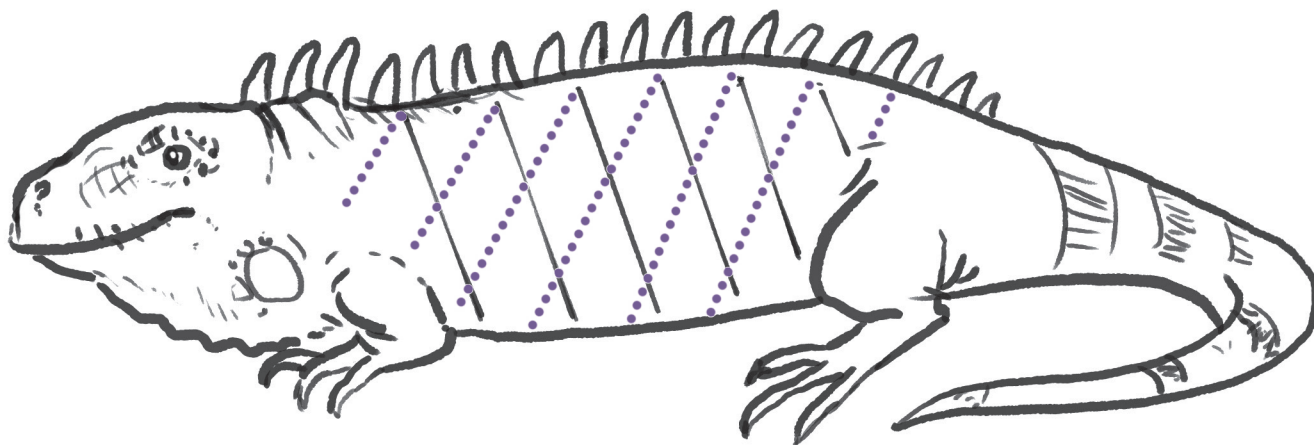
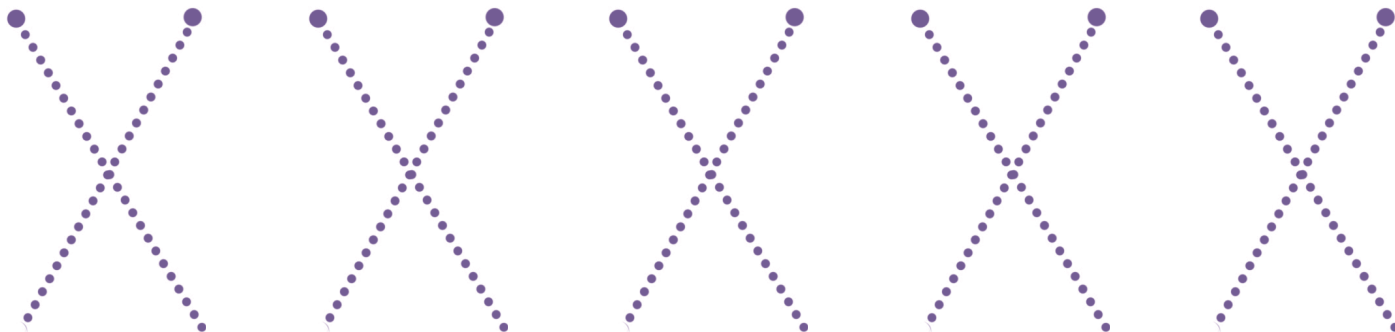
Connect the dots and color the picture.



Follow the paths to help the animals find their food, and then color the pictures.



Trace the crisscross lines, starting on the dot, and then color the picture.

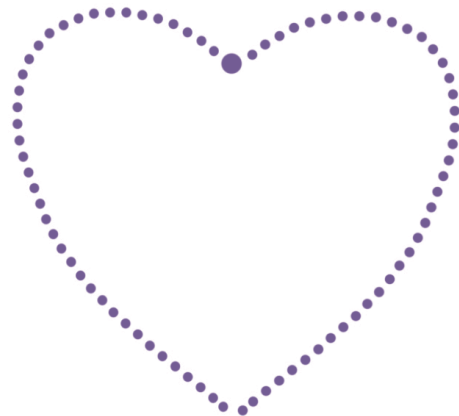
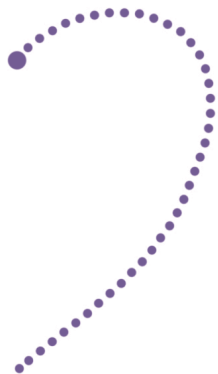
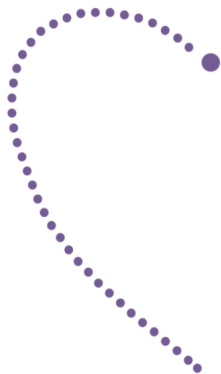




COMBINING SHAPES

Hearts, Stars,
and Letters

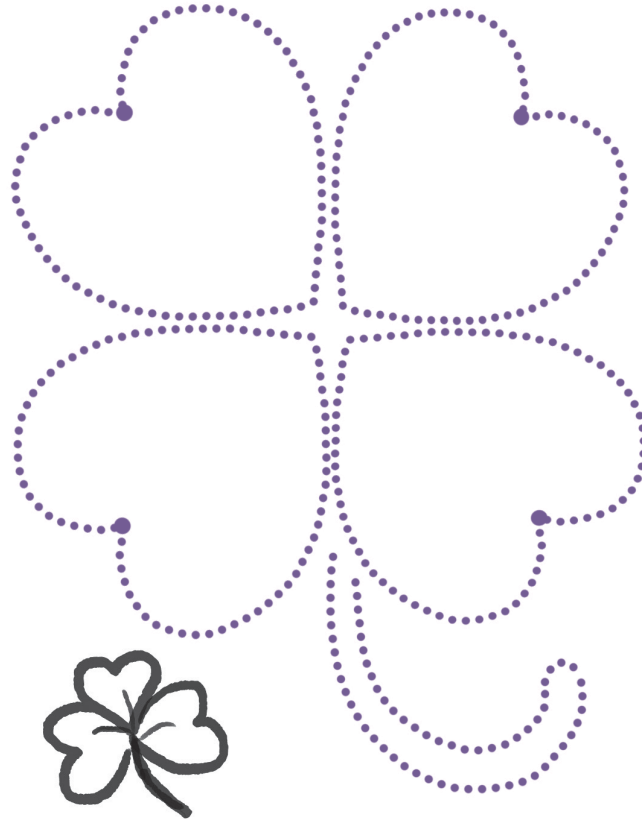
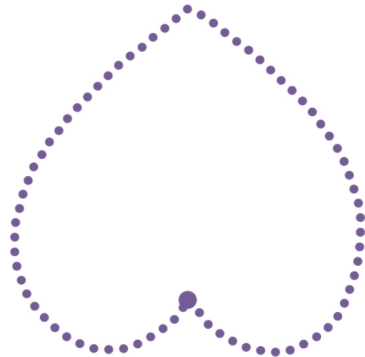
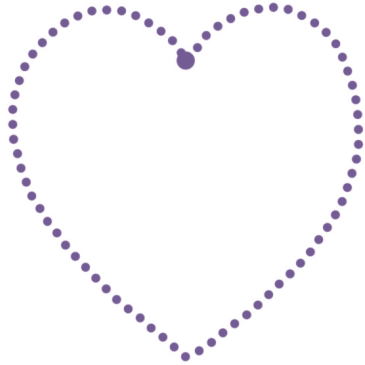
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This shape is called a heart. It has two curves and one point.



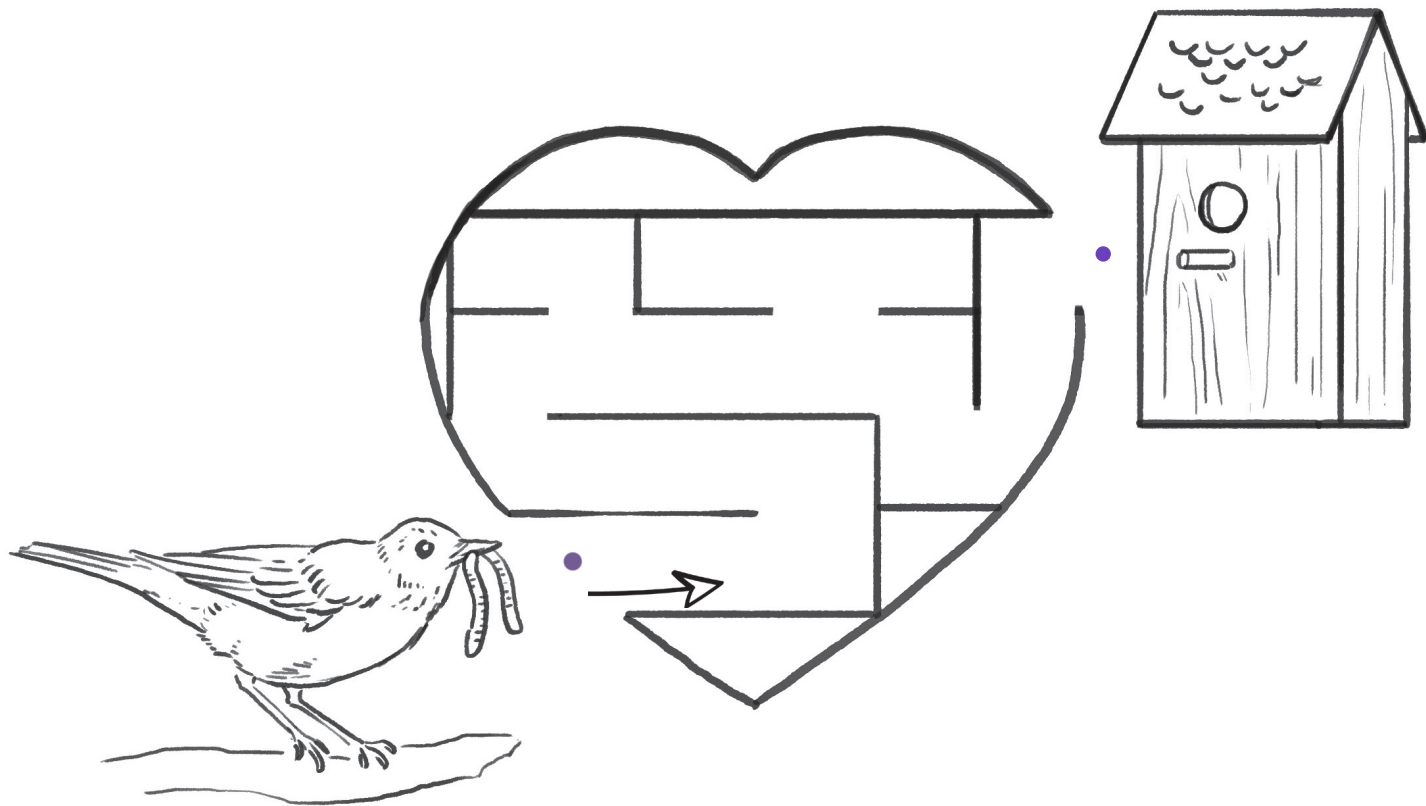
Color the pair of swans. Can you find a heart shape in this picture?



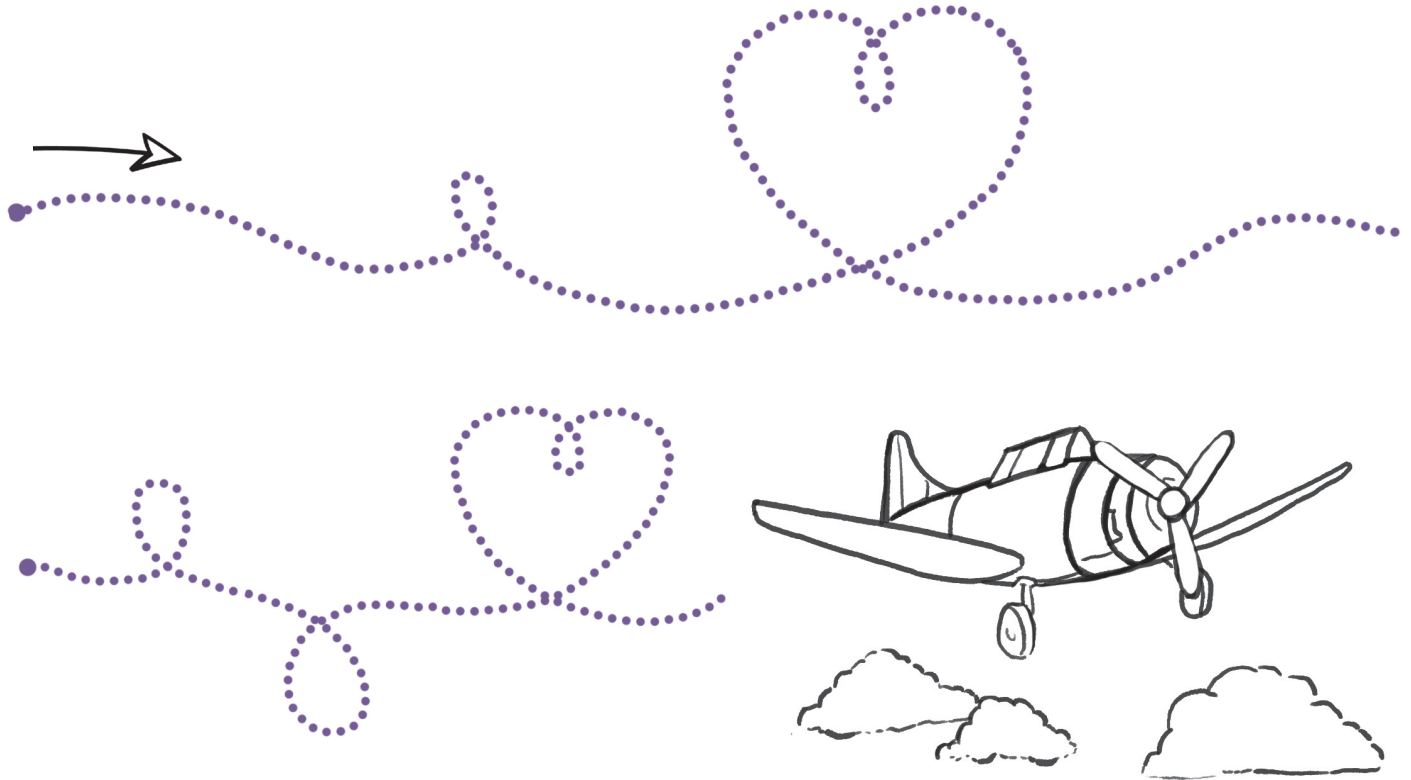
Trace each line, starting on the dot, and then color the clovers. How many leaves does the large clover have?



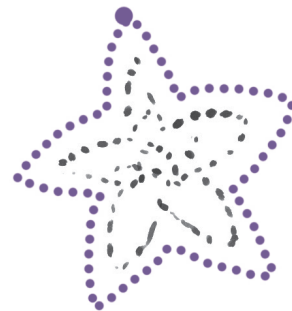
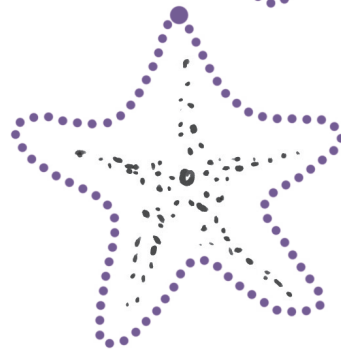
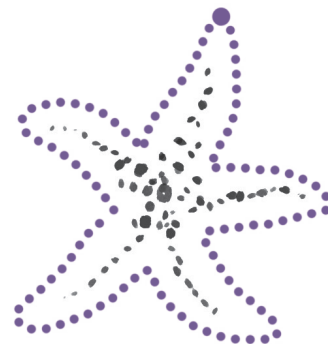
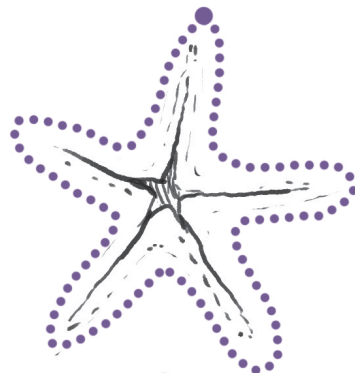
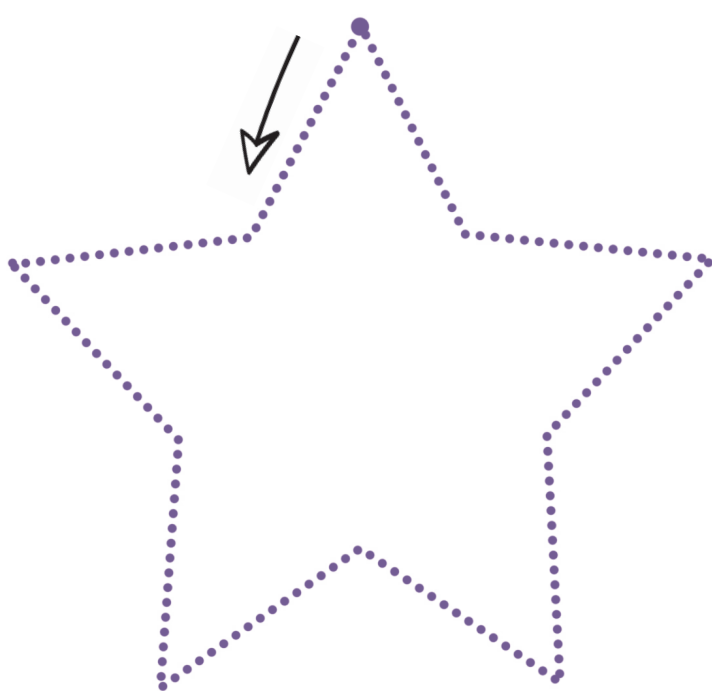
Help the bird find its way through the maze and back to its house.



