Milo & Romeo

Small Steps,
Big Discoveries



Read, talk and color • Ages 6–8

Your adventure starts here

This book belongs to:

1. Read the short sentence. Ask someone to read the story with you if you like.

2. Color the scene on the next page. Choose your own colors.

3. Talk about the question. You can answer by drawing, too.

Choose an experience

1. One small step
2. Another way to try
3. Water for Romeo
4. A helping hand
5. A seed takes time
6. A quiet moment together
7. The lost crayon
8. A park for everyone
9. A picture of my own

For families: US Letter size. Print at 100%. Use 10 sheets double-sided, or 20 single-sided sheets for markers. Personal and family use. Original MJ Universe stories; illustrations made with AI assistance.

01 One small step



Milo wanted to cross the bridge, but his feet stayed still. Romeo waited beside him. Milo put a hand on his chest and took a slow breath. Then he took one step, and another. He did not need to finish first. He could go at his own pace.

I can take one small step.

What helps you when something is new?

Color the scene →

One small step

I can take one small step.



Draw a footprint beside the bridge.

My idea or drawing:

02 Another way to try



Milo built a bridge with blocks. One block fell, and the bridge leaned sideways. He looked at what had happened and moved the bottom blocks closer together. Romeo sniffed a piece. Milo tried again. He learned something new: changing an idea can help us learn.

I can try again.

What could you change when you try again?

Color the scene →

Another way to try

I can try again.



Draw the next block for the bridge.

My idea or drawing:

03 Water for Romeo



After playing, Romeo walked over to his empty bowl. Milo was busy drawing, but he looked up. With help from a grown-up, he put fresh water in the bowl. Romeo drank quietly. Milo smiled. Caring for a friend starts with noticing what that friend needs.

Caring starts with noticing.

How can you tell when a pet needs something?

Color the scene →

Water for Romeo

Caring starts with noticing.



Draw a few drops beside the bowl.

My idea or drawing:

04 A helping hand



Milo wanted to reach the drawing table in the park. He could not remember the way. He stayed beside Romeo and called his teacher, who was nearby with the group. She pointed to the table and walked with him. Asking for help let his adventure continue.

I can ask for help.

Which trusted grown-up can you ask for help?

Color the scene →

A helping hand

I can ask for help.



Draw something you would take to the art table.

My idea or drawing:

05 A seed takes time



Milo planted a seed and hoped to see a flower that day. Romeo looked at the pot. Milo learned to give it a little water and wait. One day, a tiny leaf appeared. Some things grow slowly. While he waited, Milo was learning how to care.

Small things need time.

What are you learning little by little?

Color the scene →

A seed takes time

Small things need time.



Draw the flower that might grow.

My idea or drawing:

06 A quiet moment together



That day, Milo felt sad. He did not pretend to smile. He sat on the bench and gently stroked Romeo. Then he told his mom what had happened. She listened. Milo still felt sad, but he was no longer alone with his worry. They could talk.

I can say how I feel.

What would you like to share when you feel sad?

Color the scene →

A quiet moment together

I can say how I feel.



Draw something that helps you feel less alone.

My idea or drawing:

07 The lost crayon



Milo found a crayon beside the path. A girl was looking through her pencils. Milo asked if it belonged to her and gave it back. Romeo moved his tail. The girl could finish her picture. Milo did not need to do something huge. A small kind act helped.

A small kind act helps.

What kind thing could you do today?

Color the scene →

The lost crayon

A small kind act helps.



Draw a crayon in your favorite color.

My idea or drawing:

08 A park for everyone



In the park, Milo saw a clean piece of paper on the ground. With his mom nearby, he used a litter grabber to put it in the bin. Romeo waited safely away. Milo knew not to touch dangerous rubbish. Caring for a shared place helps the next visitors too.

We care for what we share.

How can we care for the place where we play?

Color the scene →

A park for everyone

We care for what we share.



Draw a tree leaf beside the path.

My idea or drawing:

09 A picture of my own



Milo drew a picture of a day with Romeo. One of the cat’s ears came out bigger than the other. Milo still recognized his friend. He added the bench and the colors he remembered. His drawing did not have to be perfect. It kept a special moment.

My picture tells my story.

What moment would you like to keep in a drawing?

Color the scene →

A picture of my own

My picture tells my story.



