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Unit 6 Lesson 1: Patterns that Grow

WU Notice and Wonder: Sets of Circles (Warm up)

Student Task Statement

What do you notice? What do you wonder?



1 Bottle Cap Patterns

Student Task Statement

Han is arranging his bottle caps in a pattern. Here are the first two steps.



- 1. a. What might be the rule that Han has in mind? How do you think the pattern might continue?
 - b. Describe or draw the next 2 steps.
- 2. Is there another possible rule?
- 3. For each rule that you found, write the numbers that represent the number of caps in step 1 through step 6.

2 Taller and Taller

Student Task Statement

Jada used pattern blocks to make giraffes. Here are the first two steps. She continued to add 2 square blocks for each step that followed.



Partner A:

- 1. List the number of square blocks in each of the first five steps. Write two observations about the numbers.
- 2. Without drawing the giraffe, predict how many square blocks the tenth step will have. Explain or show your reasoning.
- 3. Will a step ever have 25 square blocks? Explain or show your reasoning.



Partner B:

- 1. List the total number of blocks in each of the first five steps. Write two observations about the numbers.
- 2. Predict how many total blocks the tenth step will have. Explain or show your reasoning.

3. Will a step ever have a total of 25 blocks? Explain or show your reasoning.