

# Y2 Sample Task: More Than, Less Than

## Teacher Guide

[Click here to download the Deconstructing Word Questions – Build-Up file](#) for the **Build Tasks** (interactive whole-class teaching questions).

### Task Order:

**Build 1:** Questions modelled visually with dots.



**Task A:** Pair task, choosing the correct picture.



**Build 2:** Explaining common errors.



**Task B Version 1** or **Task B Version 2:** Questions.



**Extend:** Reasoning task focusing on language.

More Than, Less Than Build 1

Jen has 3 grapes.  
Jen has 2 fewer grapes than Amy.  
**How many grapes does Amy have?**

Which Picture?

Jen ●●●  $\xrightarrow{2}$

Amy ●●●●●

Jen ●●●

Amy ●●  $\xleftarrow{2}$

More Than, Less Than Build 2

Harry has 6 t-shirts.  
Harry has 2 fewer t-shirts than Max.  
**How many t-shirts does Max have?**

Correct answer: 8

Harry	●	●	●	●	●	●				
Max	●	●	●	●	●	●				

### Answers and Discussion Points:

**Task A:** Top left: blue Bottom left: green Top right: green Bottom right: blue  
**Discussion point:** In the bottom left question, the word used is 'less' but because of the order of the names, Harry has 1 more than Max.

**Task B Version 1:** Q1: 1 pen Q2: 7 cups Q3: 3 grapes  
**Discussion point:** The answers to Q1 and Q2 are not the same even though the numbers and the word 'fewer' are identical. This is because of the order of the names.

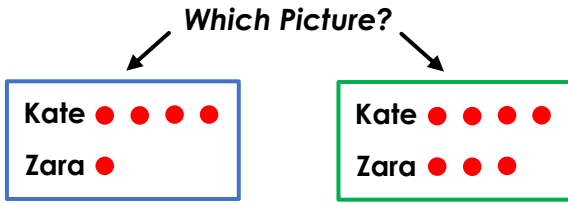
**Task B Version 2:** Q1: 4 pencils Q2: 10 cups Q3: 2 grapes  
**Discussion point:** The answers to Q1 and Q2 are not the same even though the numbers and the word 'fewer' are identical. This is because of the order of the names.

**Extend:** Red answer. Example answer: Kim has 2 fewer, Eve has 6.  
**Discussion point:** Look at the importance of reading the question to see if more/less lead to an addition or a subtraction.

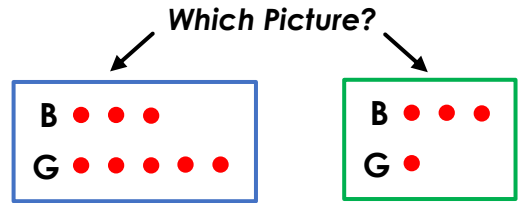
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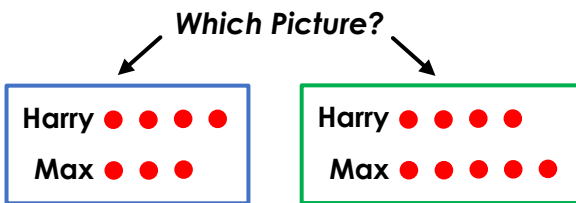
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Kate has 3 more sweets than Zara.  
**How many sweets does Zara have?**



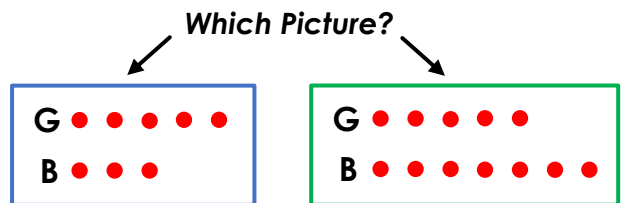
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**How many girls are sat at the table?**



Harry has 4 stickers.  
Harry has 1 sticker less than Max.  
**How many stickers does Max have?**



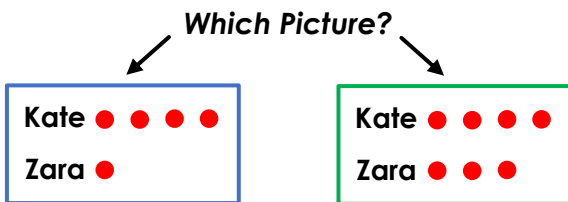
There are 5 girls at the park. There  
are 2 more girls than boys at the park.  
**How many boys are at the park?**