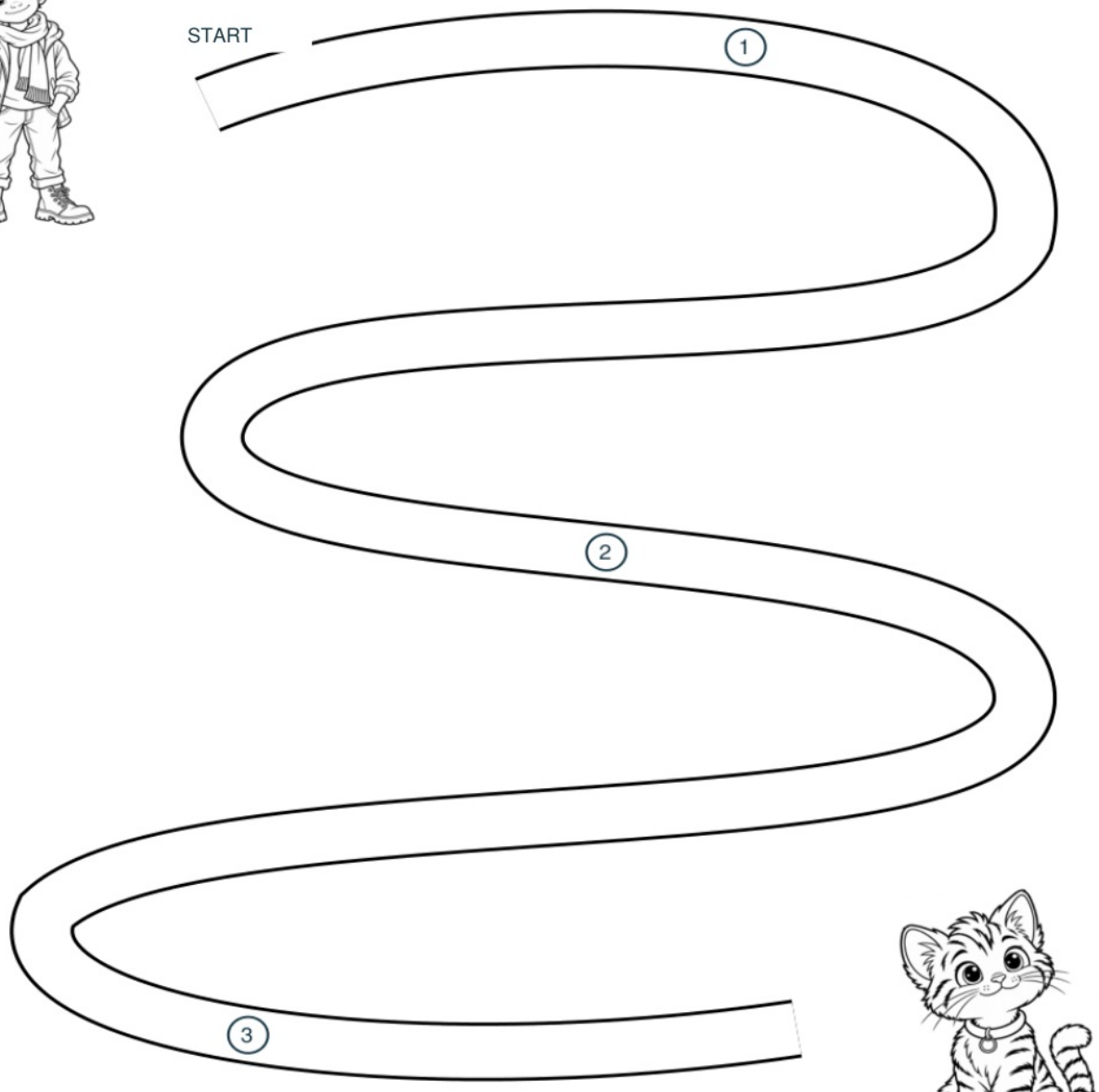
Add your own picture to Milo’s page.

My idea or drawing:

Milo and Romeo meet

Path 1: follow the trail with your pencil.



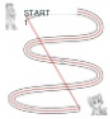


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Together, one step at a time.

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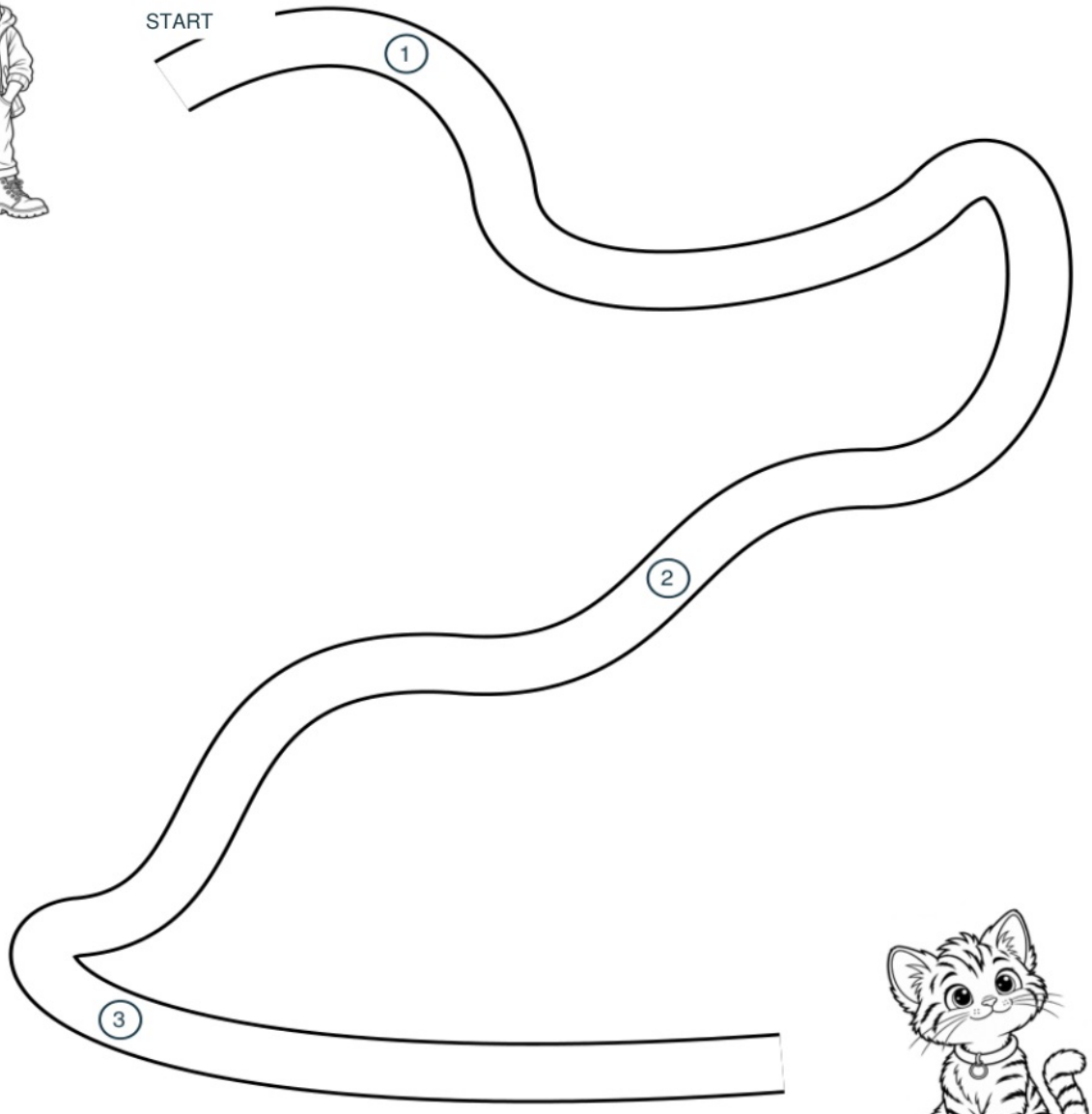
Answer for adults



Milo and Romeo meet

Path 2: follow the trail with your pencil.



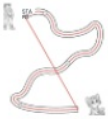


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We can get there slowly, too.