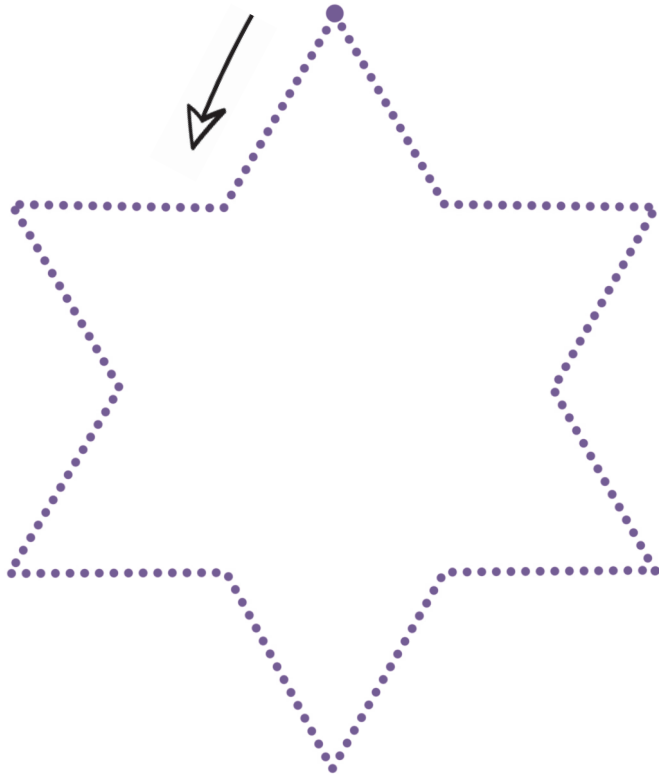
Trace the lines. A heart is a symbol for love. Who is someone you love?



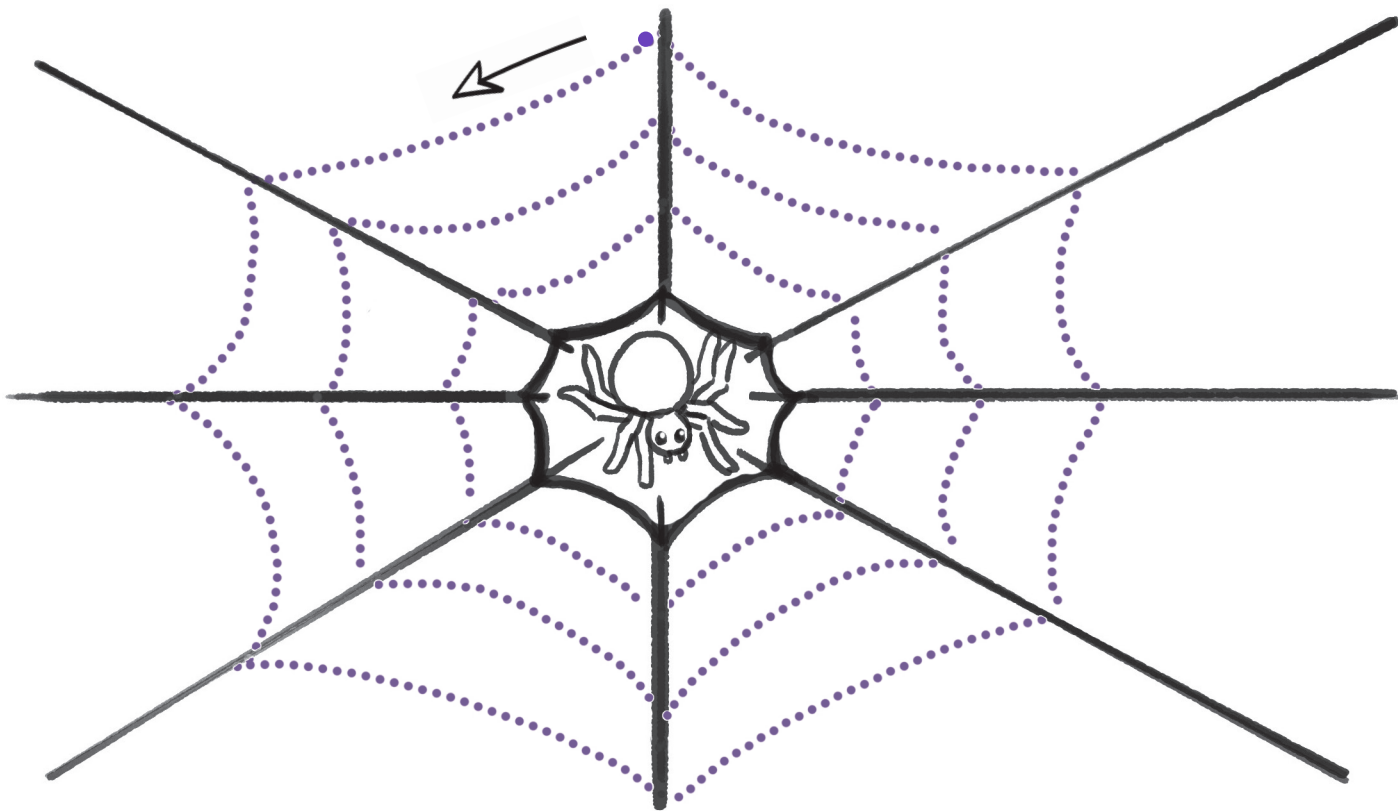
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This shape is called a star. How many starfish do you see?



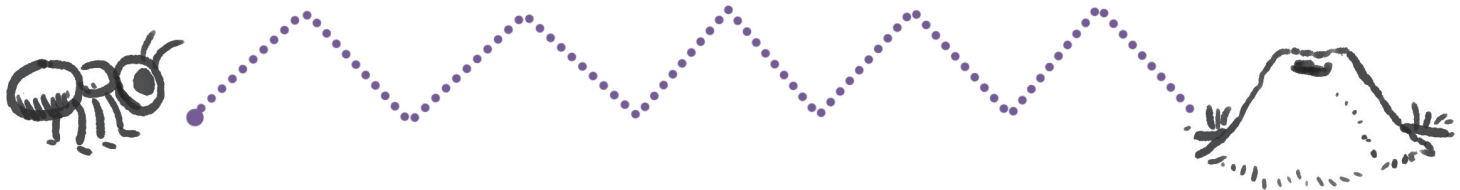
Trace each line, starting on the dot. This six-pointed star is sometimes called a hexagram.



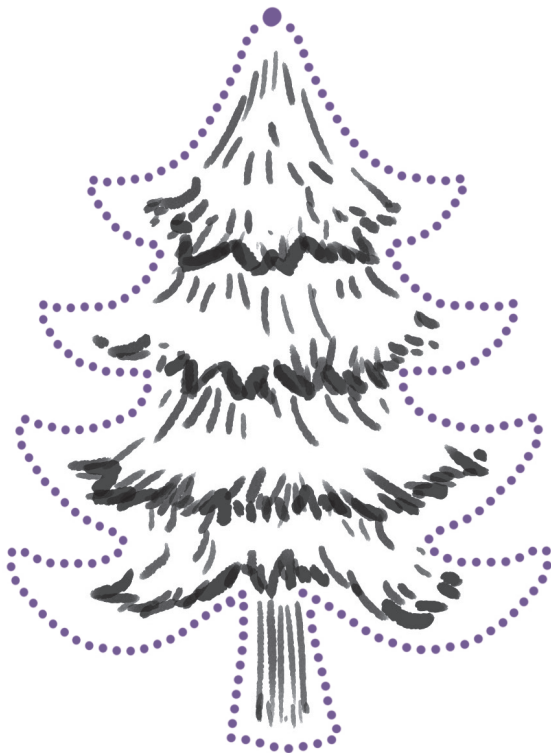
Trace the lines of the spider web.



Trace the lines and help the insects get back to their homes.



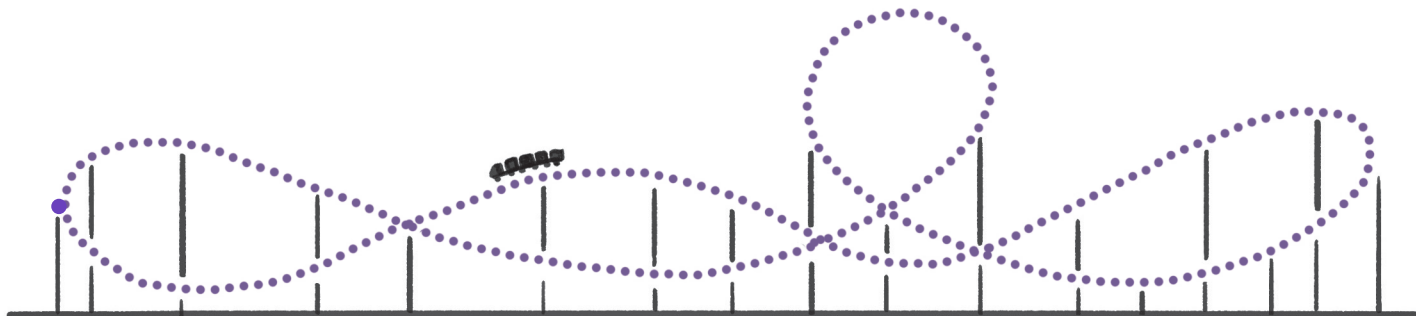
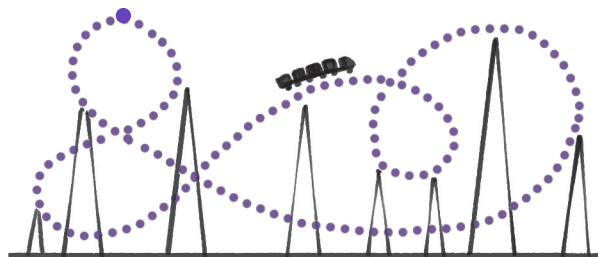
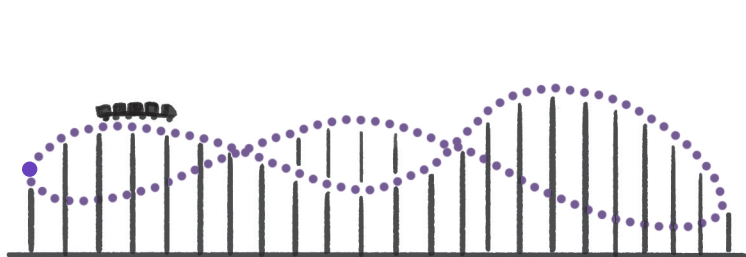
Trace each line starting on the dot. In what season is it most cold and snowy?



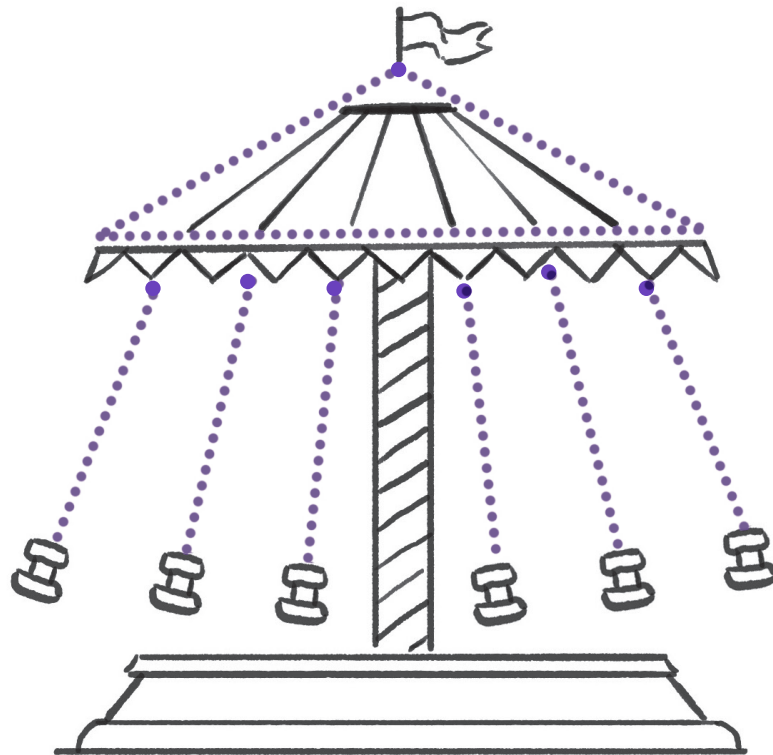
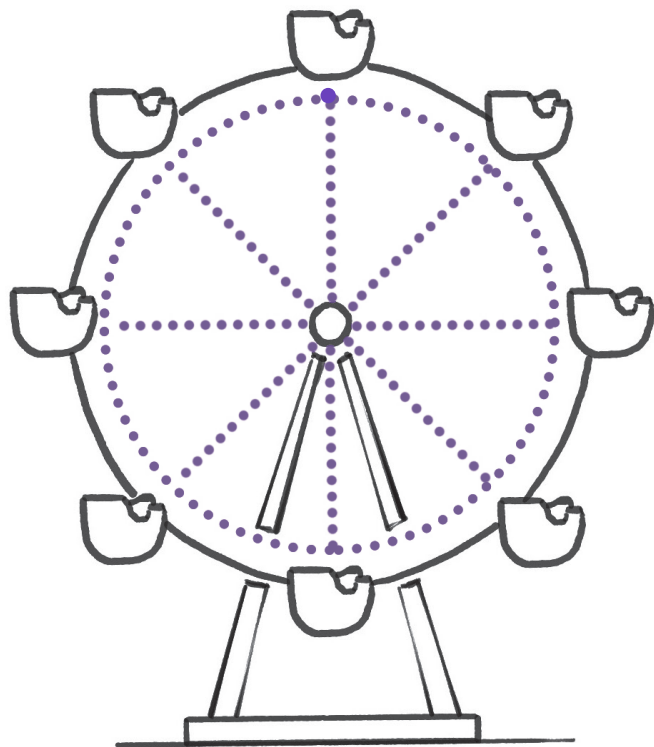
Trace the lines and color the image. How many cabins do you see?



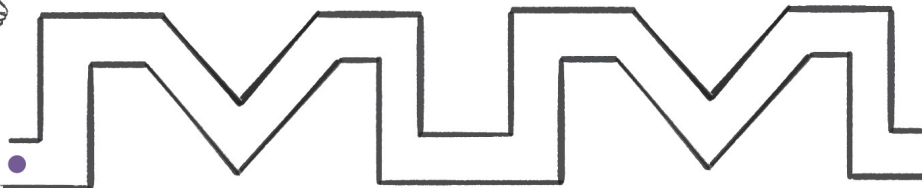
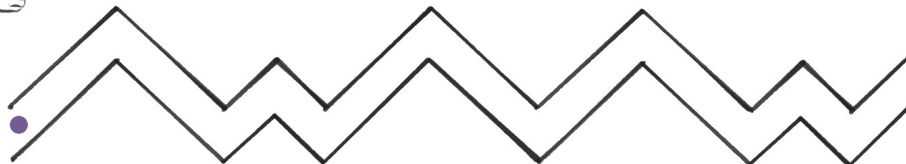
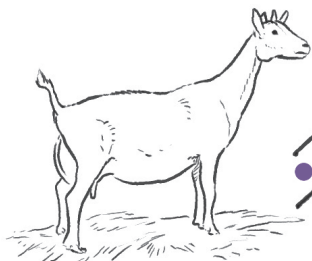
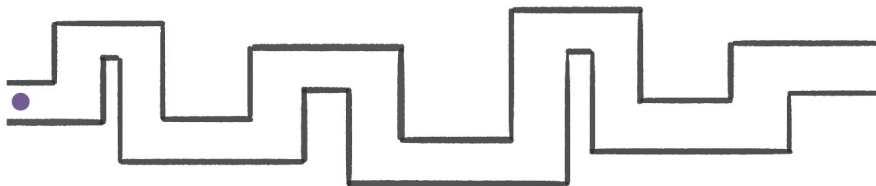
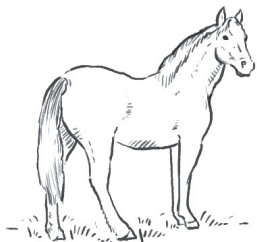
Trace the lines of the tracks for the roller coasters. Which one would you want to ride?



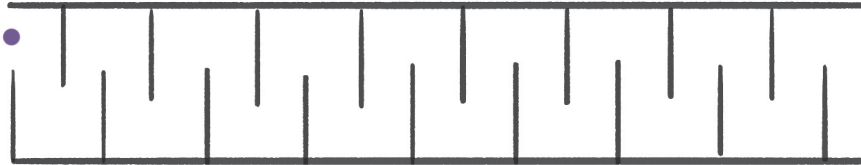
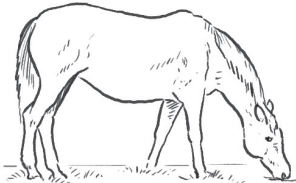
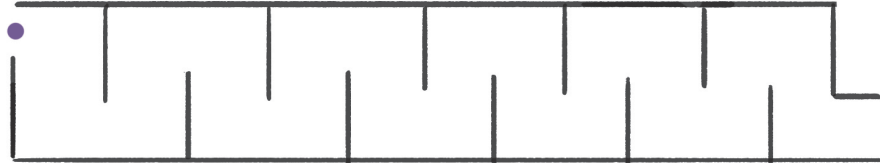
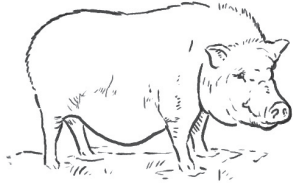
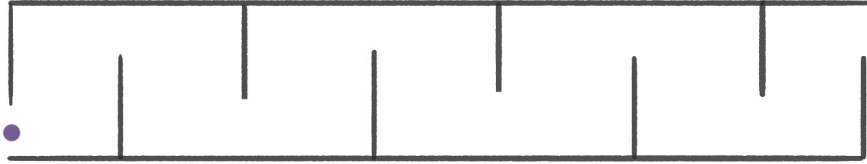
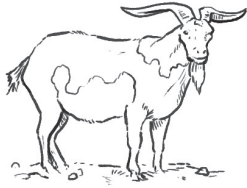
Trace the lines and color the pictures. How many seats do you see on the Ferris wheel?



