

Ready! Set! Go!

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“Let’s play!” Penpen’s Papa said. “Remember, when I say, ‘Ready!’ . . .”

“We look at the tray!” Penpen and Elsie shouted.

“Right! When I say, ‘Set!’ . . .” continued Papa.

“We say how many objects are in the set,” said Penpen.

“When I say, ‘Go!’ . . .” said Papa again.

“We say ‘color’ or ‘size’ or ‘shape’ depending on how the things are grouped together,” Elsie said.

“Okay! Ready!” Papa started. “Set!” shouted Papa.

“Six,” said Elsie.

“Four,” said Penpen.

“Four is right! The set includes those objects in the tray. Do not count the things outside the tray,” reminded Papa. “And Go!”



“Blue!” said Penpen.

“Color!” said Elsie.

“Yes, blue is the color. But ‘color’ is the answer! You have to tell me how the things are grouped. The objects in the tray share the same color,” explained Papa. Then he made a new set. “Ready!”

The girls looked again.

“Set!” Papa continued.



“11!” Both girls shouted.

“That’s correct! Go!” said Papa.

“Size!” said Elsie.

“Circle!” followed up Penpen.

“I am sorry, girls. They do not have the same size. Some are bigger. They are all circles. So shape is the answer,” said Papa.



Sources

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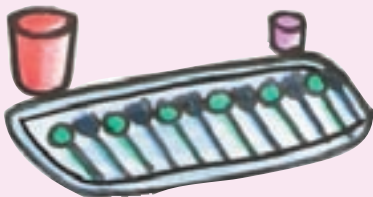
I. Ready: Look at the five trays on the left. Draw a line to the right. Match the things in the tray.

1.



• Red things

2.



• Drinking glasses

3.



• Plates

4.



• Spoons and forks

5.



• Table napkins

II. Set: Look at the trays again. How many are inside the tray?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

III. Go: How are the objects in the trays grouped? Are the objects grouped by color? By shape? Or by size?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ACTIVITY

Find a partner. Draw your own sets. Let your partner make five sets also.

Then, show each other one set each. See how many are in the set. See how the things are grouped.

Check how many right answers you have. How about your partner?

Answer Key:

I. Ready:

1. Table napkins
2. Spoons and forks
3. Drinking glasses
4. Red things
5. Plates

II. Set:

1. 18 (table napkins)
2. 12 (6 spoons and 6 forks)
3. 5 (drinking glasses)
4. 15 (red things)
5. 7 (plates)

III. Go:

1. Table napkins are by size and/or by shape
2. Spoons and forks by size
3. Drinking glasses by color and/or shape
4. Red things by color
5. Plates by shape

Activity: Answers vary.