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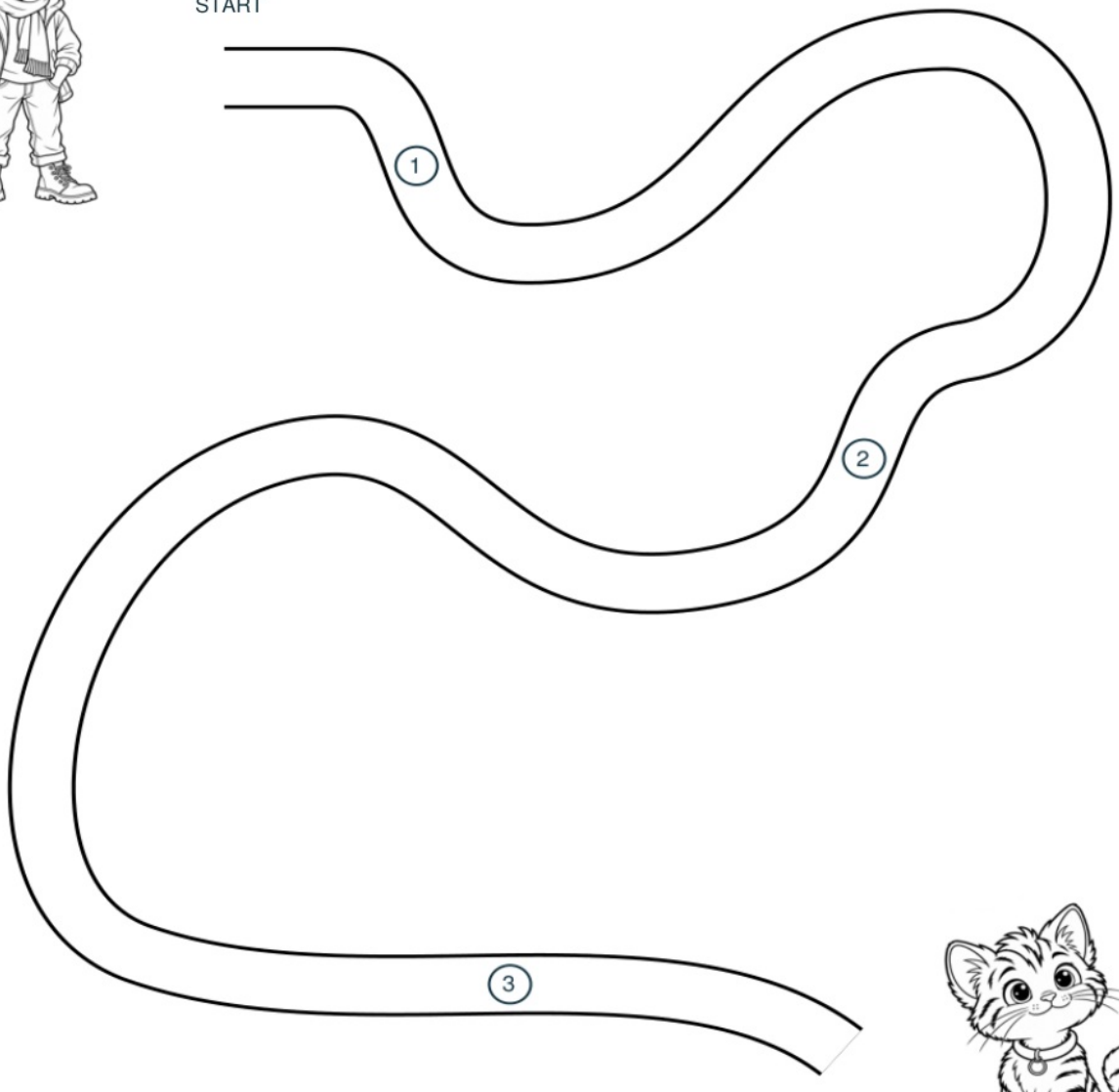


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START



FINISH

Every curve is a new step.

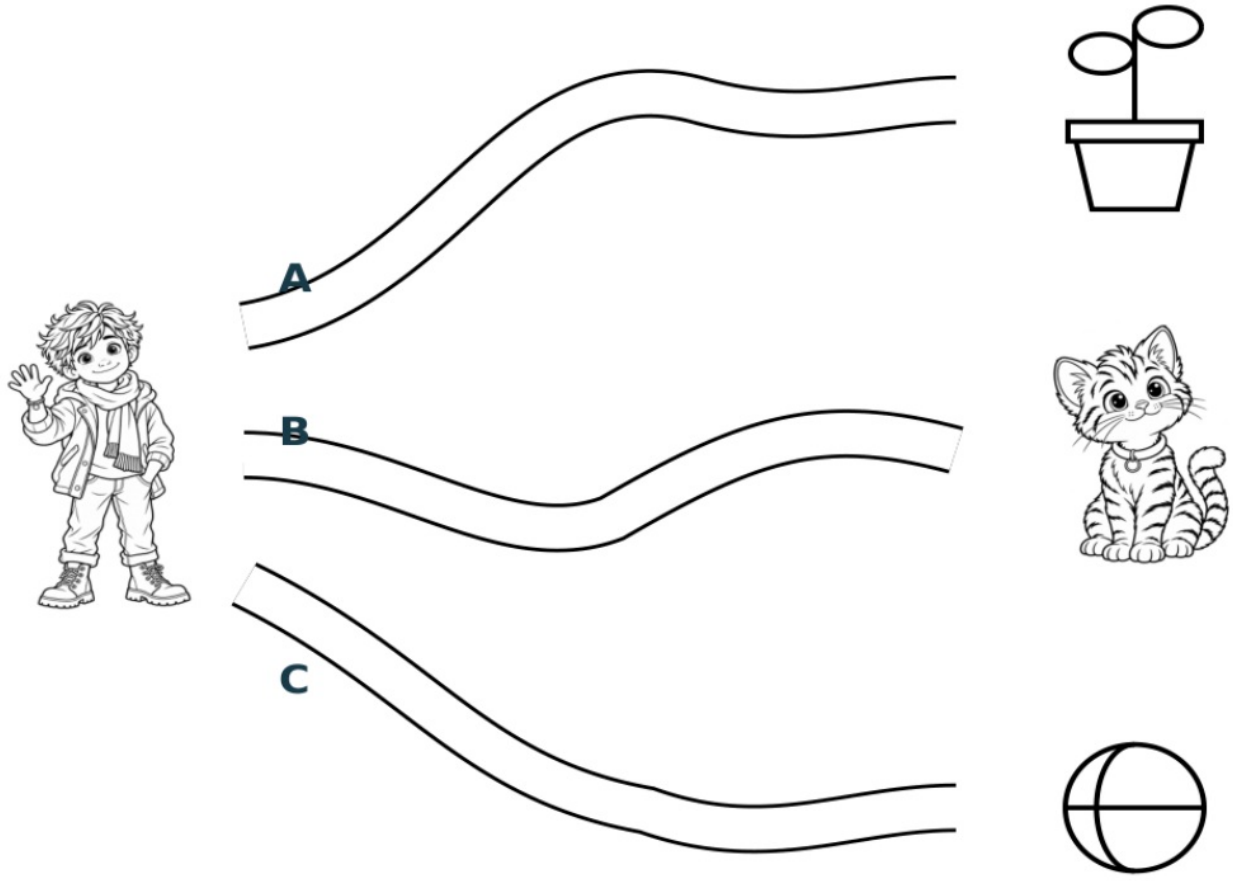
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Look, try and discover.

