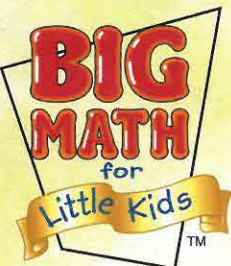
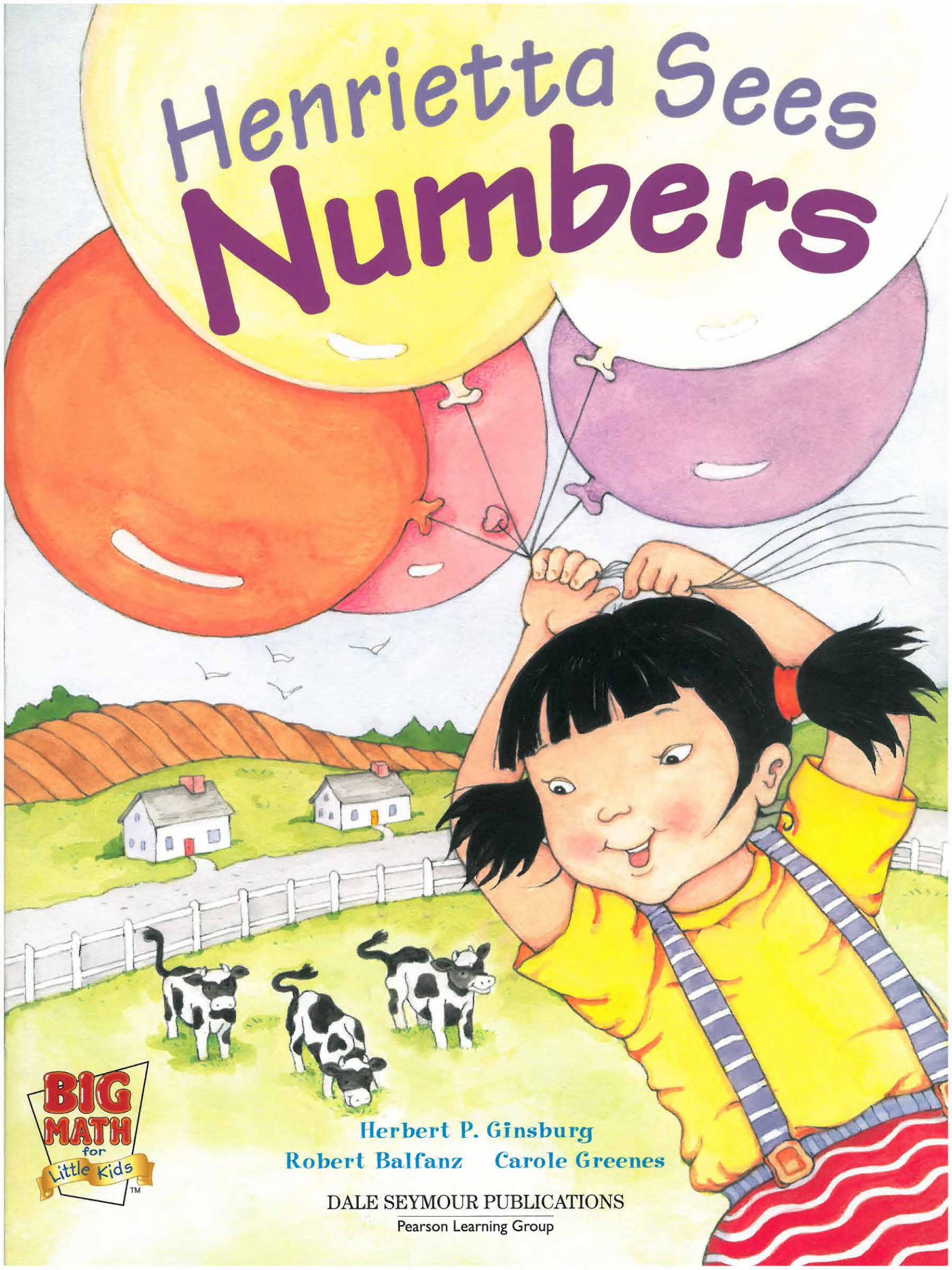