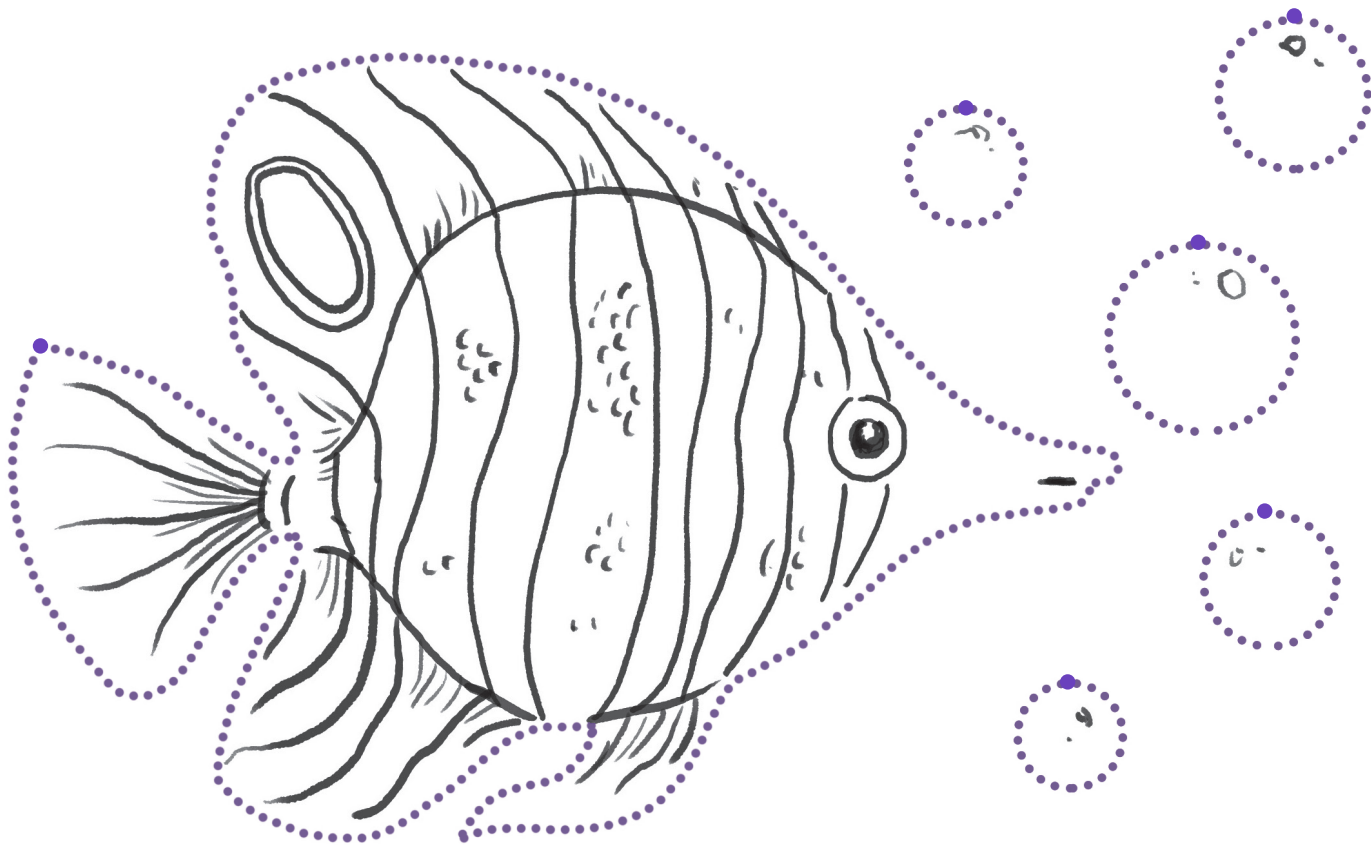
Draw a line through each path to get the mommy animal to her baby. What is a baby sheep called?



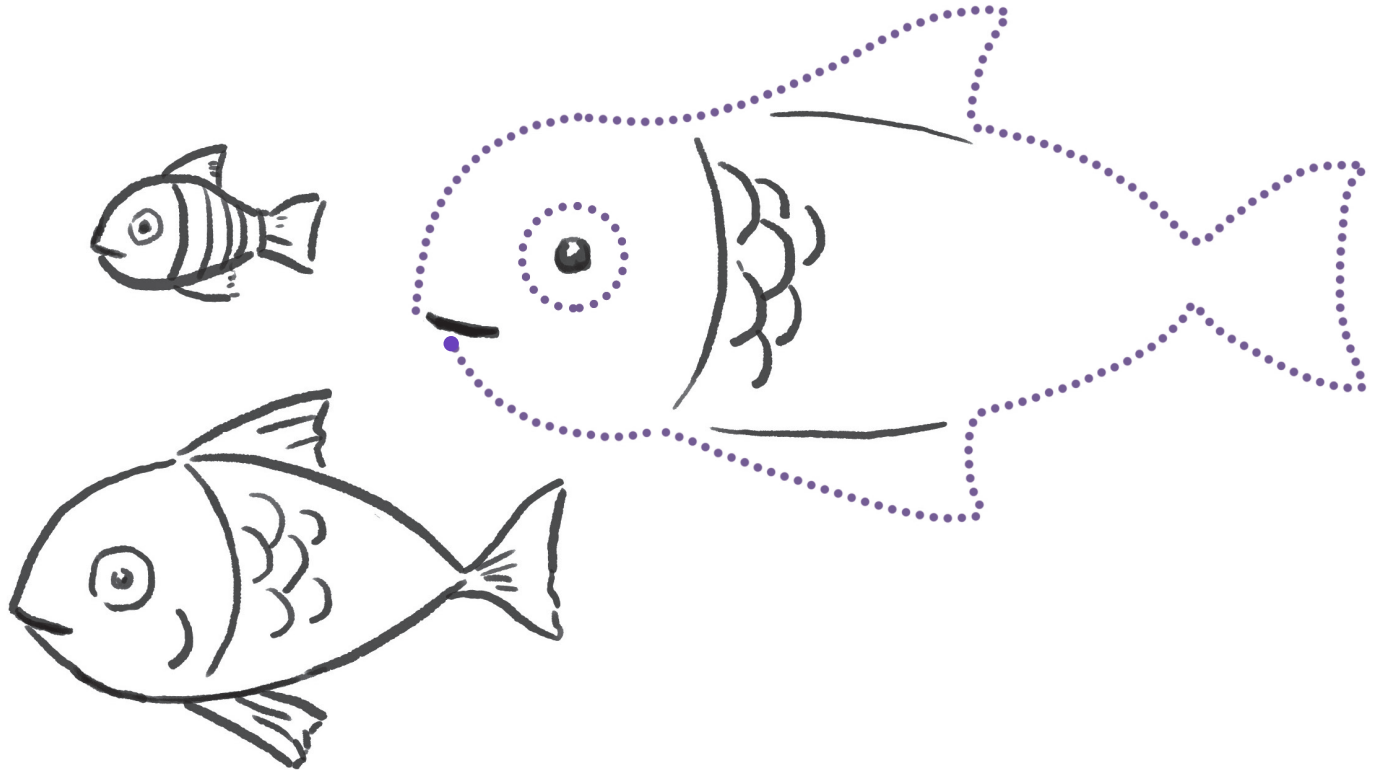
Draw a path between the lines to get the animals to their food. Try not to draw on the black lines.



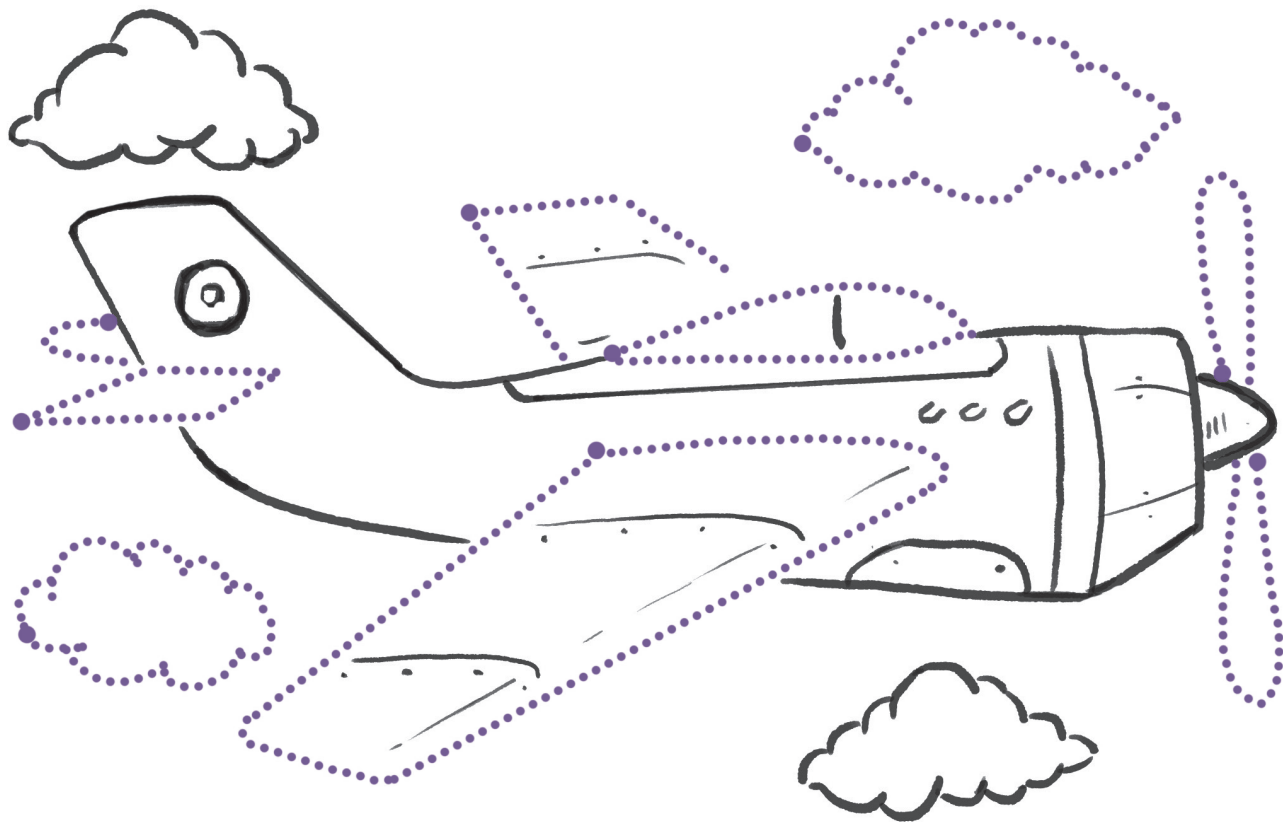
Trace the lines and color the picture. How many bubbles do you see?



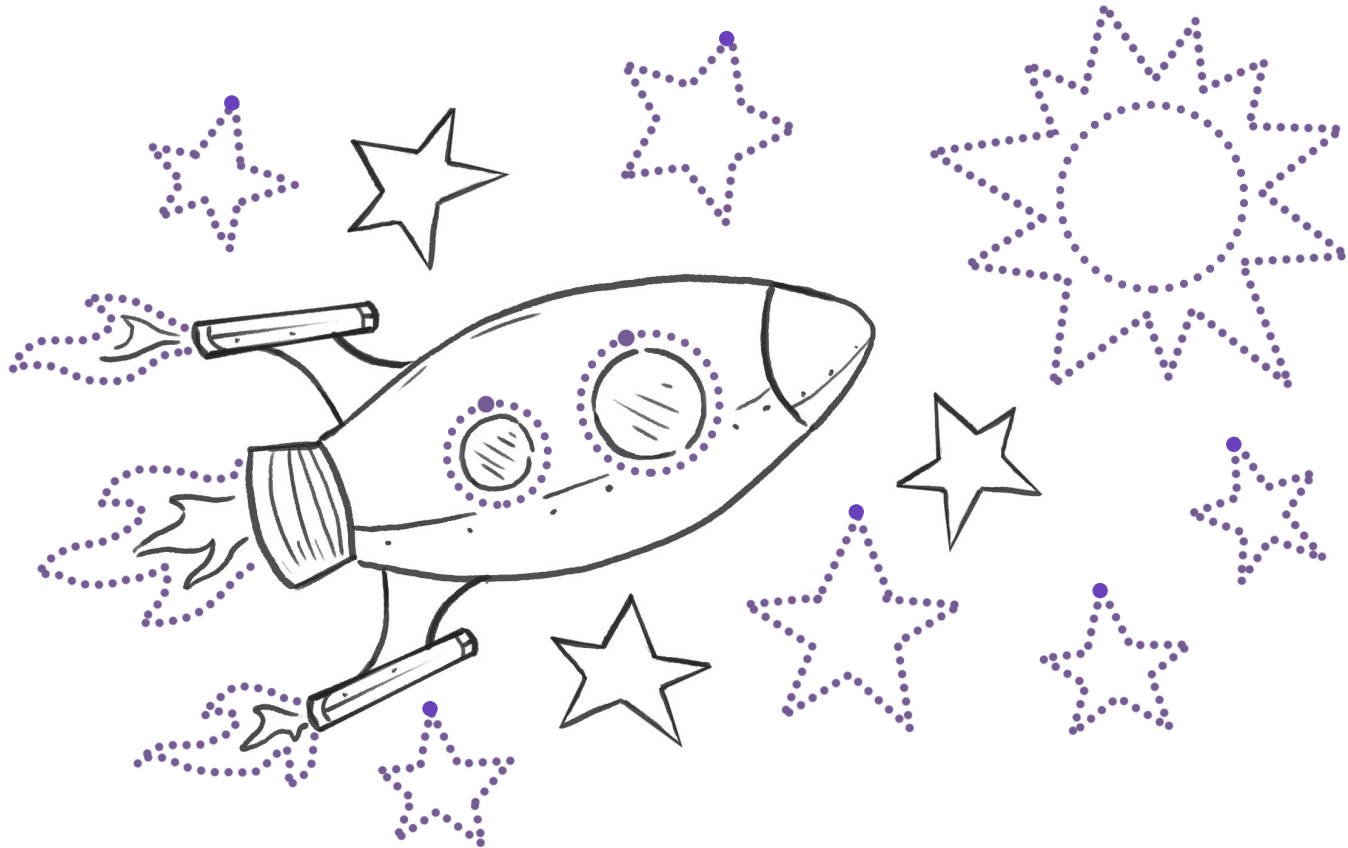
Draw your own fish by tracing the lines. What shapes do you see?



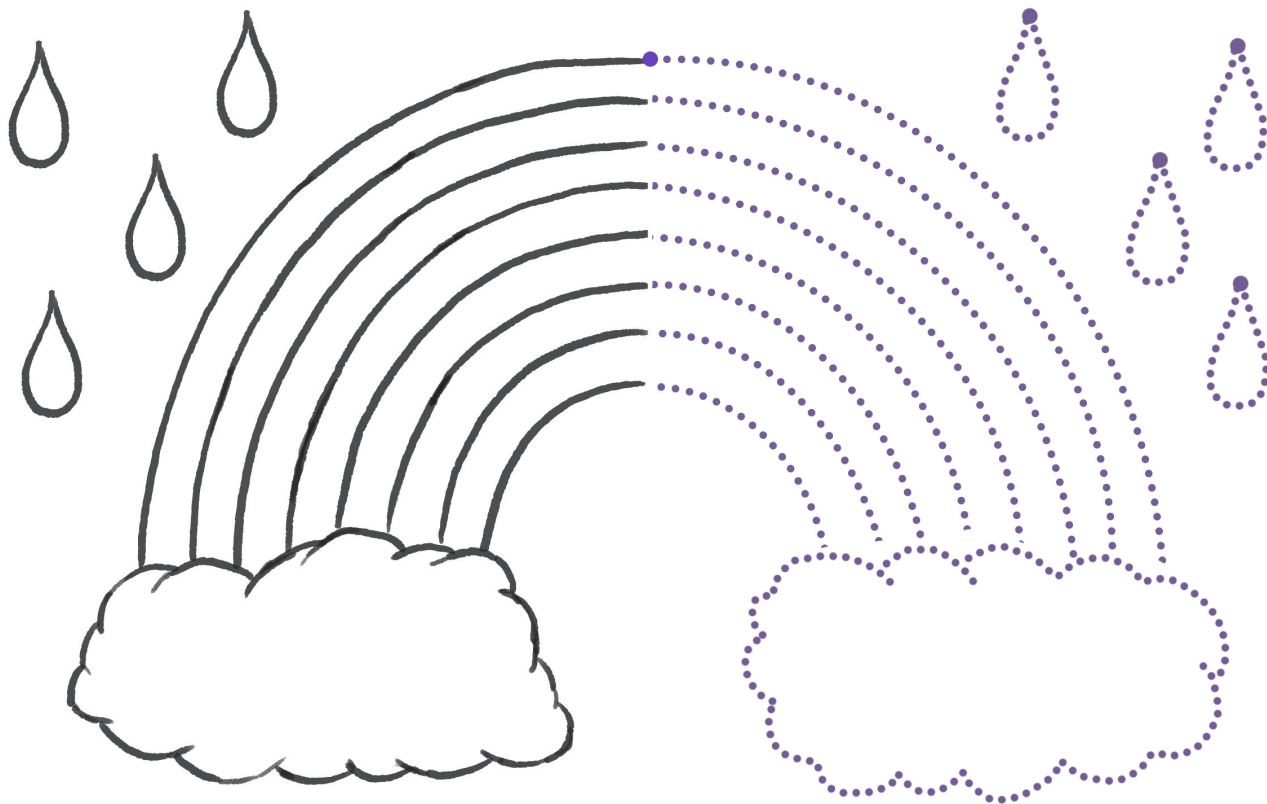
Trace the lines and color the image. How many clouds do you see? Have you ever been in an airplane?