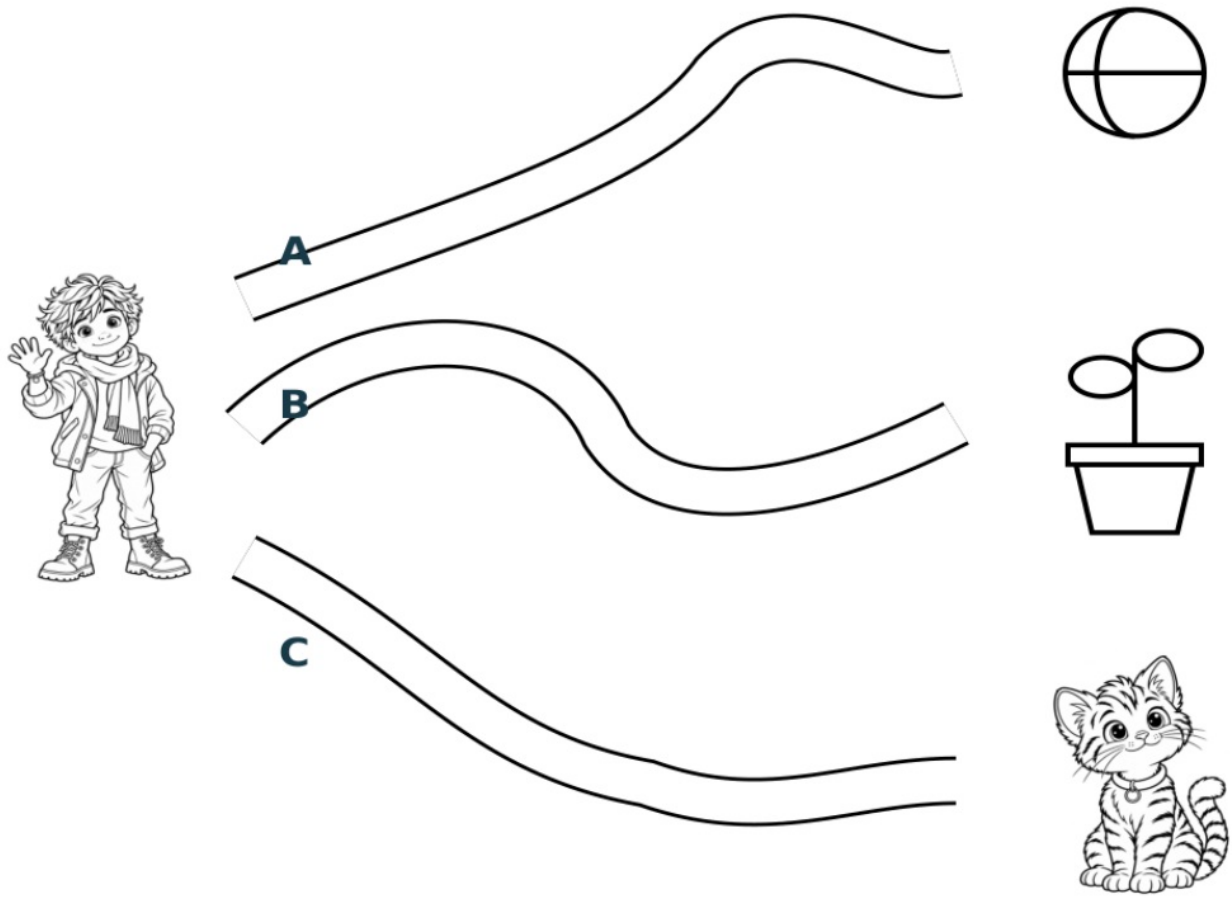
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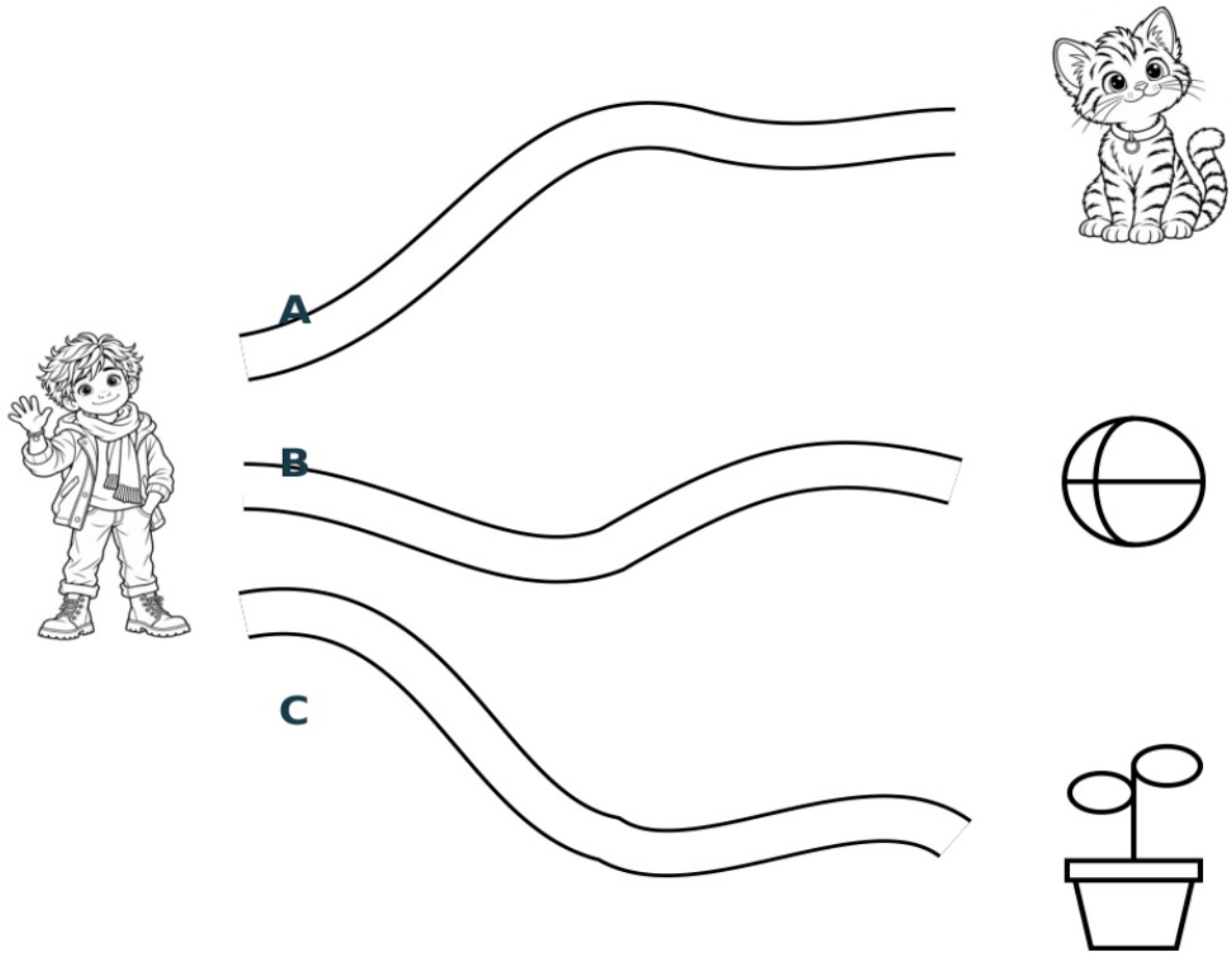
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