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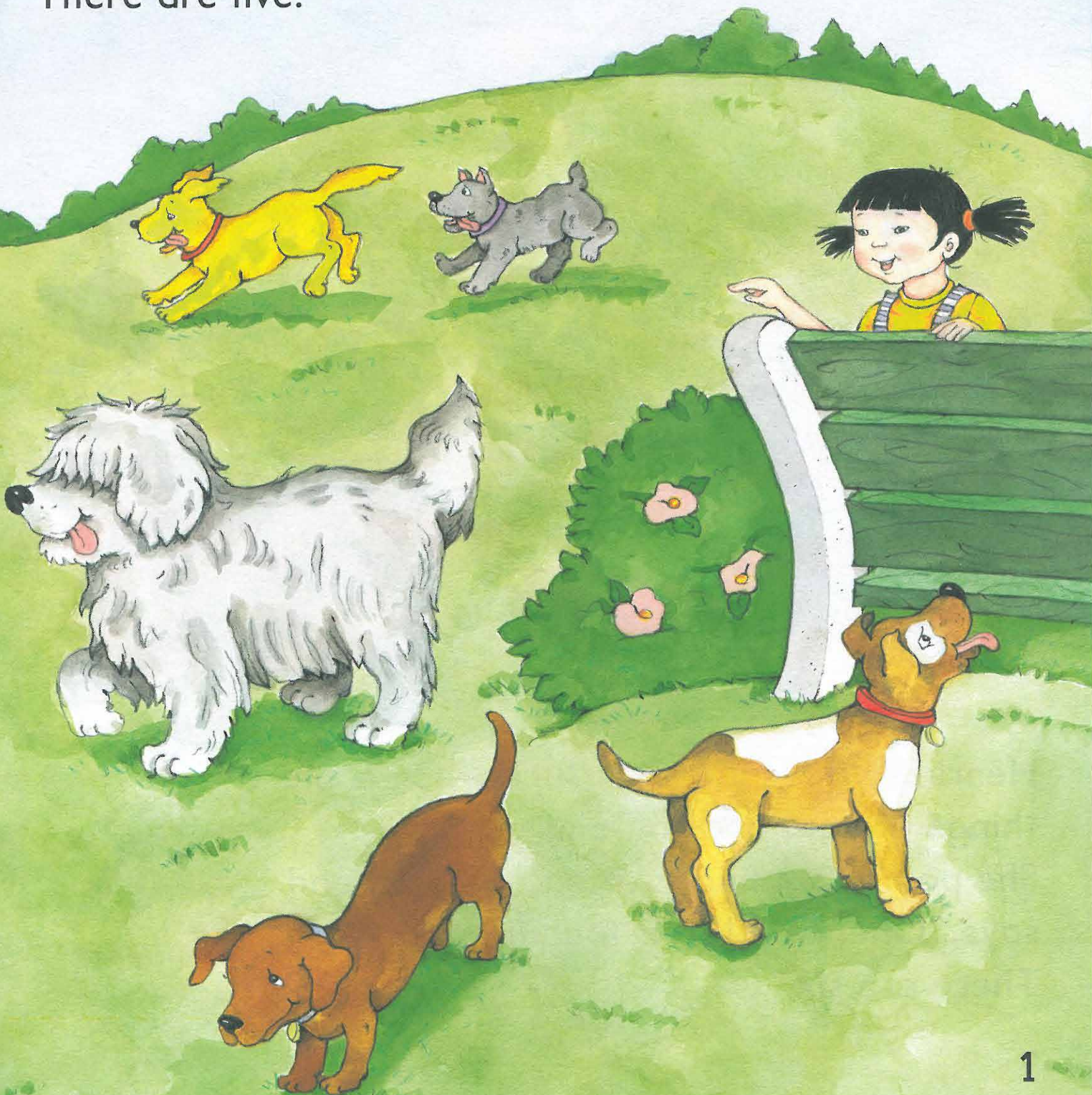
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