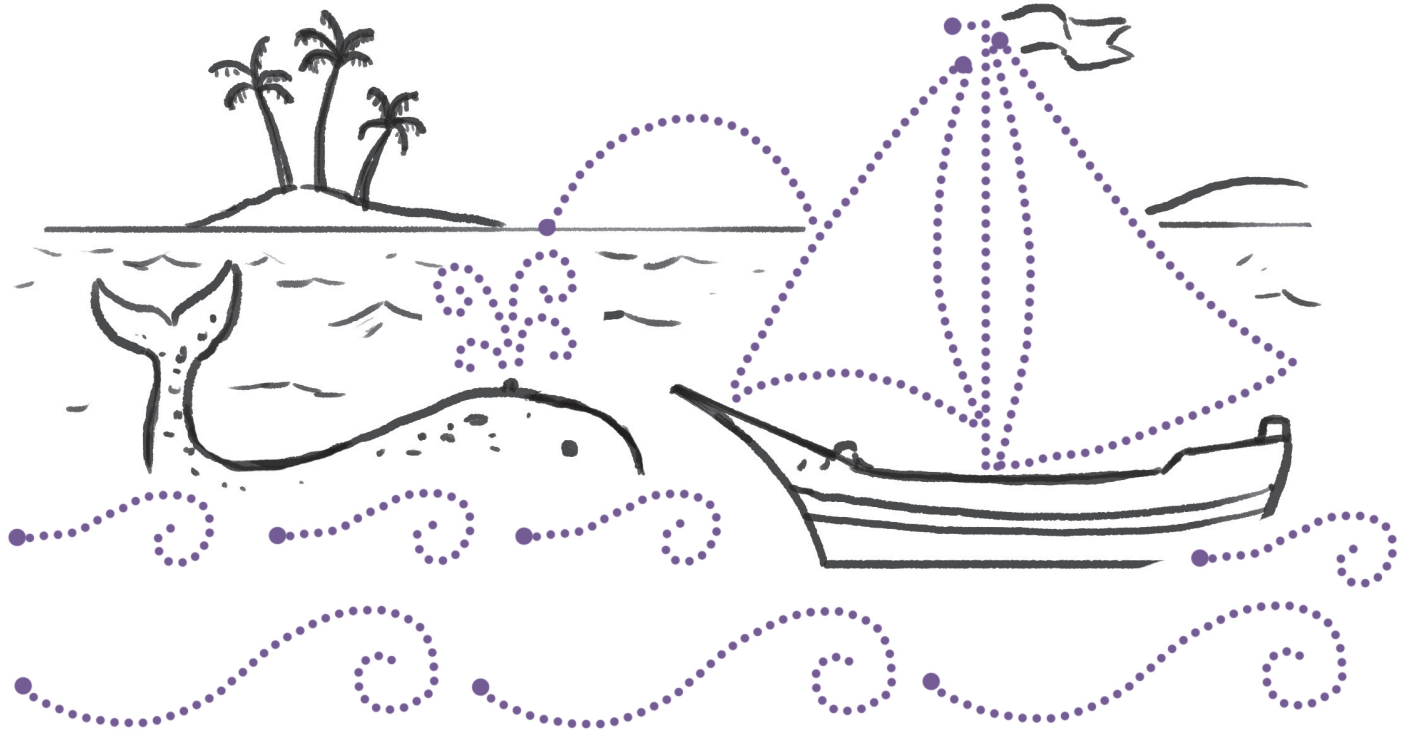
Trace the lines and color the image. How many stars do you see?



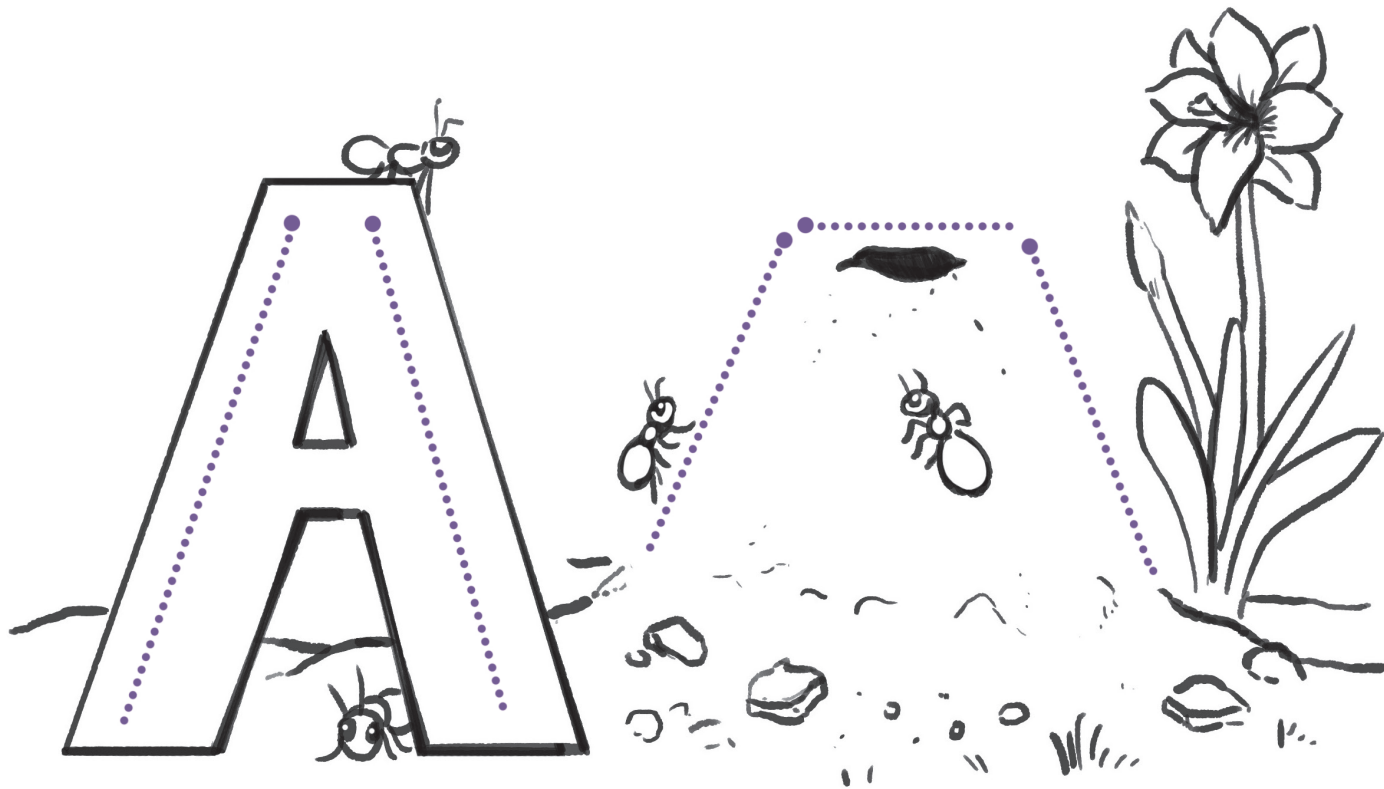
Trace the lines and color the picture. Can you name the colors of the rainbow?



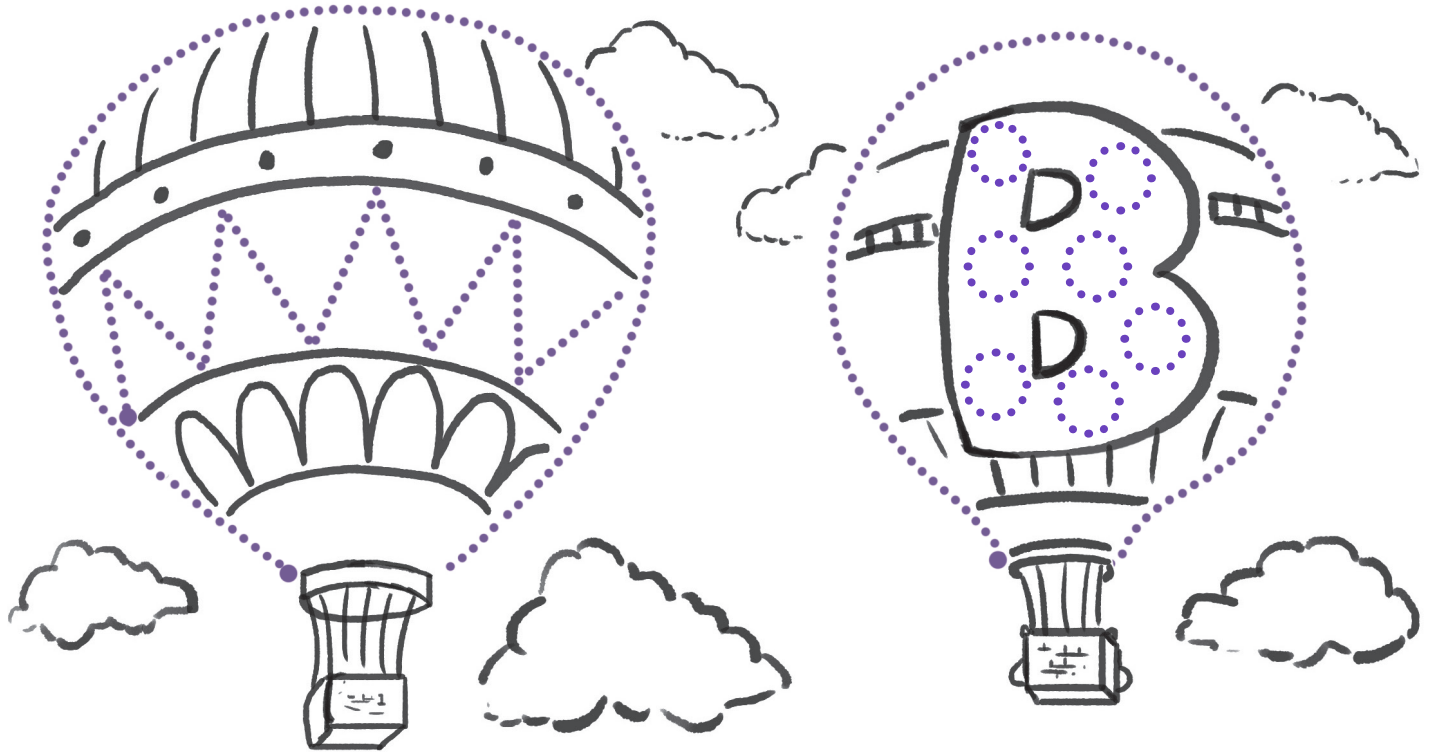
Trace the lines and color the image. How many sails does the boat have?



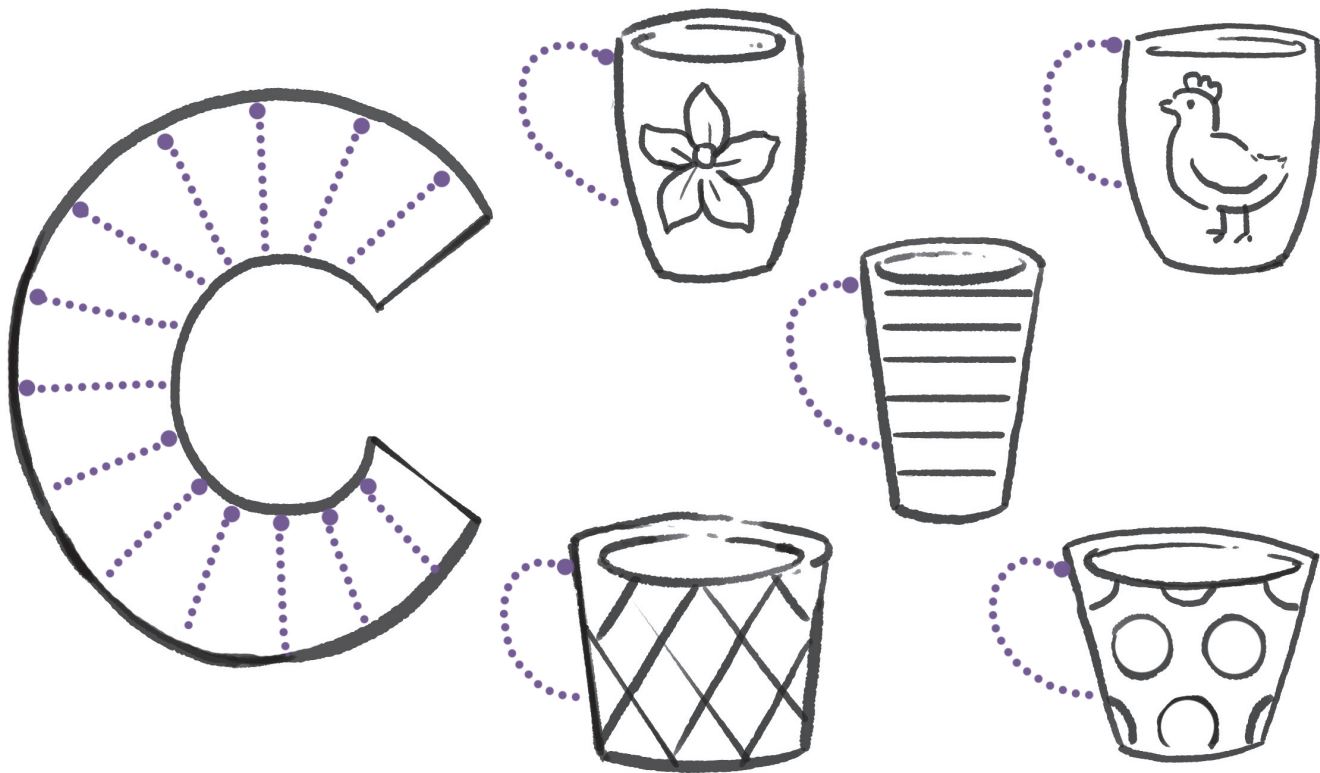
Trace the lines and color the picture. How many ants can you find?



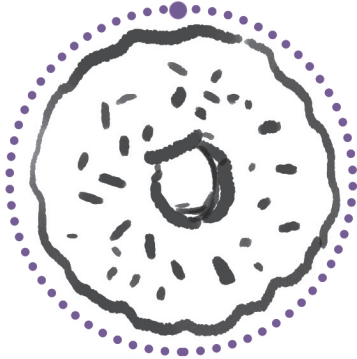
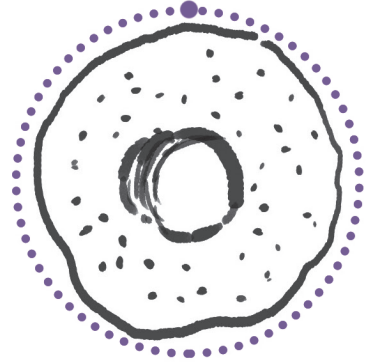
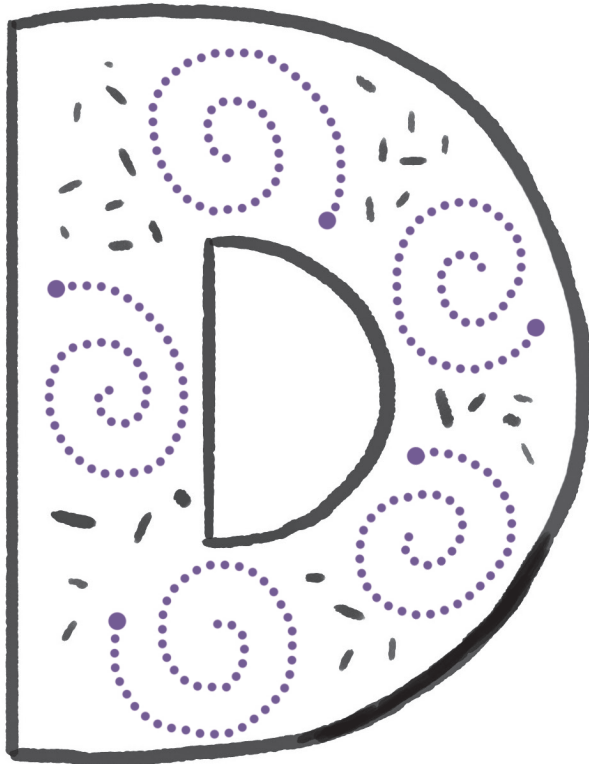
Trace the lines and color the balloons. Where would you want to go on a hot air balloon ride?