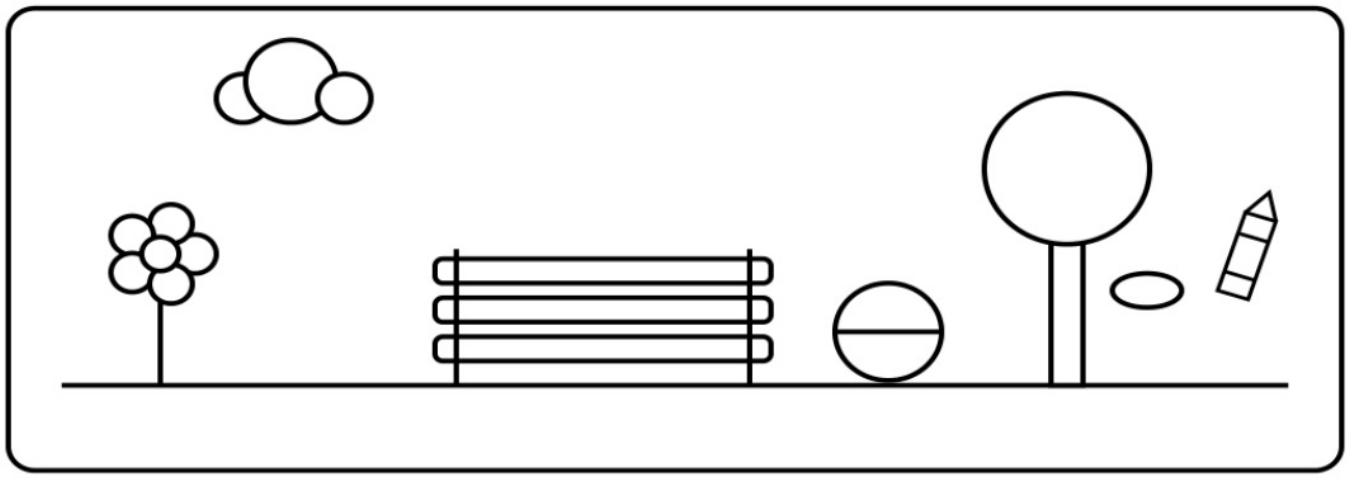
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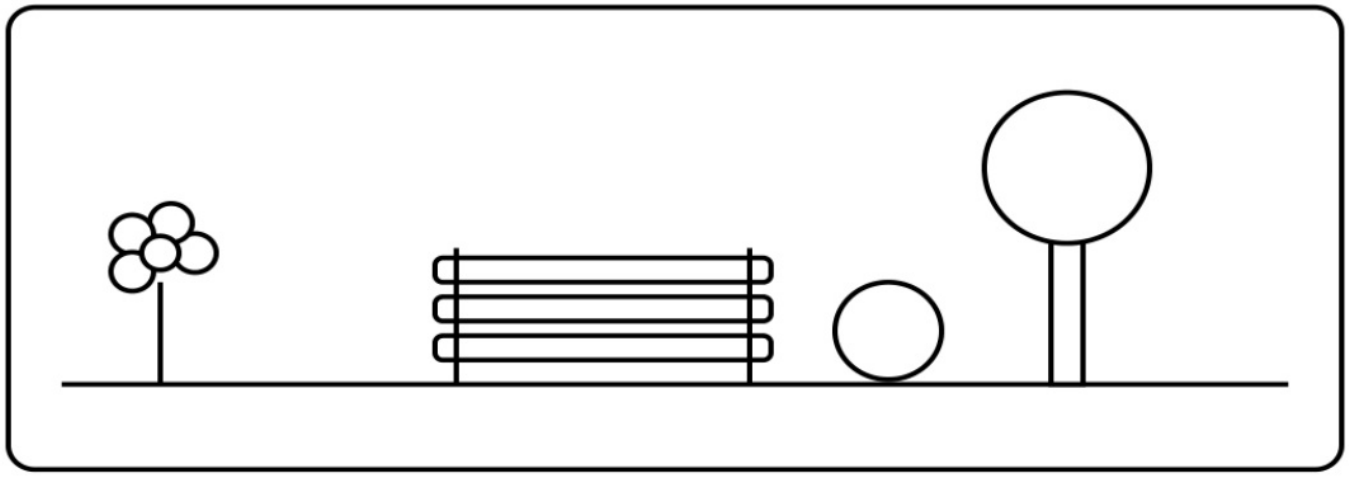
Answer for adults