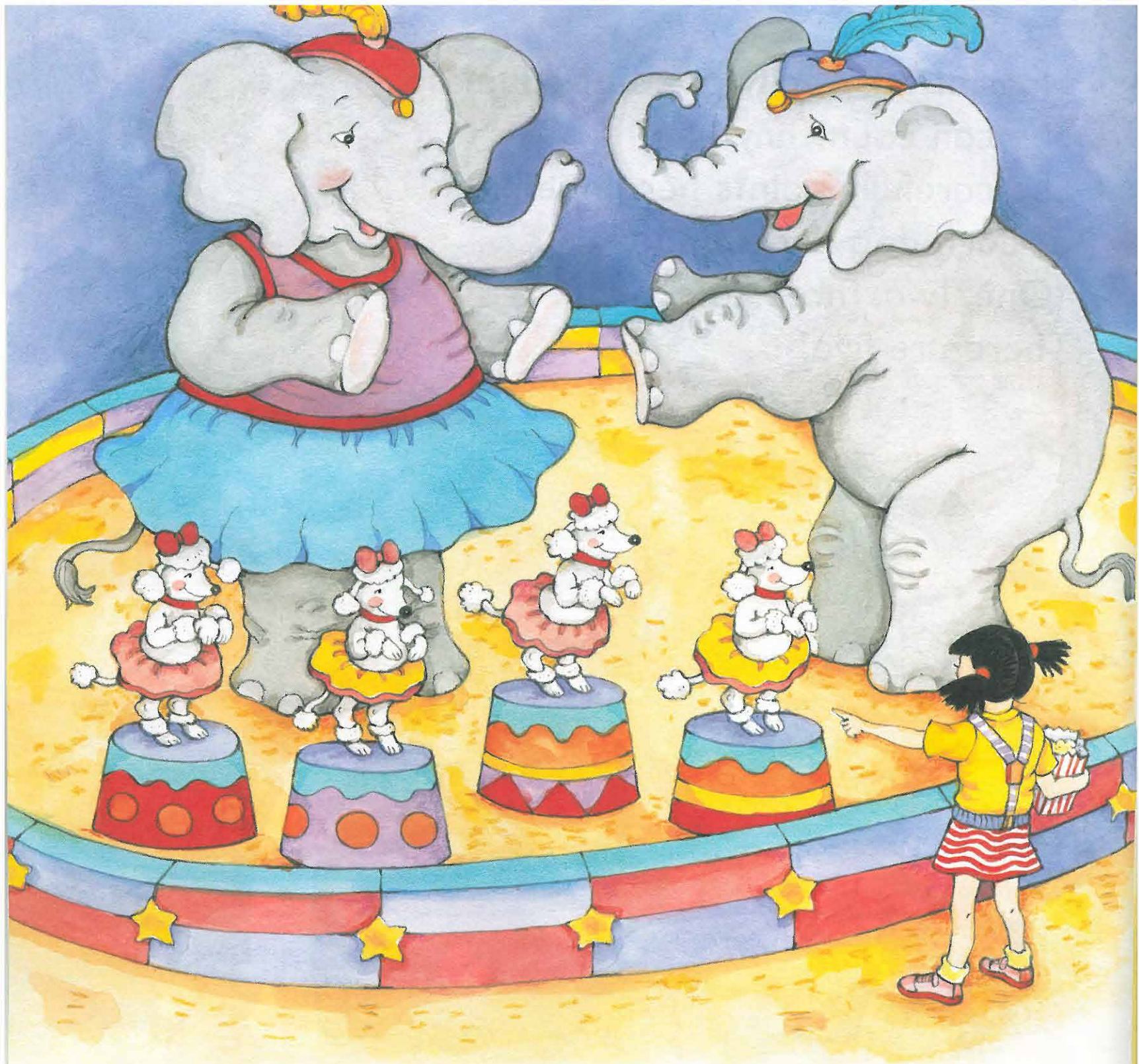
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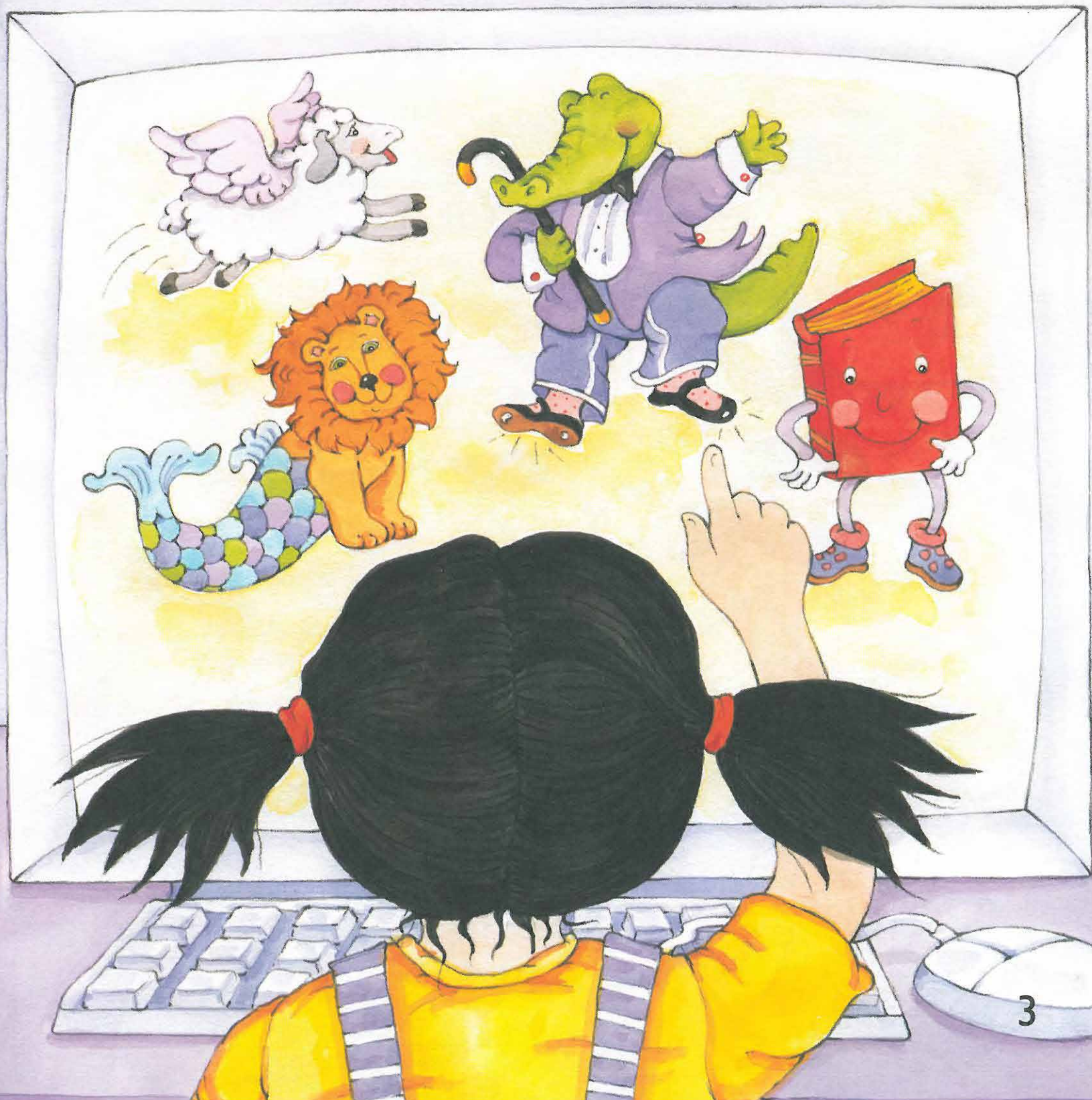
Henrietta is really good at counting.
She can count anything.
She carefully points her finger
at each dog and says,
“One, two, three, four, five.
There are five.”