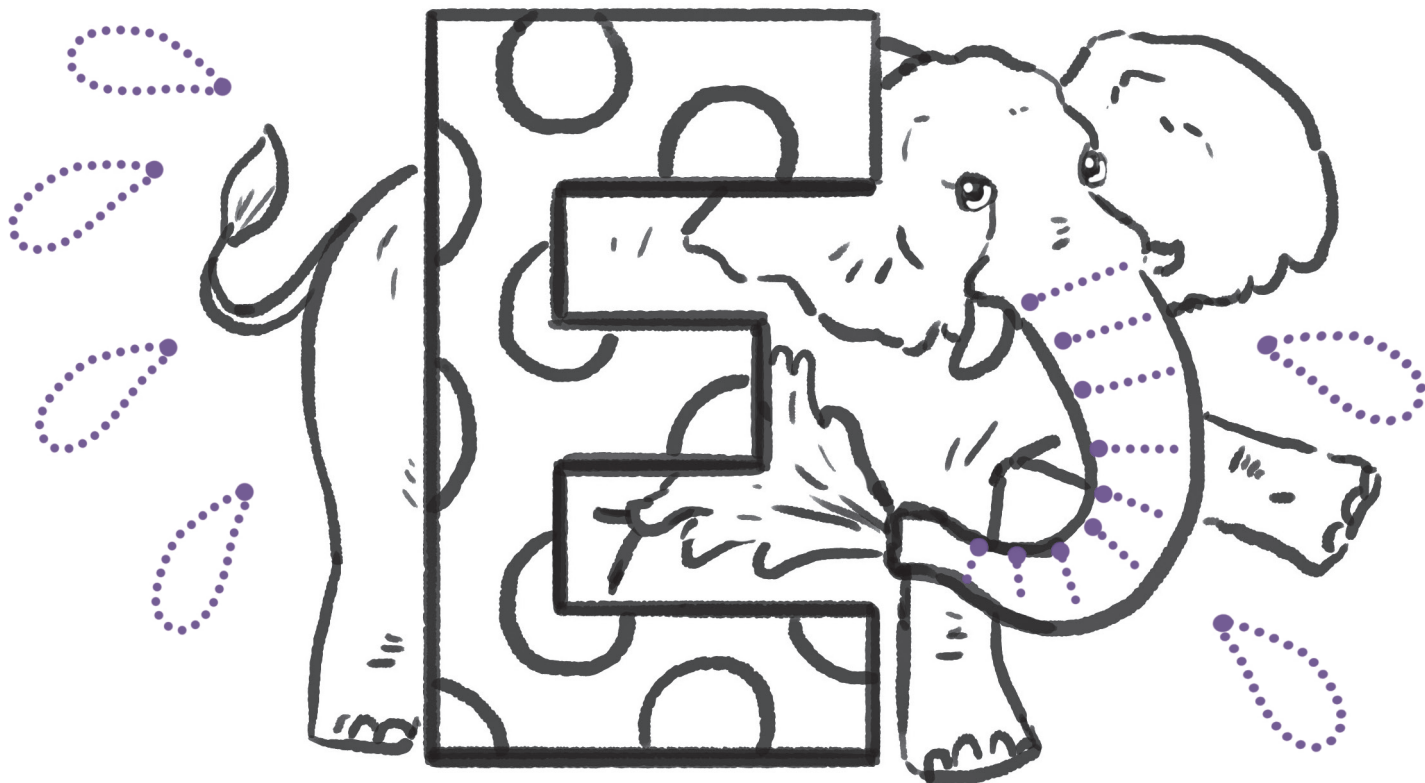
Trace the lines and color the cups. How many cups do you see? Which one would you want to use?



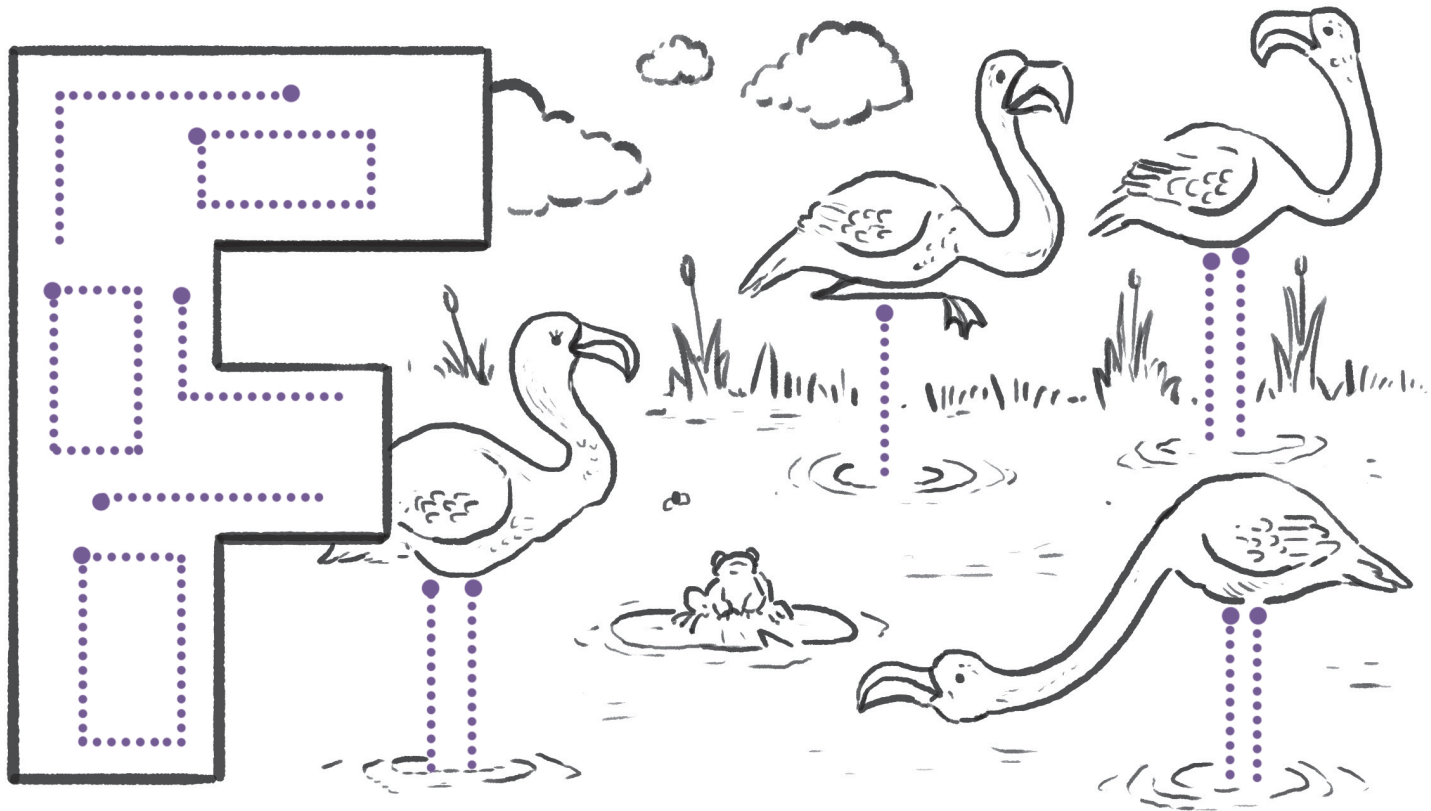
Trace the lines and color the donuts. How many spirals do you see on the giant letter D?



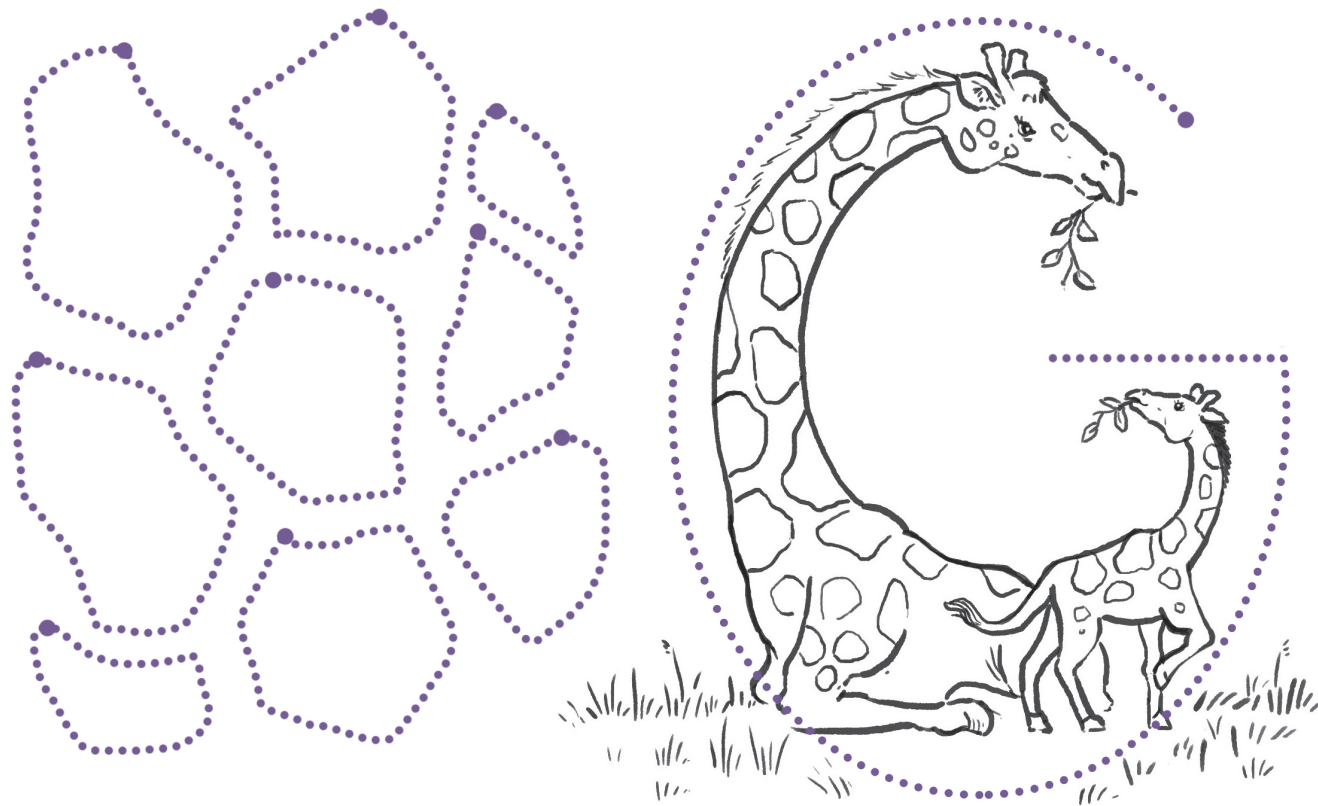
Trace the lines and color the image. What is an elephant's nose called?



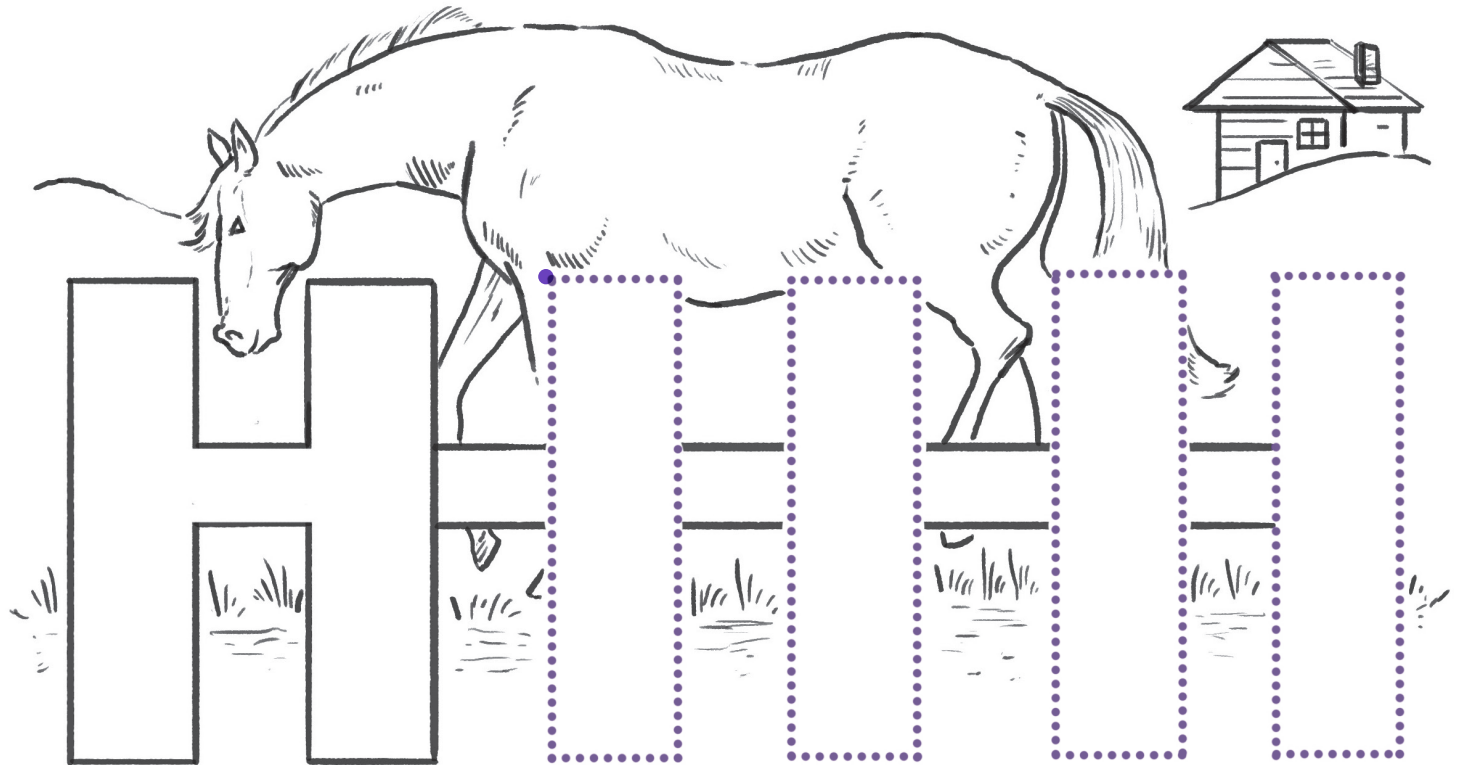
Trace the lines and color the image. How many flamingos do you see?



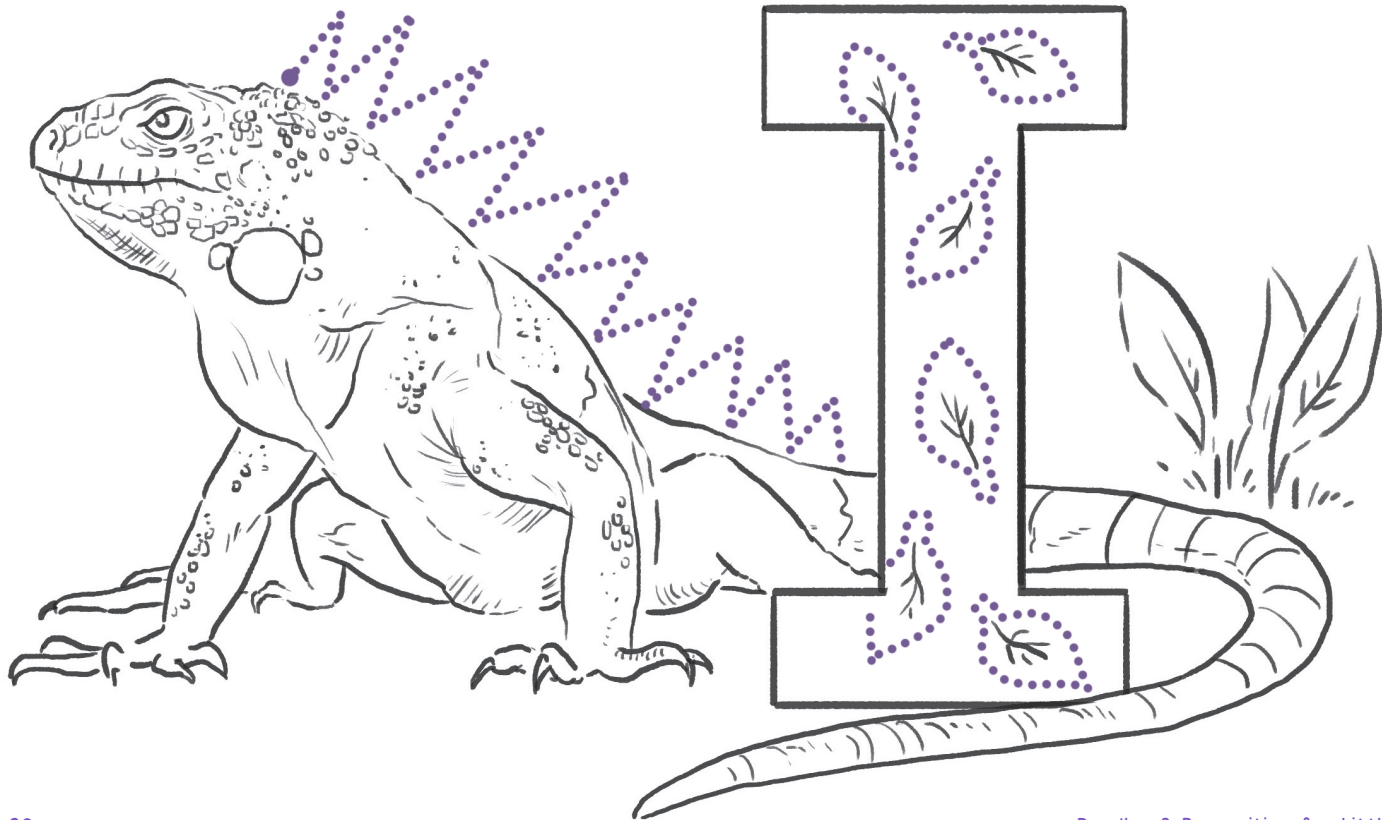
Trace the lines and color the image. How many legs does a giraffe have?