Find the 5 differences

In the park: circle what changed.







Discover all five changes!

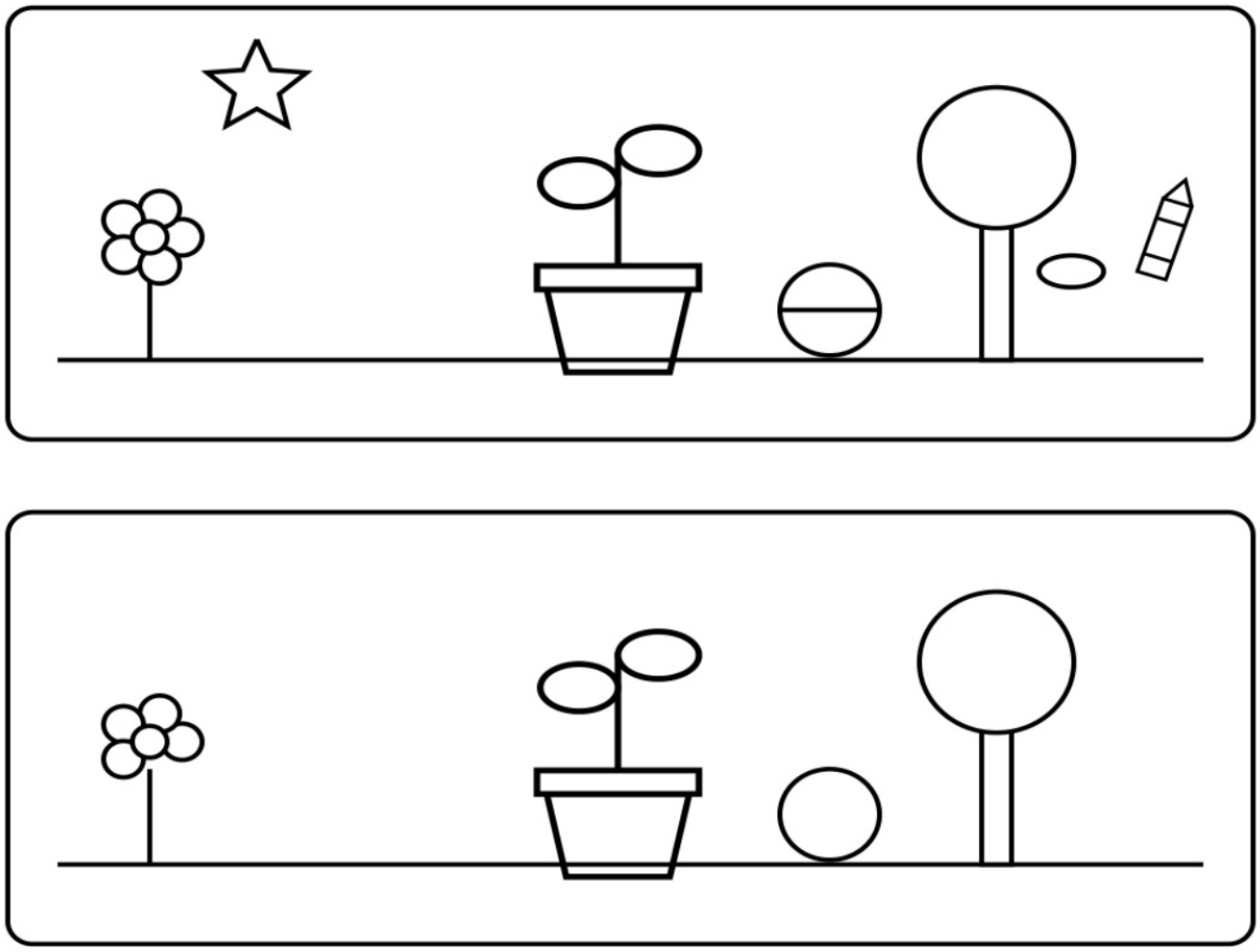


Extra challenge: find five changes and describe one in your own words. Answer for adults



Find the 5 differences

In the garden: circle what changed.





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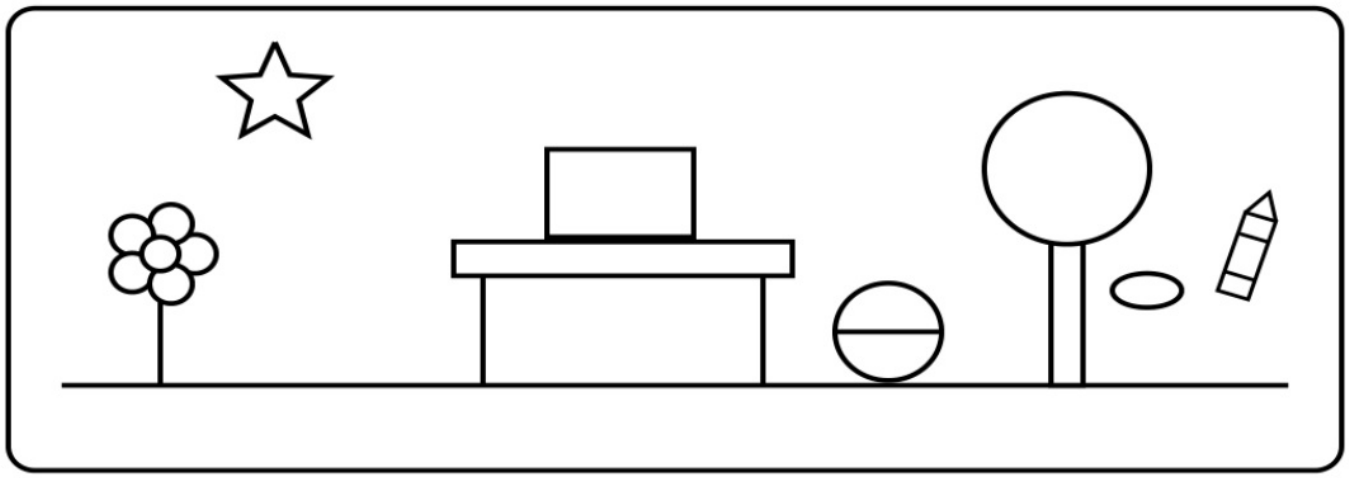