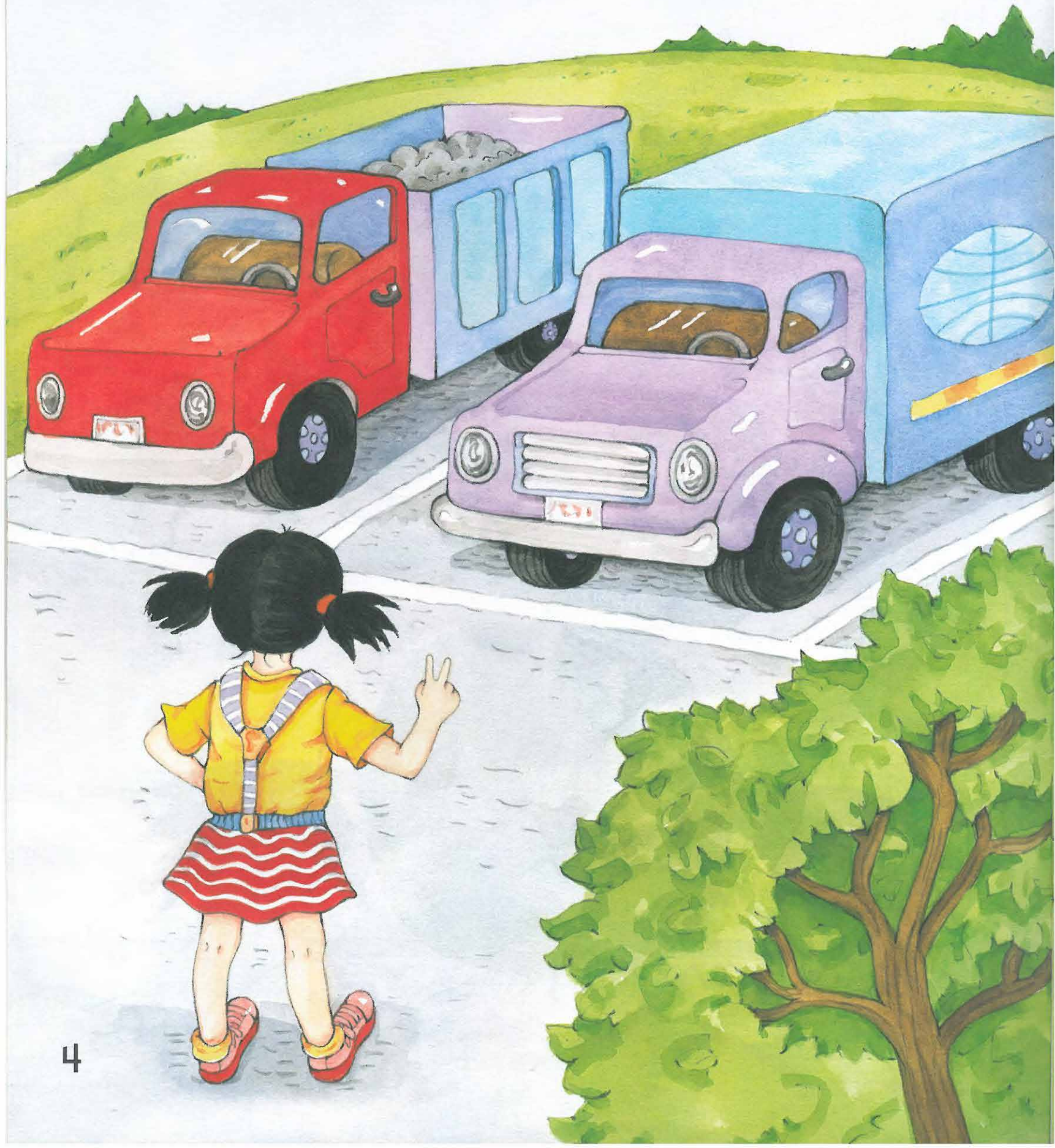


Henrietta does not get stuck when some things are big and some are small. She points her finger at each animal and says, "One, two, three, four, five, six. There are six."

Henrietta does not get stuck when she counts some really silly things. She points her finger at each one and says, "One, two, three, four. There are four."



One day, Henrietta makes a big discovery.
She looks at these trucks.
Right away, she sees the number.
“Look, there are two trucks,” she says.





“Wow!” says Henrietta.
“I don’t have to point.
I don’t have to count.
I can SEE the number of things.
Look! There are three birds.”

Henrietta loves to see numbers.
So she decides to become a real expert.
She looks and looks and looks some more.
She looks at these things and says,
“I see...two!”

She is right. There are two things.





Then she looks at these things and says,
“I see...four!”

She is right again.
There are four things.



Then one day, Henrietta sees these things and says, "Uh oh! There are a lot of things here. I think I see seven. But I'm not really sure." So Henrietta thinks and thinks and thinks some more.

“What should I do when I’m not sure about how many?” asks Henrietta. Suddenly she has an idea.

“When I’m not sure, I can carefully point my finger at each one and count! One, two, three, four, five, six. Oops! There are six altogether.”