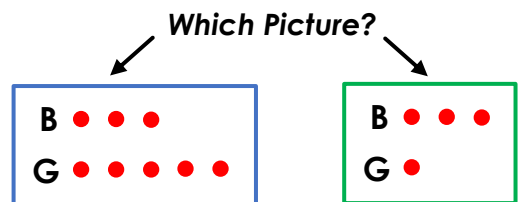
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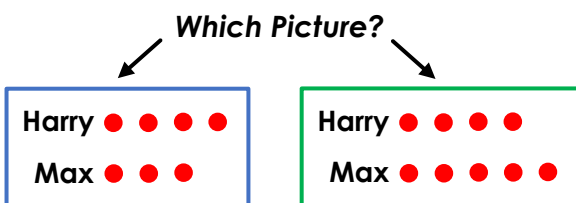
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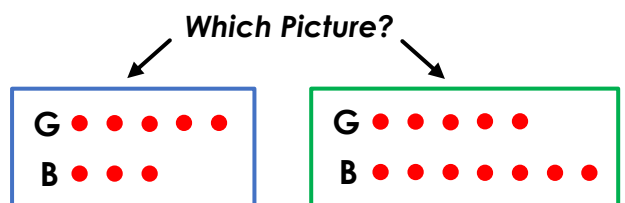
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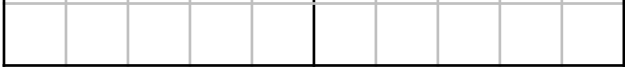


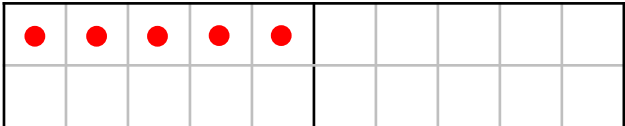



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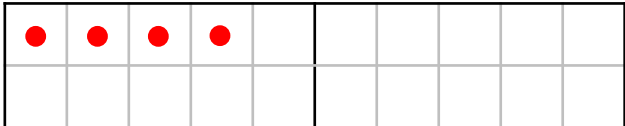

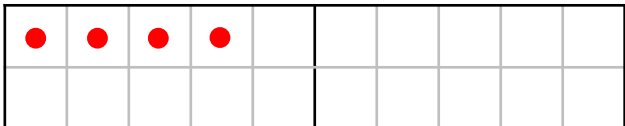

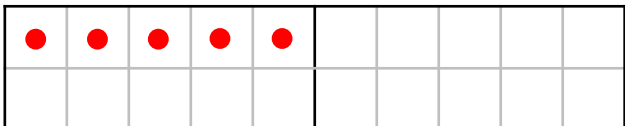

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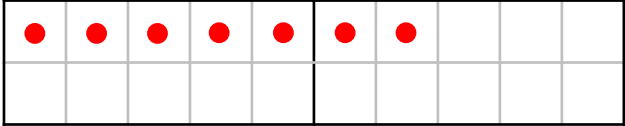

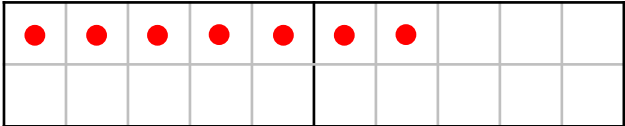

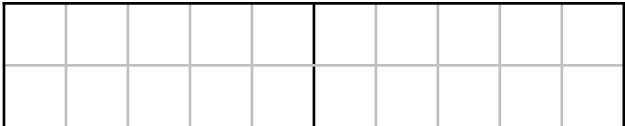

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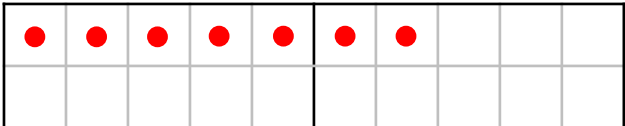

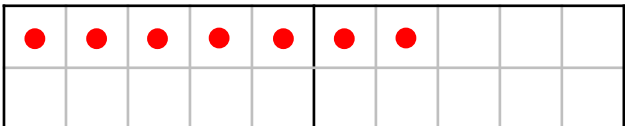

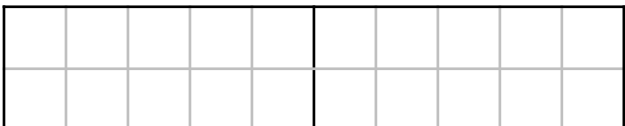

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**Which Answer?**

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