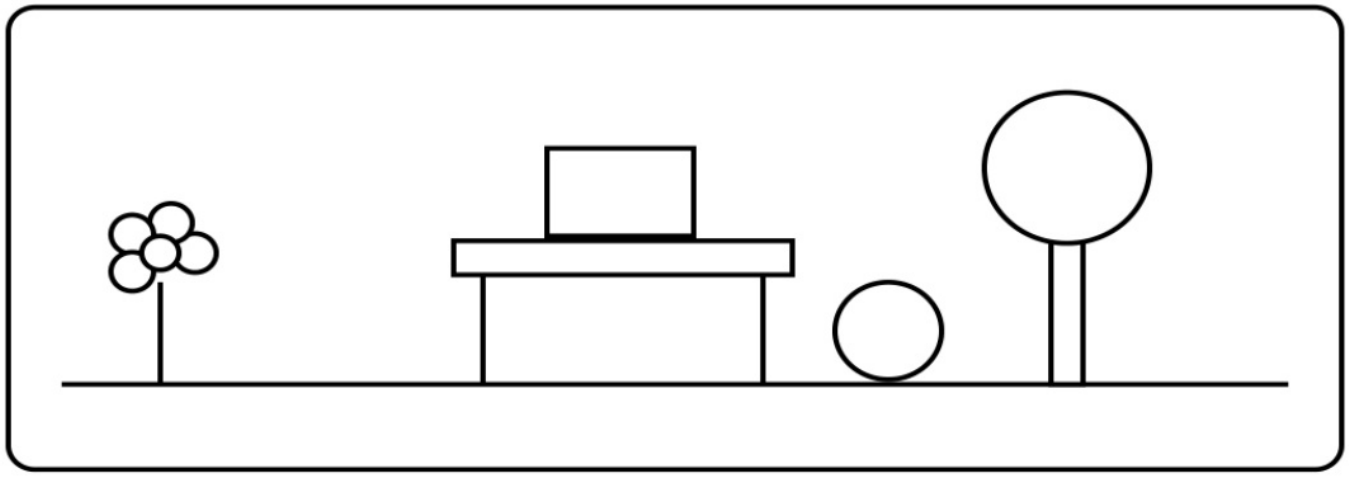
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Find the 5 differences

At the drawing table: circle what changed.







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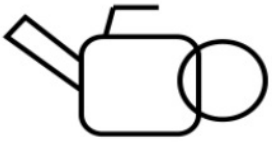
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Match each thing with its partner

Connect the things that belong together.



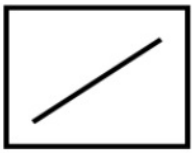


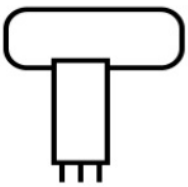












Look carefully before connecting.

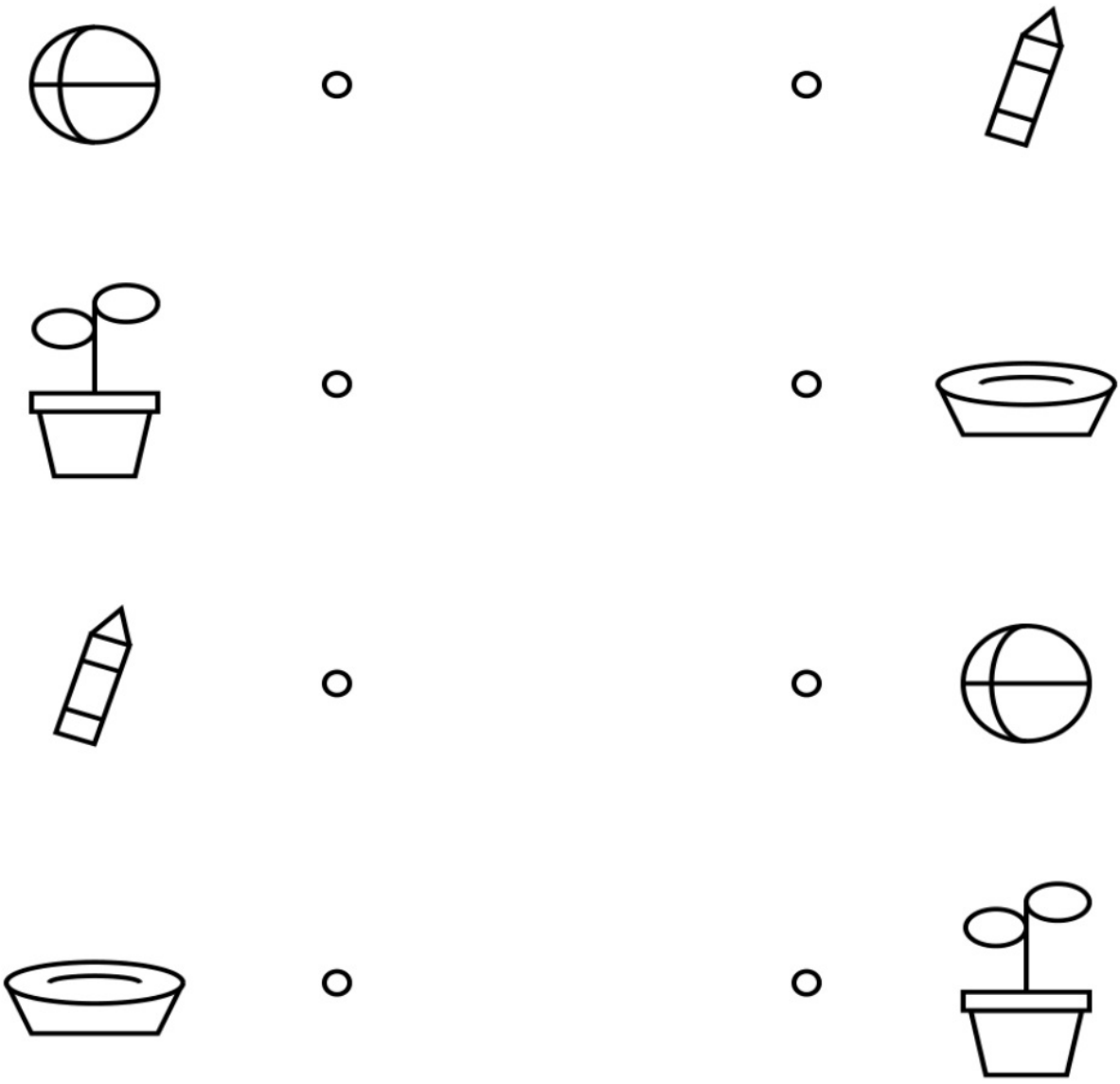
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Answer for adults