The next day Henrietta goes to the beach.
“I think I see five,” says Henrietta.
“But I’m not really sure.
I think I will point at each one and
count, just to check.
One, two, three, four, five.
There are five. I am right!”





“I think I see eight,” says Henrietta.
“But I’m not really sure.
I think I will point at each shell and
count, just to check.
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight.
There are eight. I am right!”

“Now it’s your turn,” says Henrietta.

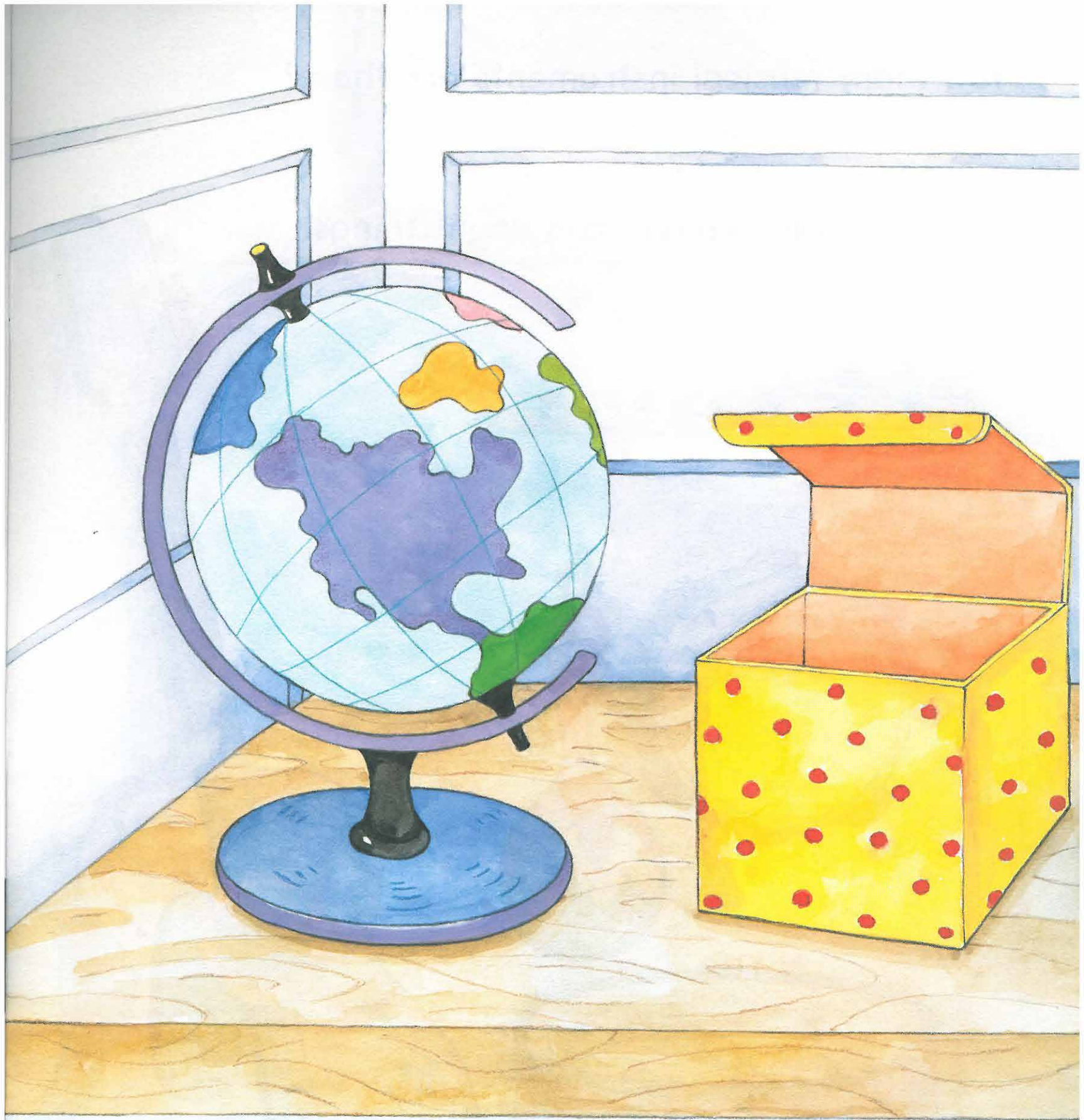
“Look carefully.