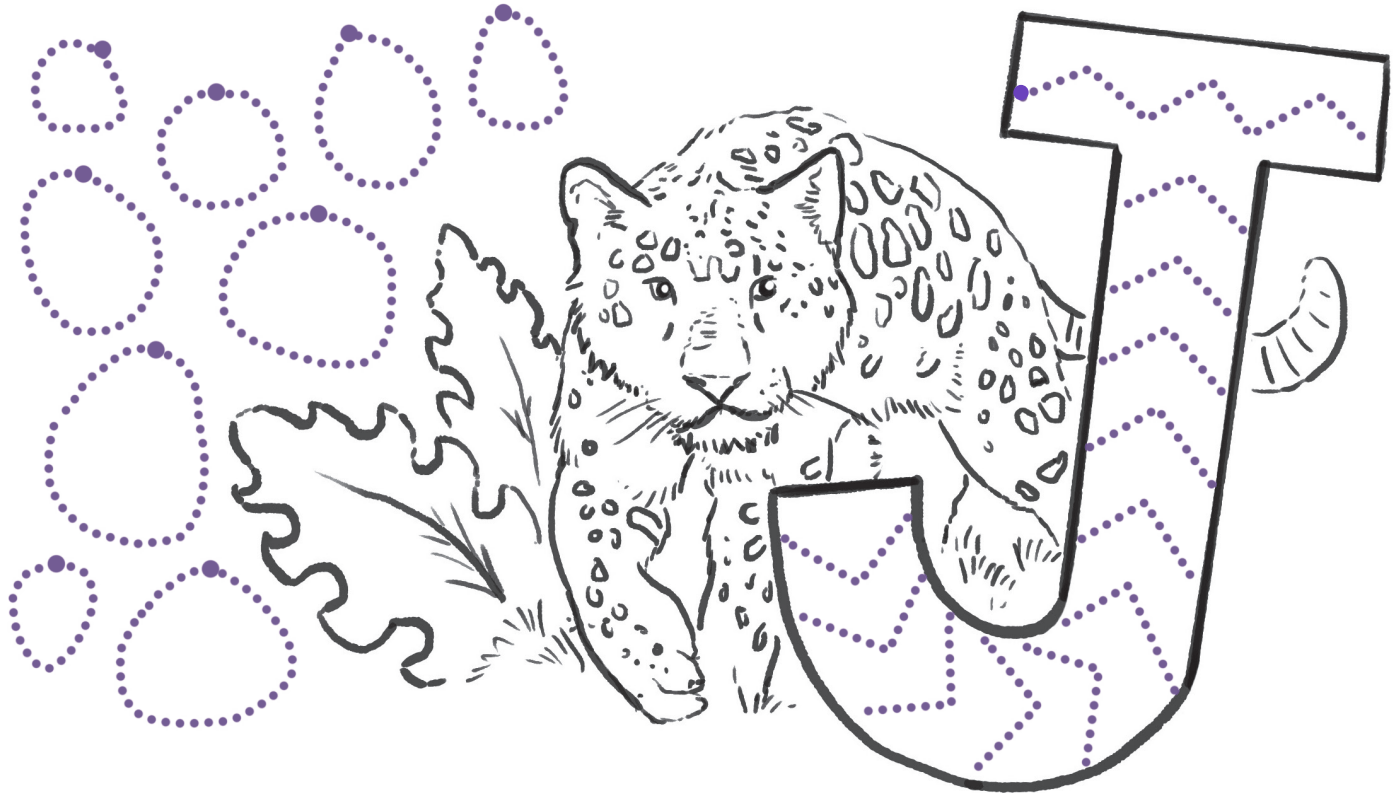
Trace the lines and color the image. What do horses like to eat?



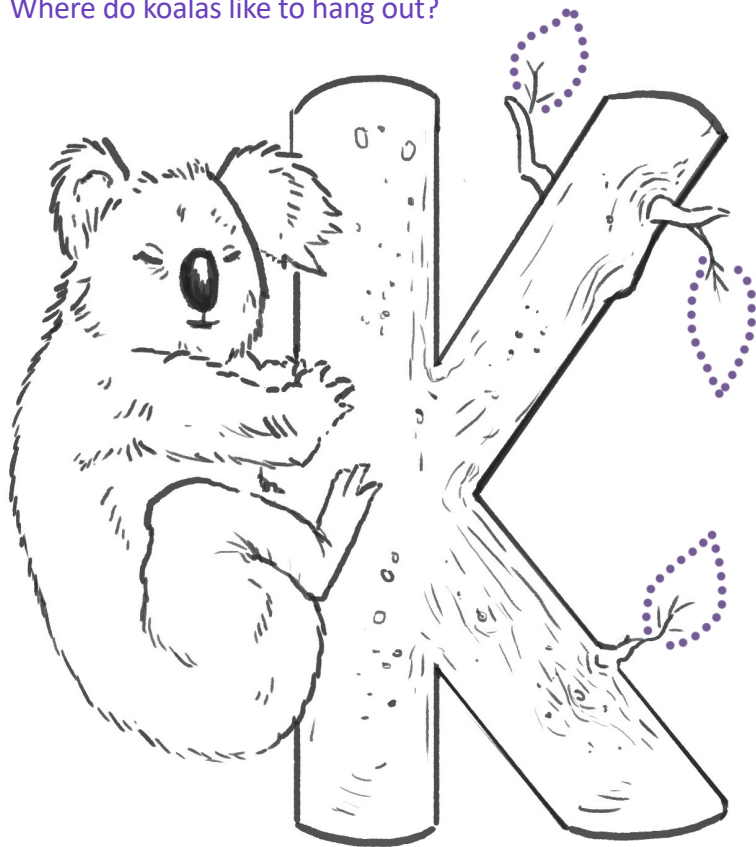
Trace the lines and color the image. How many spikes does the iguana have on its back?



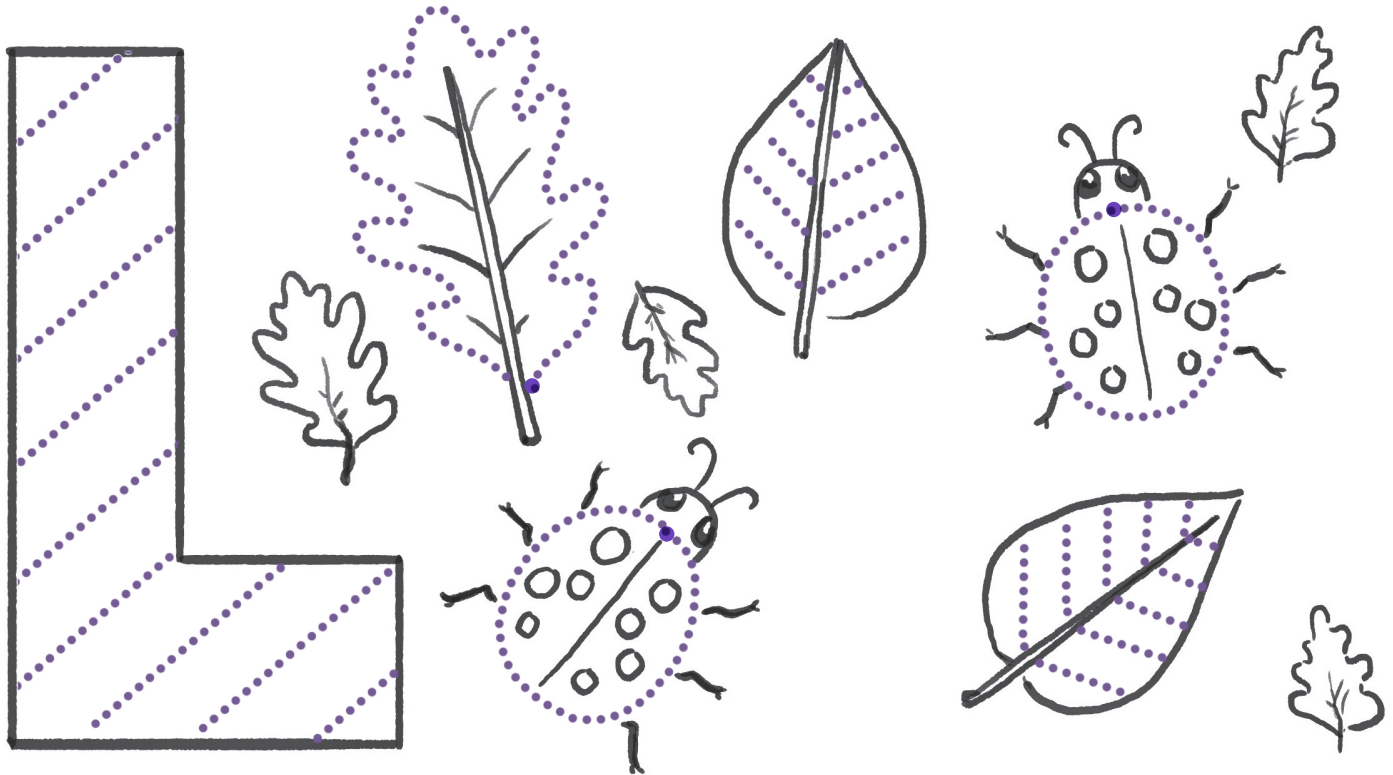
Trace the lines and color the image. Most jaguars live in the Amazon rain forest. Can you name another animal that lives in the rain forest?



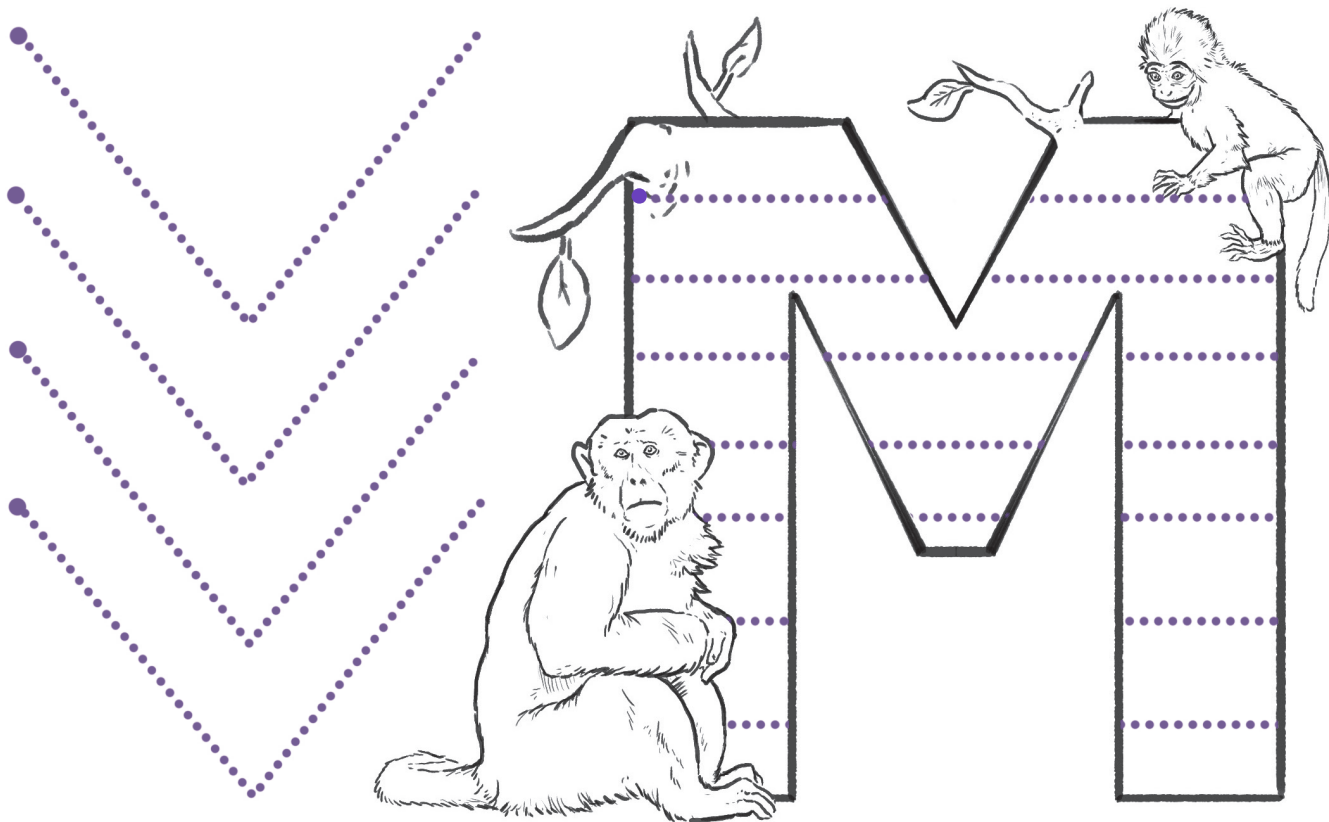
Trace the lines and color the image. A koala is a marsupial that carries its baby in a pouch and lives in Australia.
Where do koalas like to hang out?



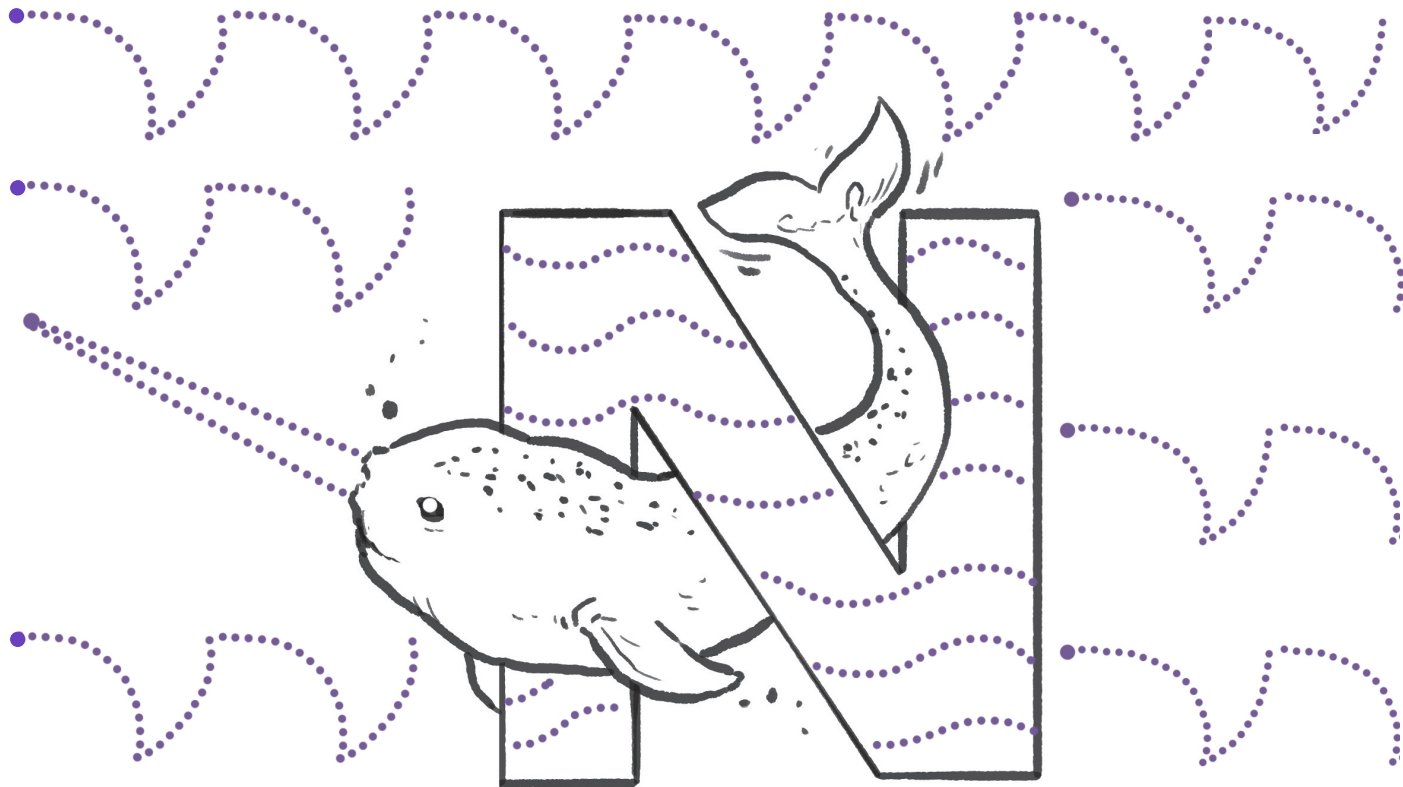
Trace the lines and color the image. How many dots do the ladybugs have?



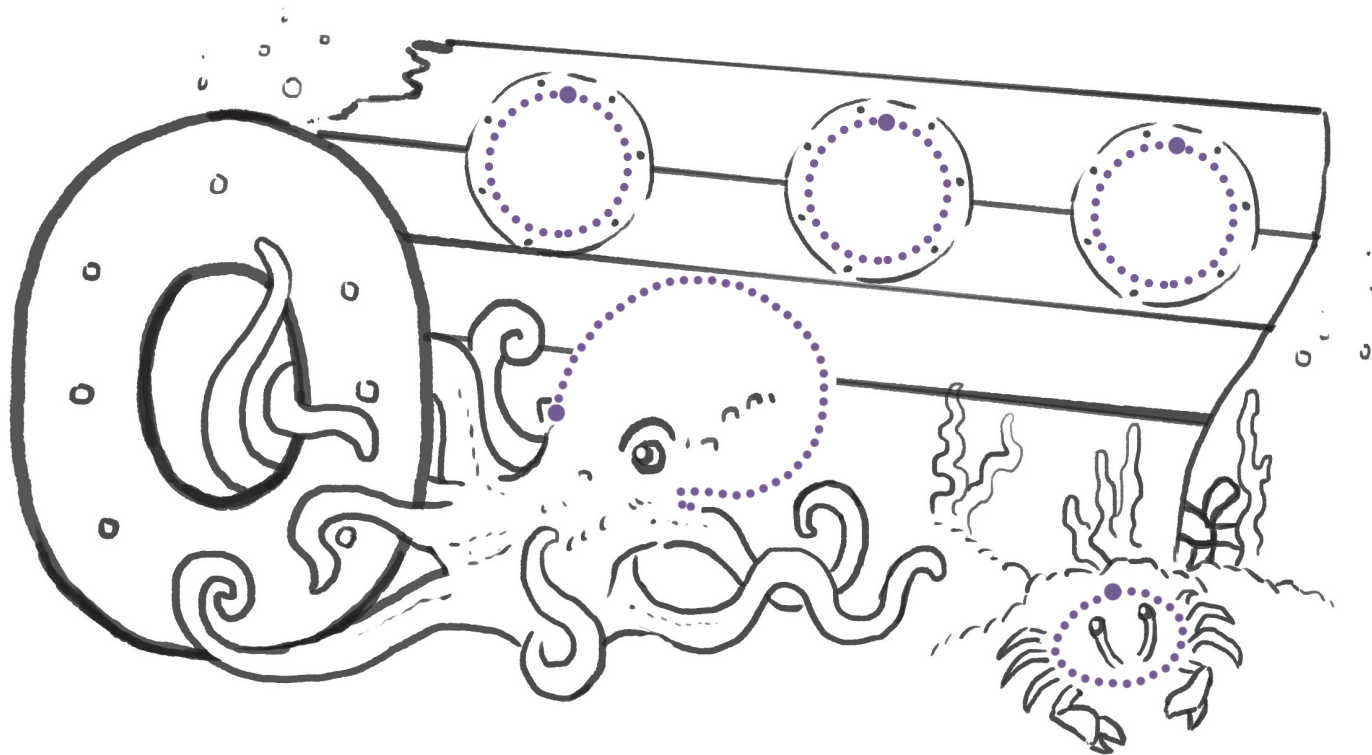
Trace the lines and color the image. What do monkeys like to eat?