Find the matching objects

Connect each object to its matching object.



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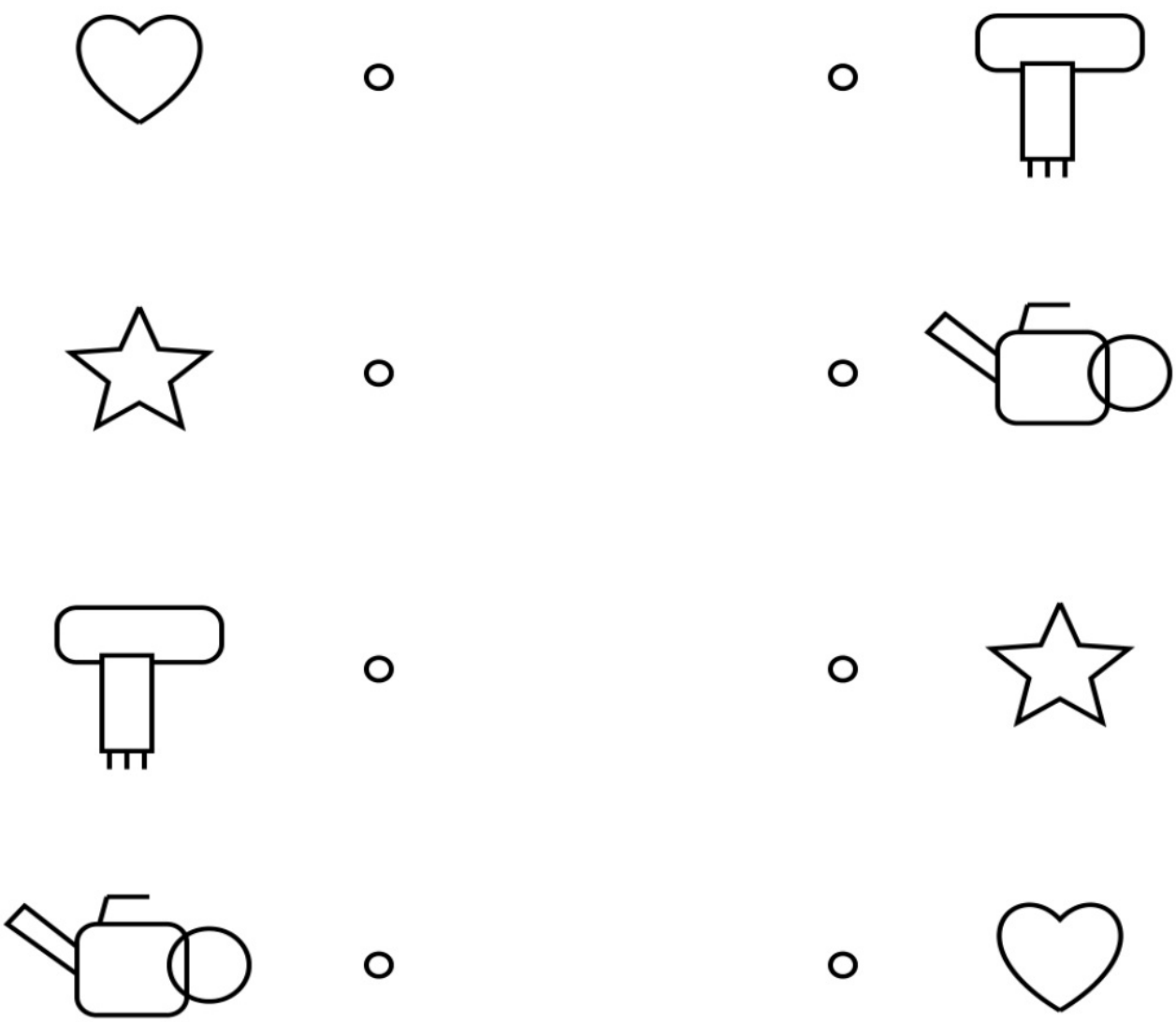
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Answer for adults



Find its match

Connect the matching shapes.



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Answer for adults



Romeo, my friend

Color the pictures. Ask an adult to help you cut them out.



To make stickers: print on sticker paper.

On regular paper, these are cutout pictures.

Romeo explores

Color the pictures. Ask an adult to help you cut them out.



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Romeo plays

Color the pictures. Ask an adult to help you cut them out.



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Our story

A universe of stories inspired by a real bond.

MJ Universe is a creative project by Martín Juárez. Our website brings together stories, characters and messages to share moments of imagination, kindness and reflection.



Milo and Romeo were inspired by a real moment. Romeo was a gift for Martín's daughter when she was 13. He wore a red bow and was in a box with cotton beside a white Jeep Patriot. Martín remembers that meeting with great emotion.

That real bond inspired the adventures of Milo and Romeo: a boy with dreams and his little companion. Their stories are fiction; their affection comes from something real.

Thank you for reading, playing and coloring with us.

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