Tell how many things you see.

Remember, you can check by pointing
your finger and counting.”

How many books are there?

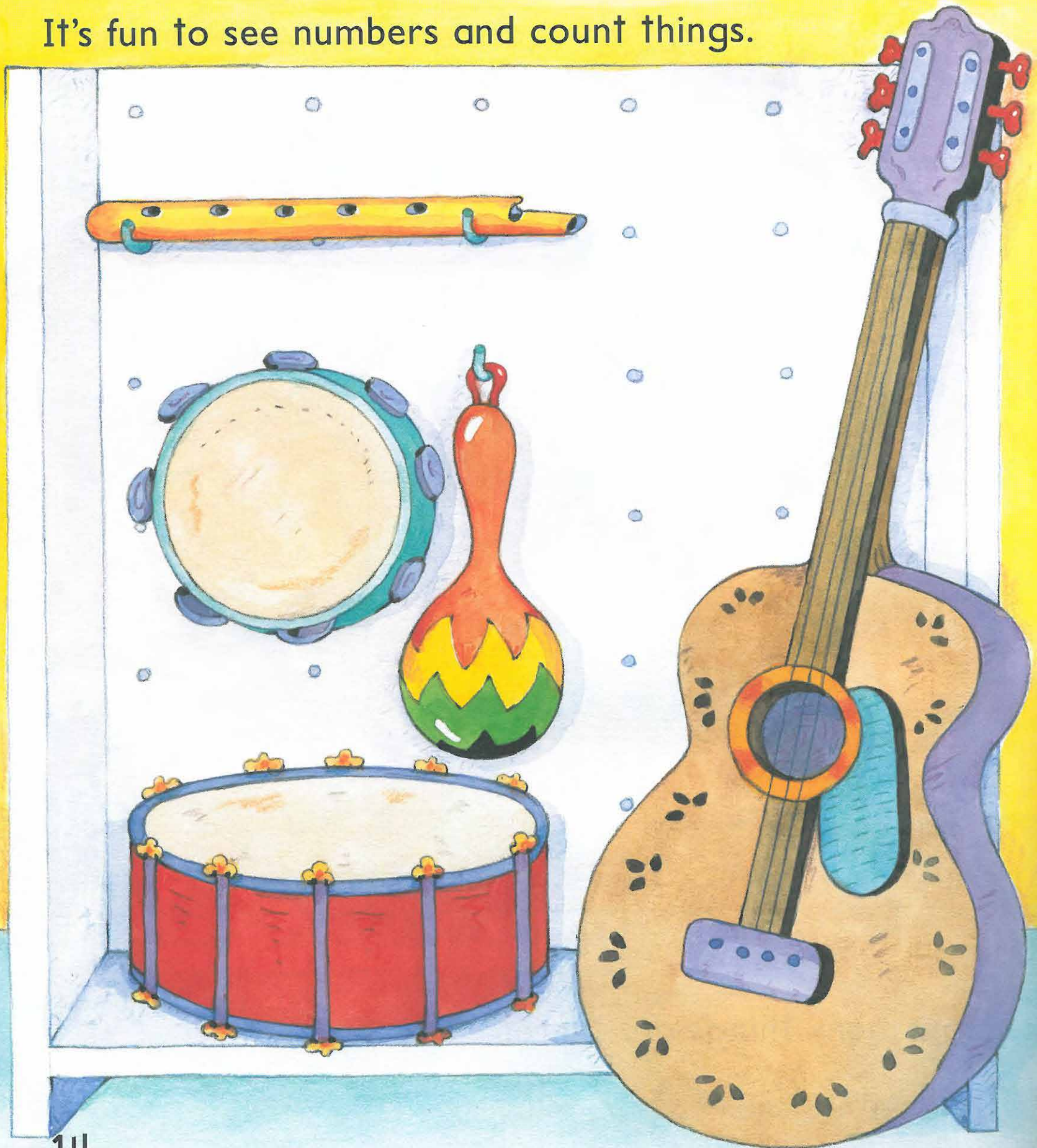




How many things are there?

How many musical instruments are there?

It's fun to see numbers and count things.





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