

Pictograms – one symbol means one

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES

A pictogram shows counts with pictures or symbols where one symbol means one item. Each row starts at the same edge so you can compare lengths fairly by counting the symbols.

- A row of five little cat pictures shows five cats.
- Six fish pictures in a row means six fish.

MODEL THIS ON THE BOARD

PETS PICTOGRAM ROW

- 1 Read the count of dogs: five.
- 2 Start at the left edge of the row.
- 3 Draw one dog symbol for each dog until you have 5 matching symbols.
- 4 Write the total 5 at the end of the row.
- 5 Check that every symbol is the same size.

DISCUSSION STARTER

REFLECT How do you find 'how many more' on a pictogram without counting every symbol twice?

ANSWER KEY

Scaffold: visual check on the page

Q1: 3

Q2: 4

Q3: 5

Q4: 7

Q5: 9

a) Always — The lesson rule is one symbol means one.

b) Always — Rows that start in line let you compare lengths fairly.

c) Always — No symbols shows a count of none.

d) Always — More symbols make a longer row when sizes match.

EXTENSION SHEET · STRETCH ANSWERS

S1: 15

S2: 8

S3: 14