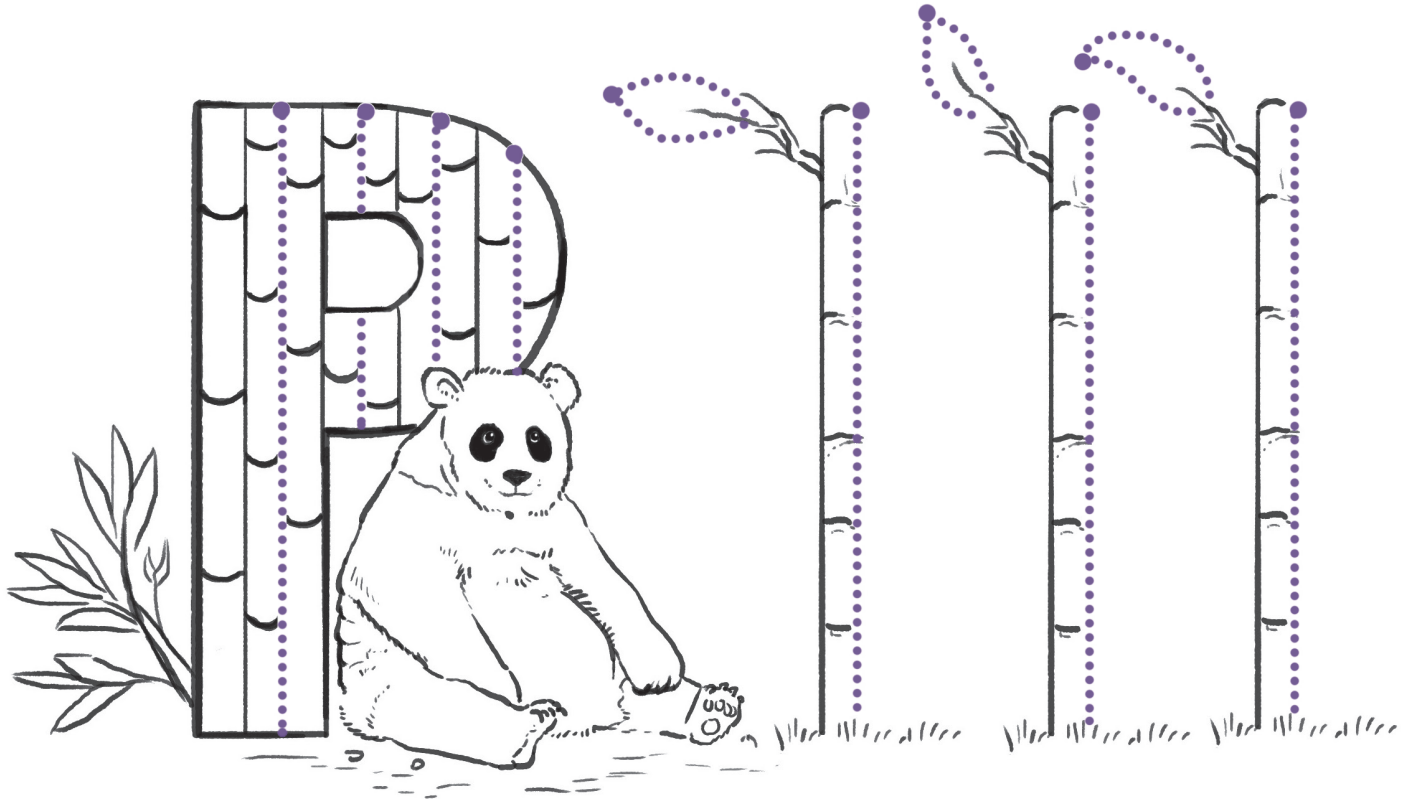
Trace the lines and color the image. The narwhal is a kind of whale that lives in the Arctic Ocean.



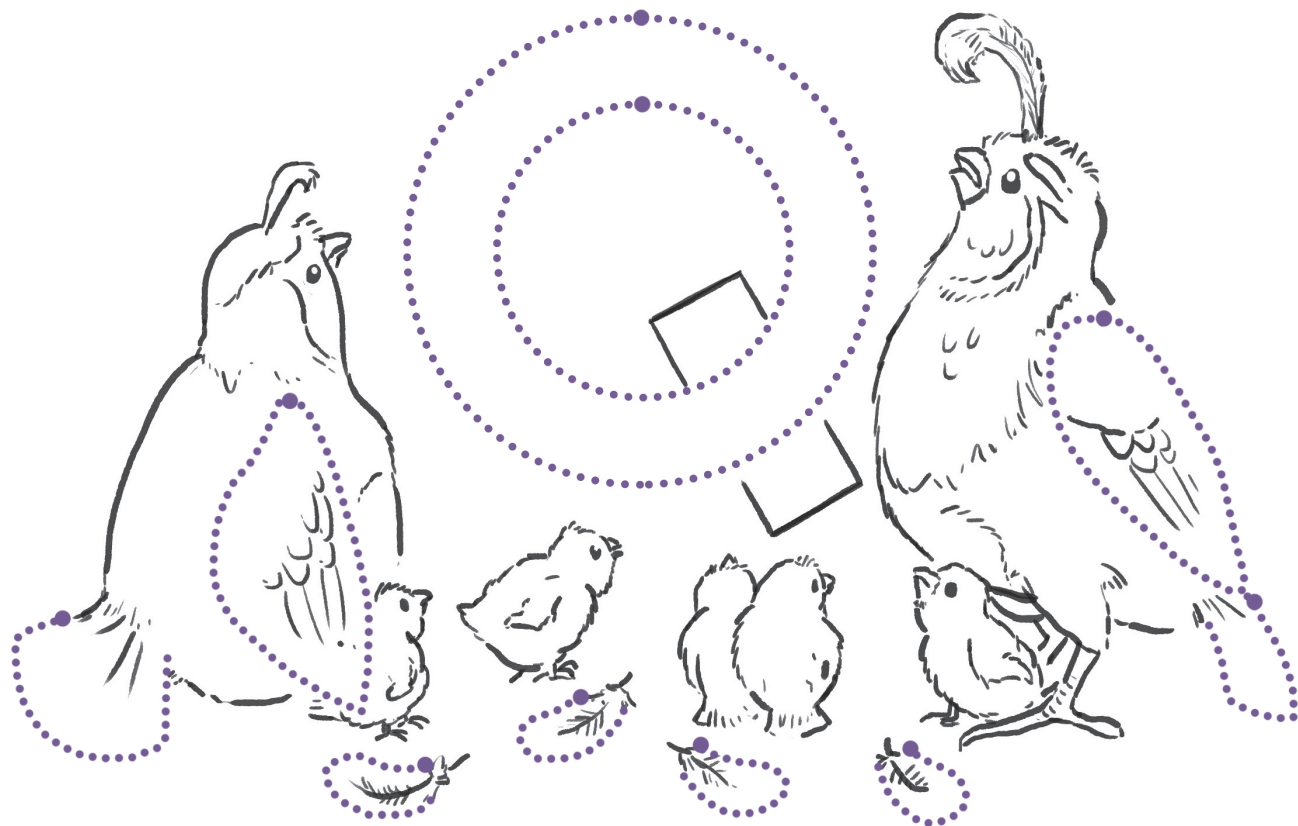
Trace the lines and color the image. How many tentacles (or arms) does the octopus have?



Trace the lines and color the image. What do pandas like to eat?



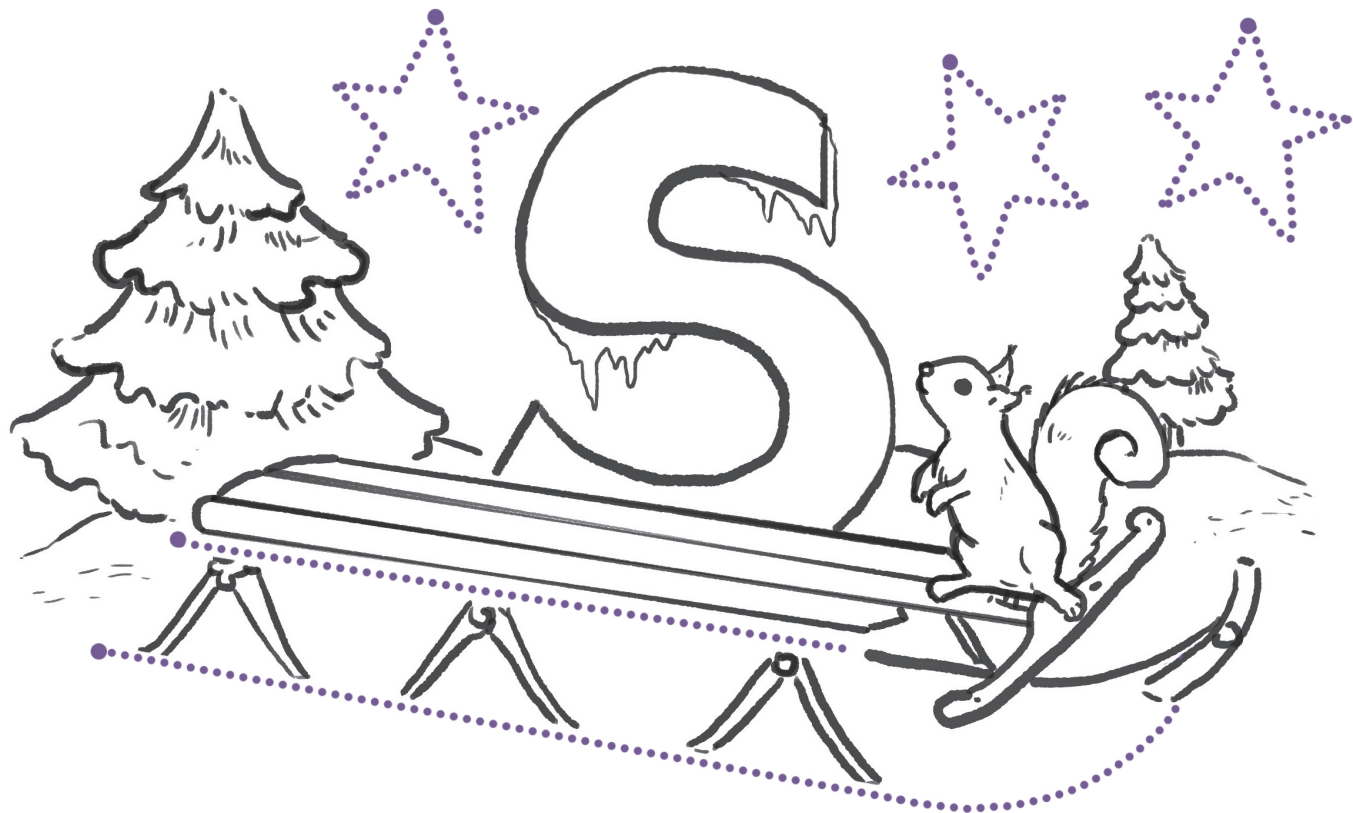
Trace the lines and color the image. How many quail chicks do you see?



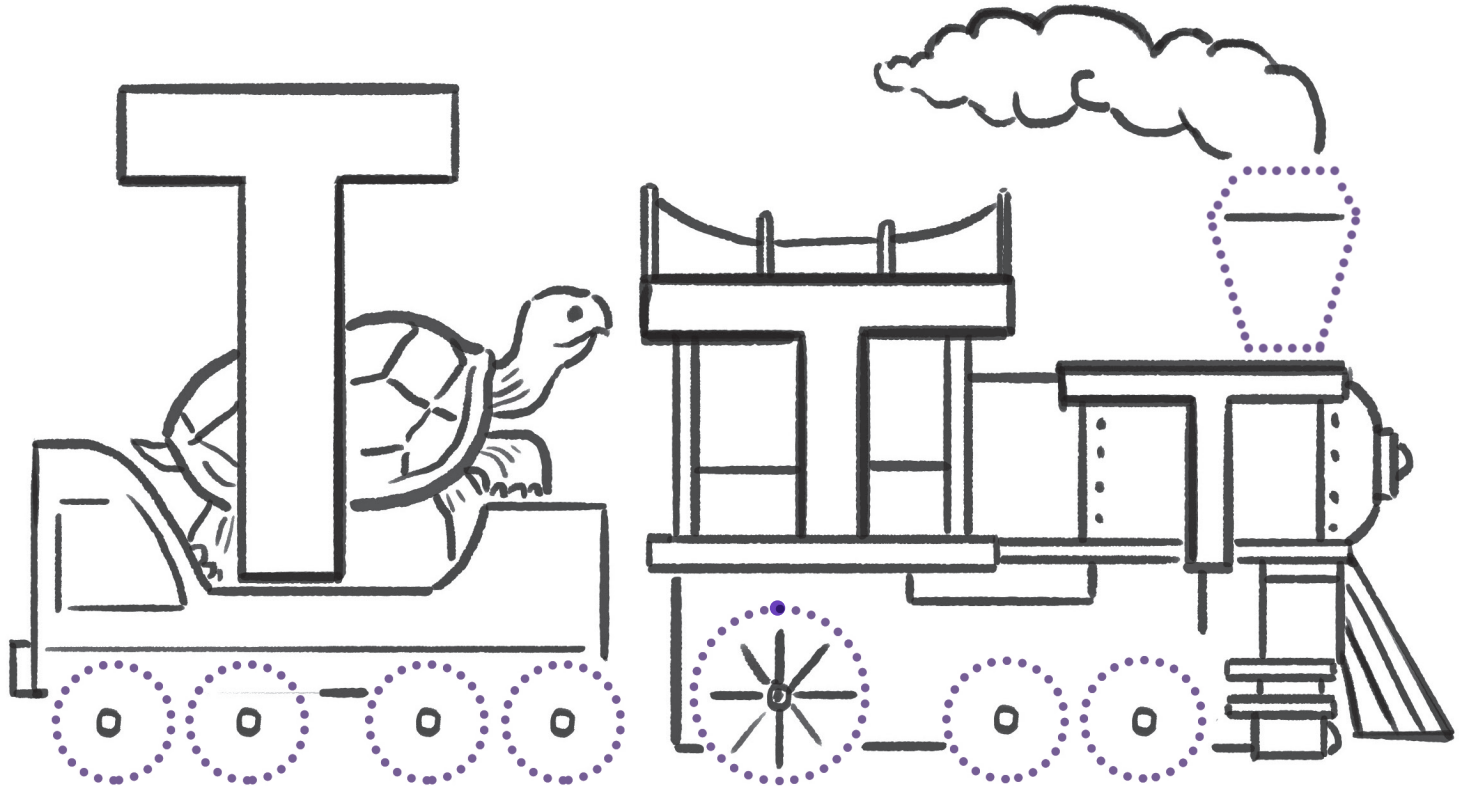
Trace the lines and color the image. Raccoons are nocturnal animals that hunt at night. Can you think of another animal that is awake mostly at night?



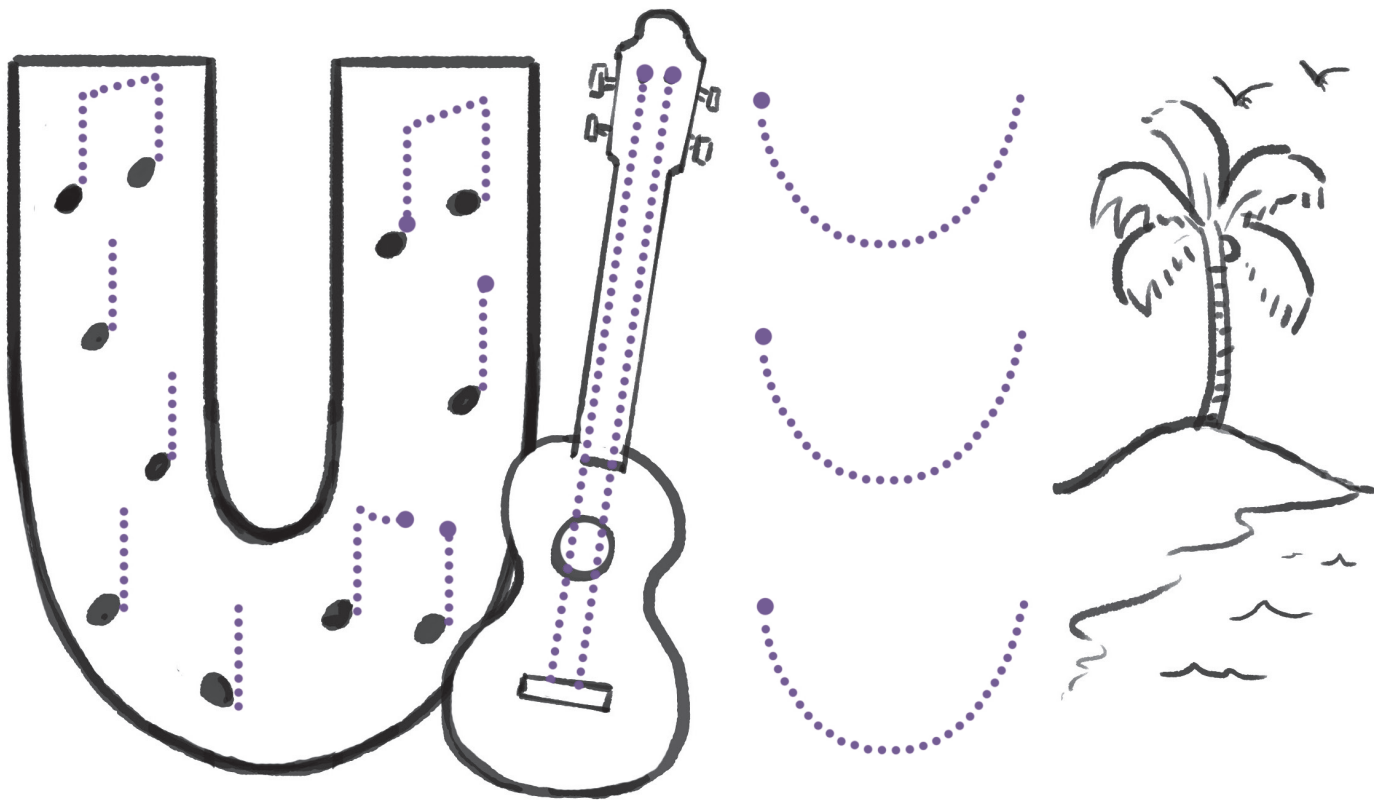
Trace the lines and color the image. How you ever been sledding down a snowy hill?



