

NAME THE 6TH SHAPE

- 1 The repeating unit is **star, moon**. It is **2** shapes long.
- 2 Every 2nd position lands on the last shape of the unit, so positions **2, 4, 6** are all **moon**.
- 3 Position **6** is one of those, so the 6th shape is **moon**.

WARM-UP

Use the squared space to draw and read repeating patterns.

Patterns



1. Draw the unit red, blue, red, blue and ring the repeating unit, then name the 8th counter.
2. Draw the unit red, blue, green twice over and underline the unit, then name the 9th block.
3. Draw the unit triangle, square, square across 12 squares and mark which tile is the 12th.

PRACTICE

- 1 In a board game the counters are laid red, blue, red, blue over and over. What colour is the 8th counter?
- 2 A skipping chant sets out beads red, red, blue and repeats. Which of the 3rd, 6th and 9th beads are blue?

SPOT THE MISTAKE

Niamh has the repeating pattern $\blacktriangle \blacksquare \bullet \blacktriangle \blacksquare \bullet \dots$ and works out the 8th shape like this:

The unit is $\blacktriangle \blacksquare \bullet$ (3 shapes)
 $8 \div 3 = 2$ remainder 2
 Remainder 2 means the 8th shape is $\bullet$

Niamh made a mistake with the remainder. What is the 8th shape?

IRISH FACT Ireland's traffic-light cycle

Irish traffic lights repeat a **4-step** unit — **red, red-amber, green, amber**. The **10th** step in the sequence is always **red-amber**, because $10 \div 4$ leaves a remainder of **2**.

Rules of the Road, RSA Ireland



REFLECT

Did naming the repeating unit help you find a far-off position without building the whole strip?