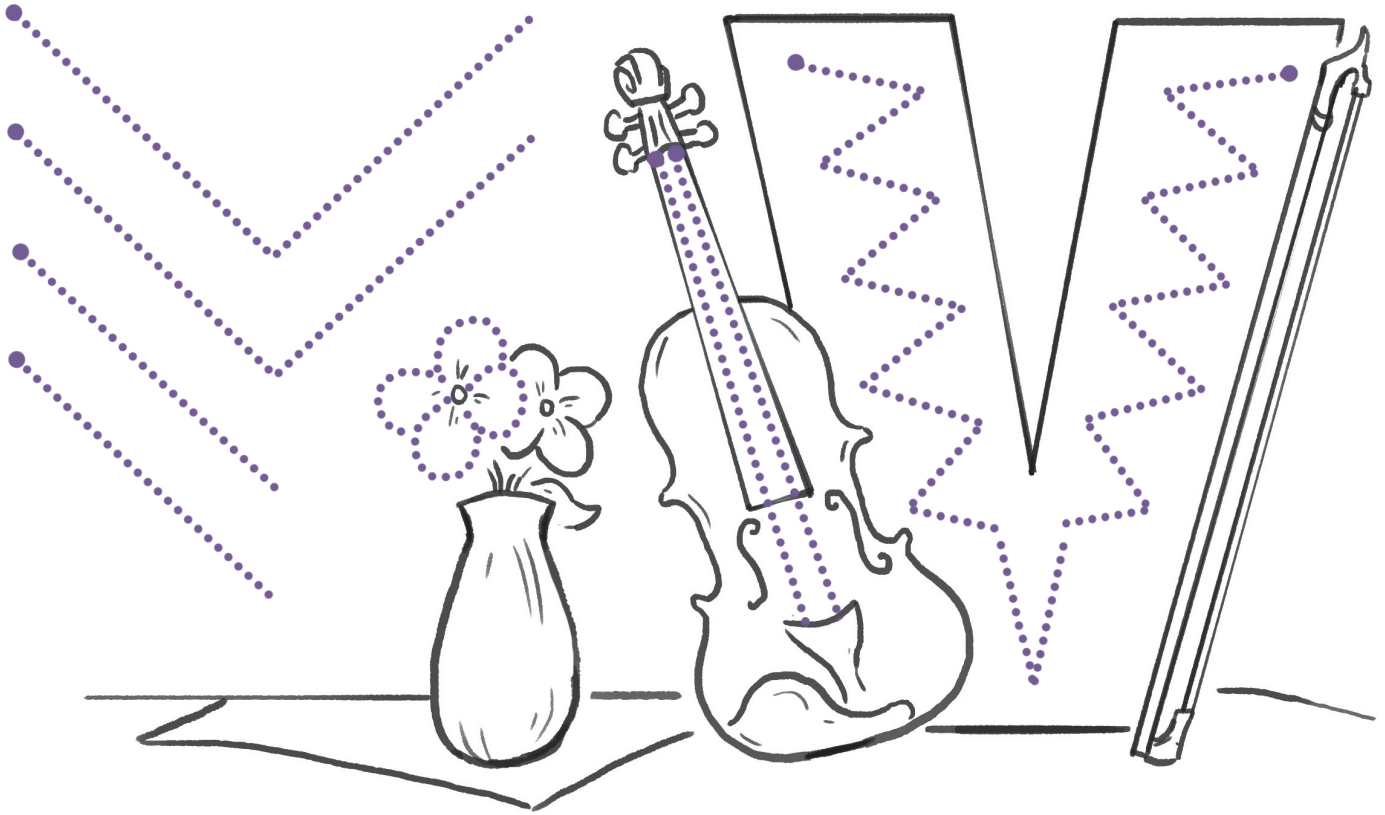
Trace the lines and color the image. Where would you want to go on a train ride?



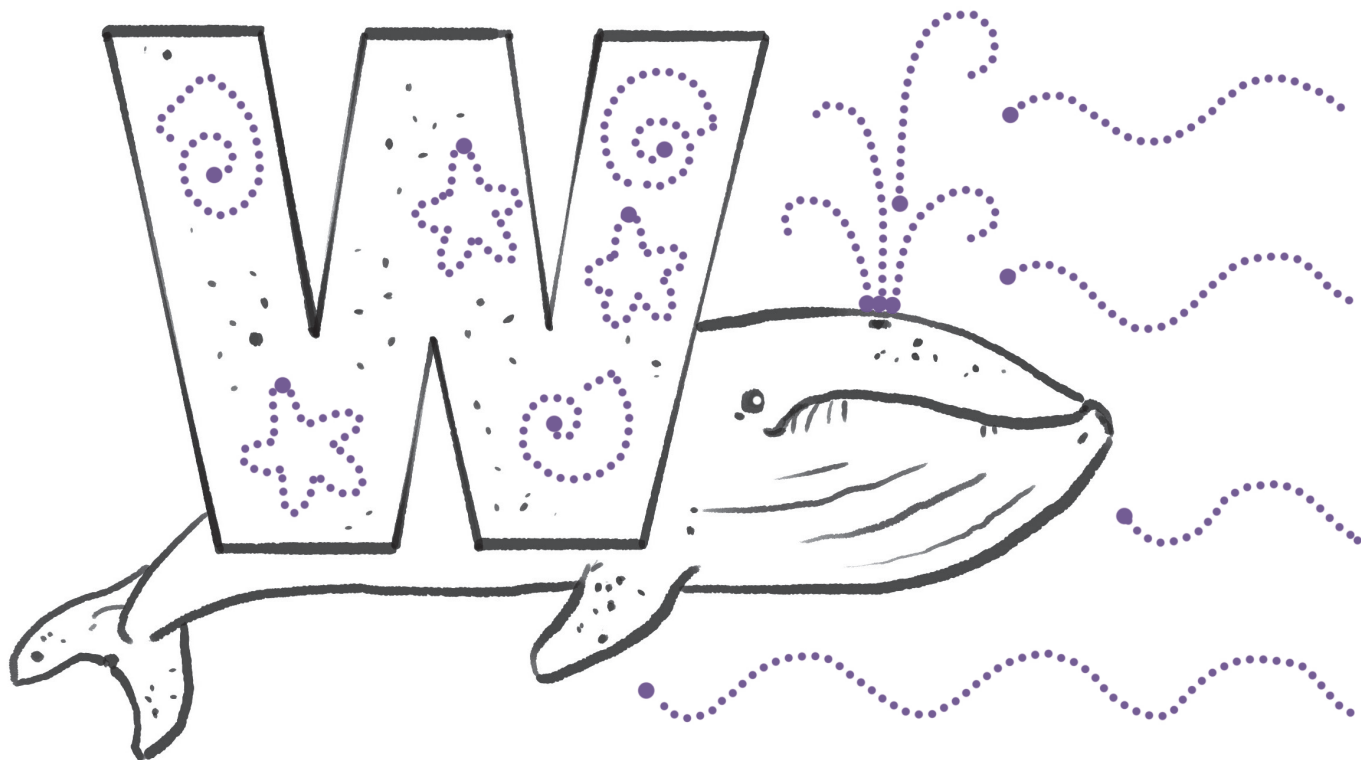
Trace the lines and color the image. The ukulele is a small guitar-like instrument from Hawaii.



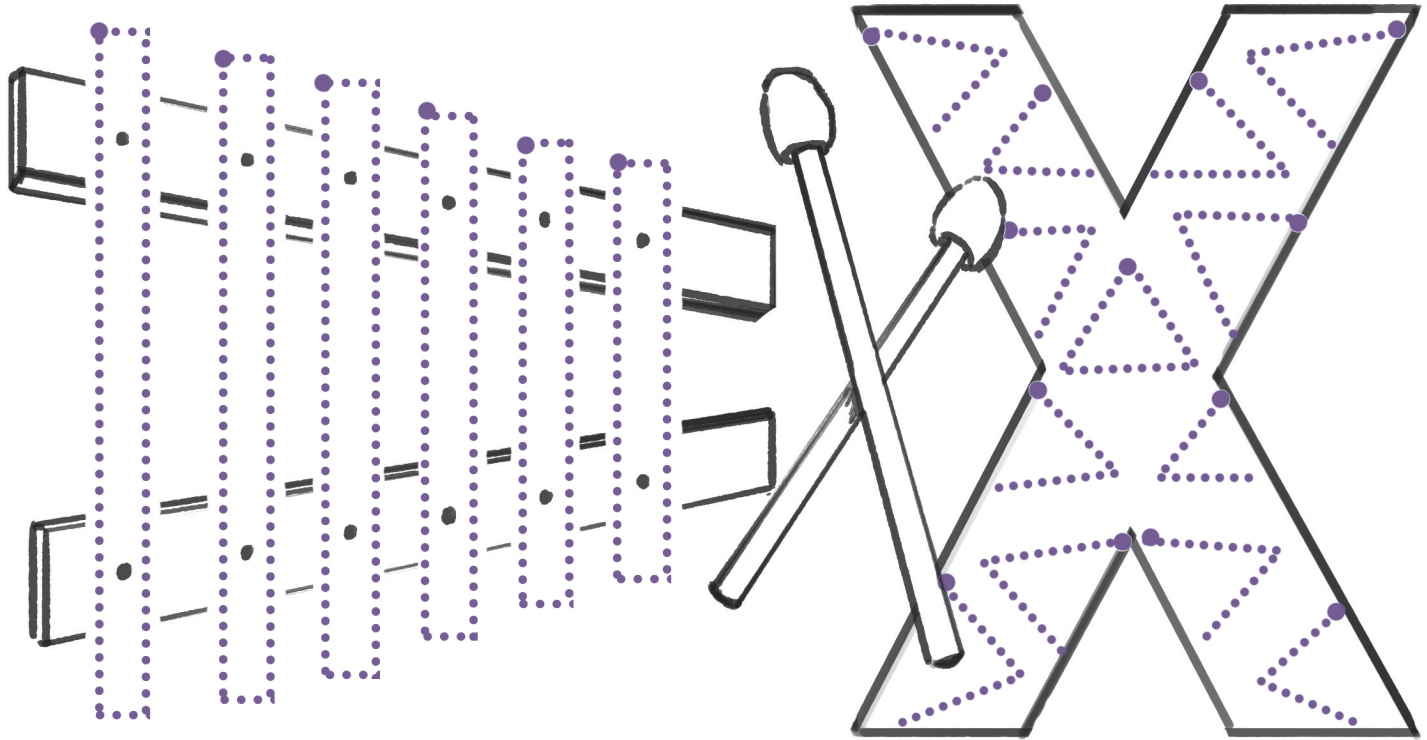
Trace the lines and color the image. A real violin has four strings and is played using a bow made of horse hair.



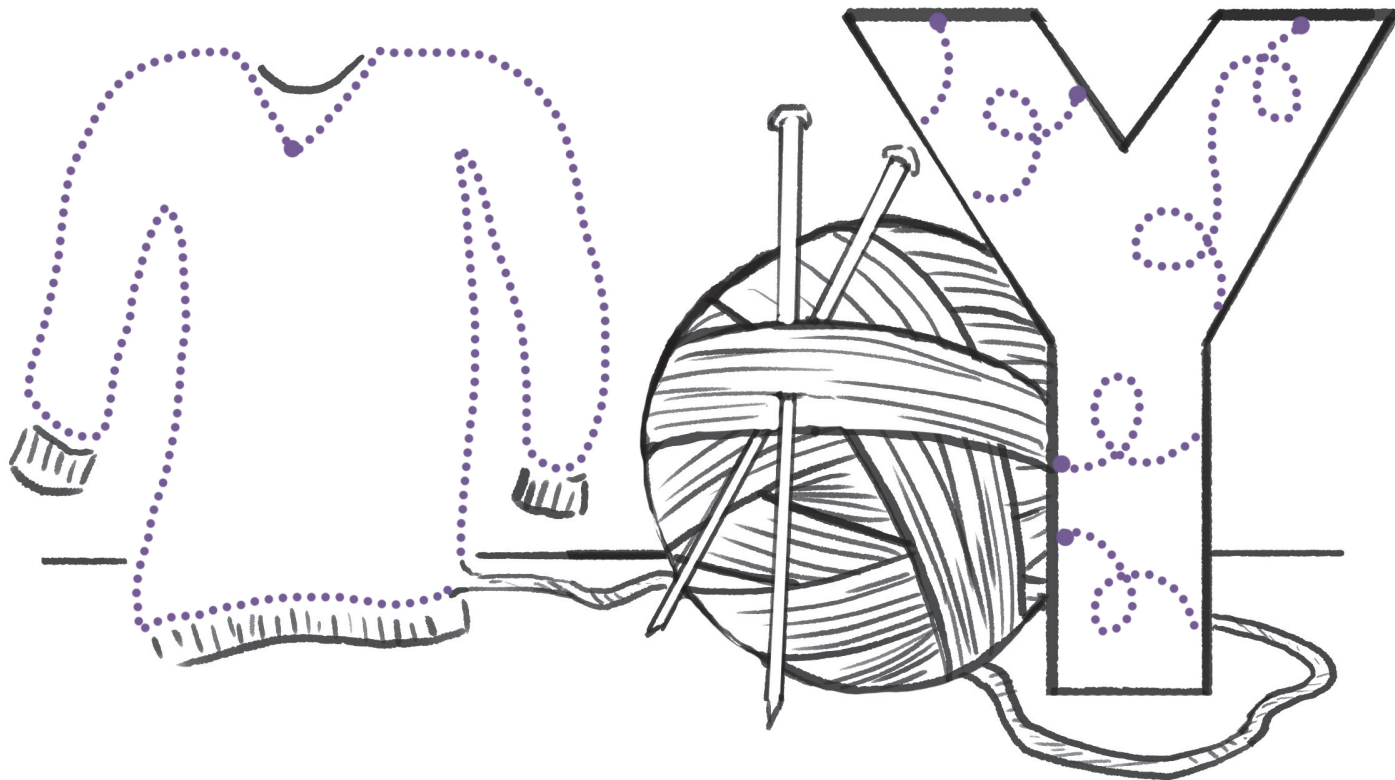
Trace the lines and color the image. Do whales live on the land or in the water?



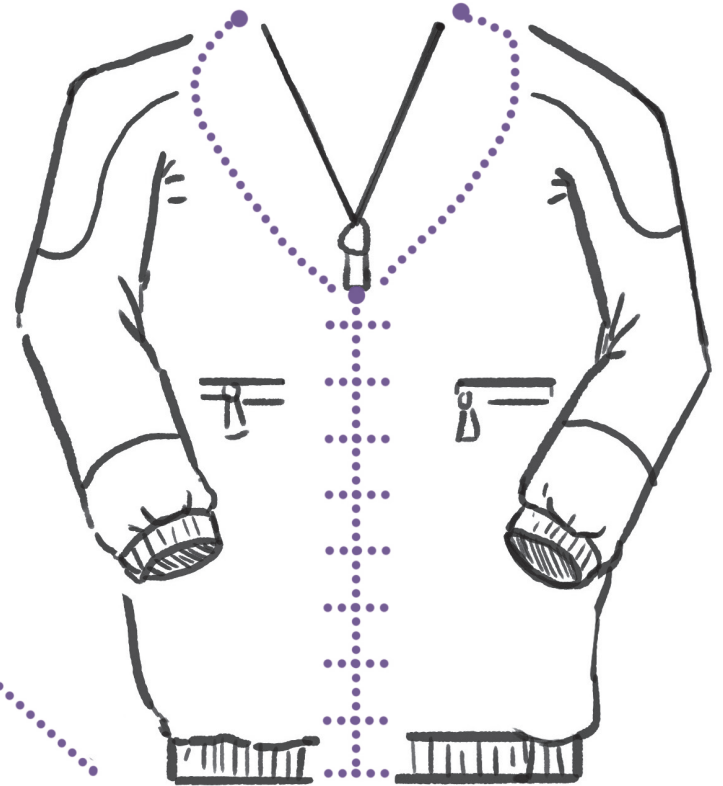
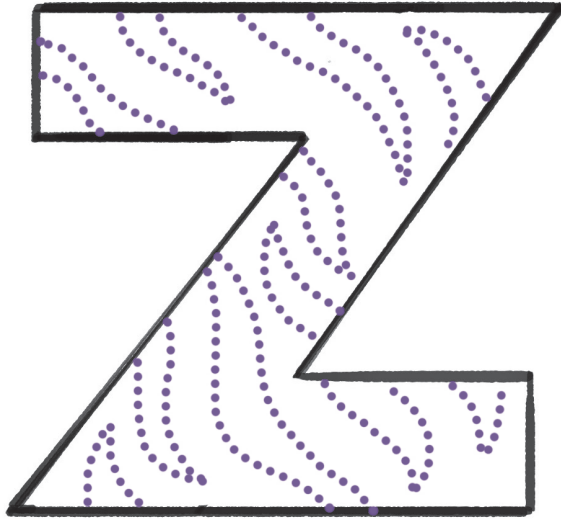
Trace the lines and color the image. A xylophone is played by striking the bars with mallets.



Trace each loop and color the image. Yarn is used to make cloth by knitting, crocheting, or weaving. What is your favorite color of yarn?



Trace each line and color the image. This jacket has three zippers. Can you find a zipper at your house?



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