

The language of grouping activities

1 How many groups?

Using the picture card of 4 groups of 3 bananas (12 bananas), children count how many groups there are.

"Look at the picture. How many separate groups can you see?"

"Are all the groups the same size?"

2 Groups of what size?

Using the picture card of 3 groups of 4 chairs (12 chairs), children count how many are in each group and say it using 'groups of'.

"Count how many are in one group."

"Say it using the words 'groups of'."

3 Say it, draw it, total it

Given the phrase 'four groups of two', children use balloon cards to build 4 groups of 2 (8 balloons) and find the total.

"Build four groups with two balloons in each."

"Count everything. What is the total?"

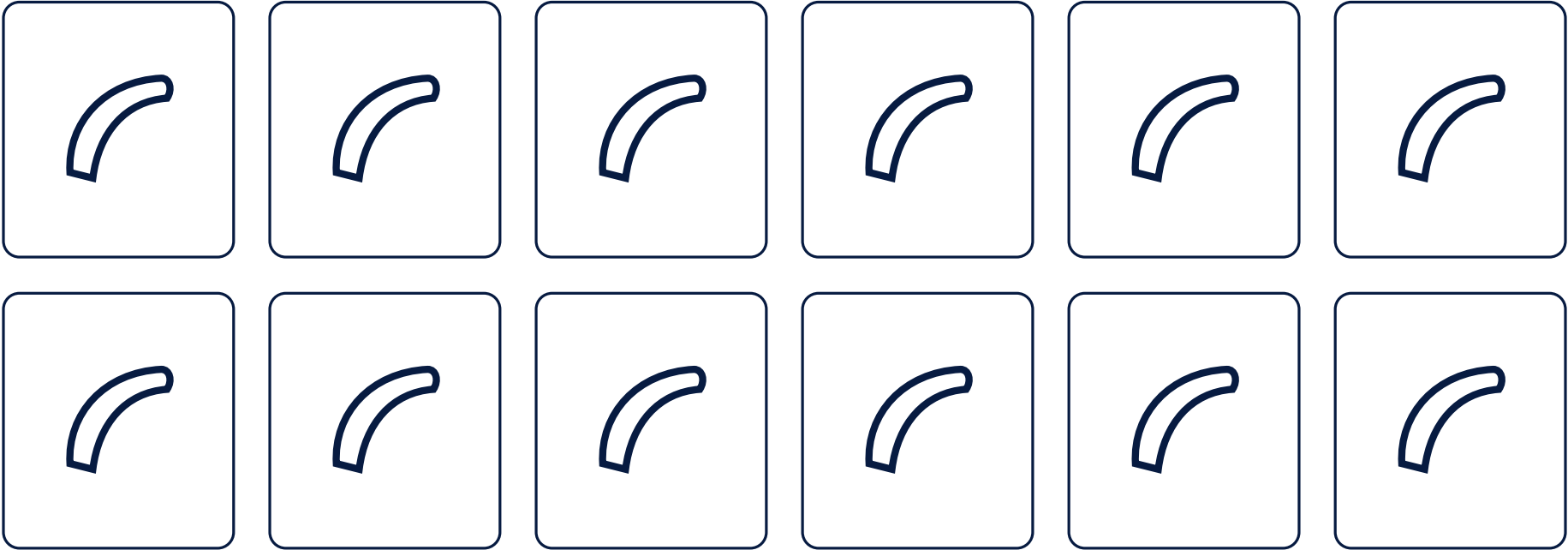
4 Non-example: groups and size swapped

Using the picture card of 2 groups of 6 lollies (12 lollies), someone describes it as 'six groups of two'.

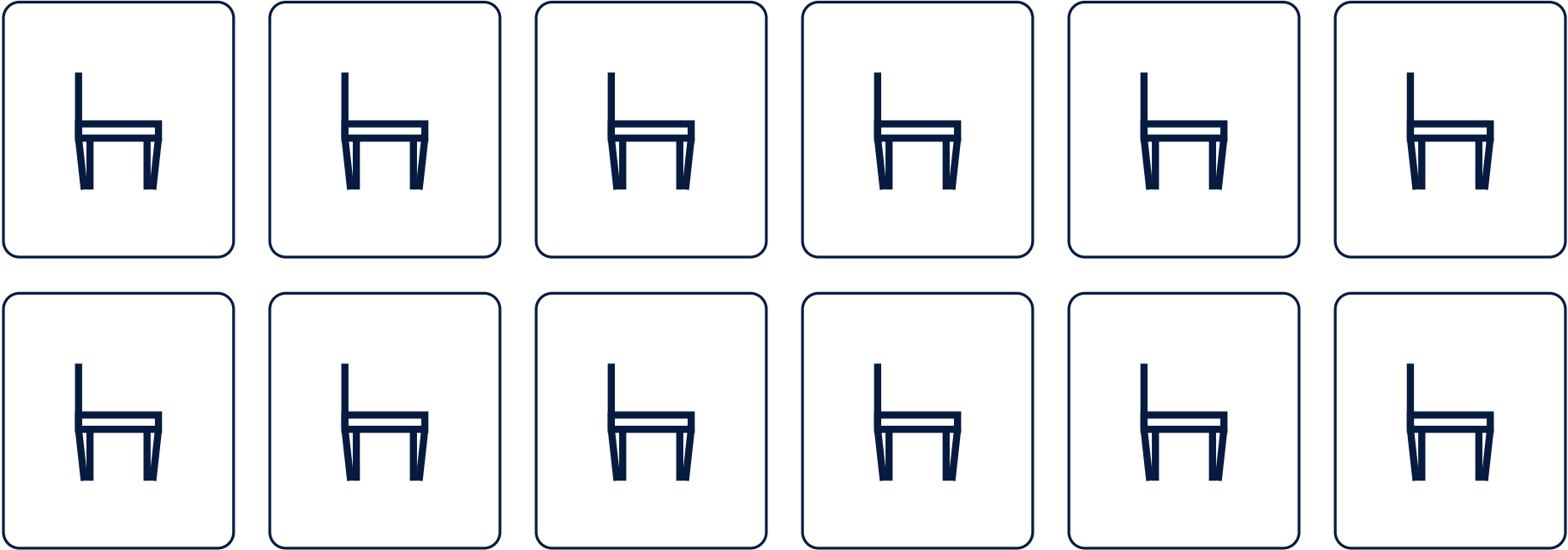
"How many groups are there really? How many in each?"

"Does swapping the two numbers still describe the same picture?"

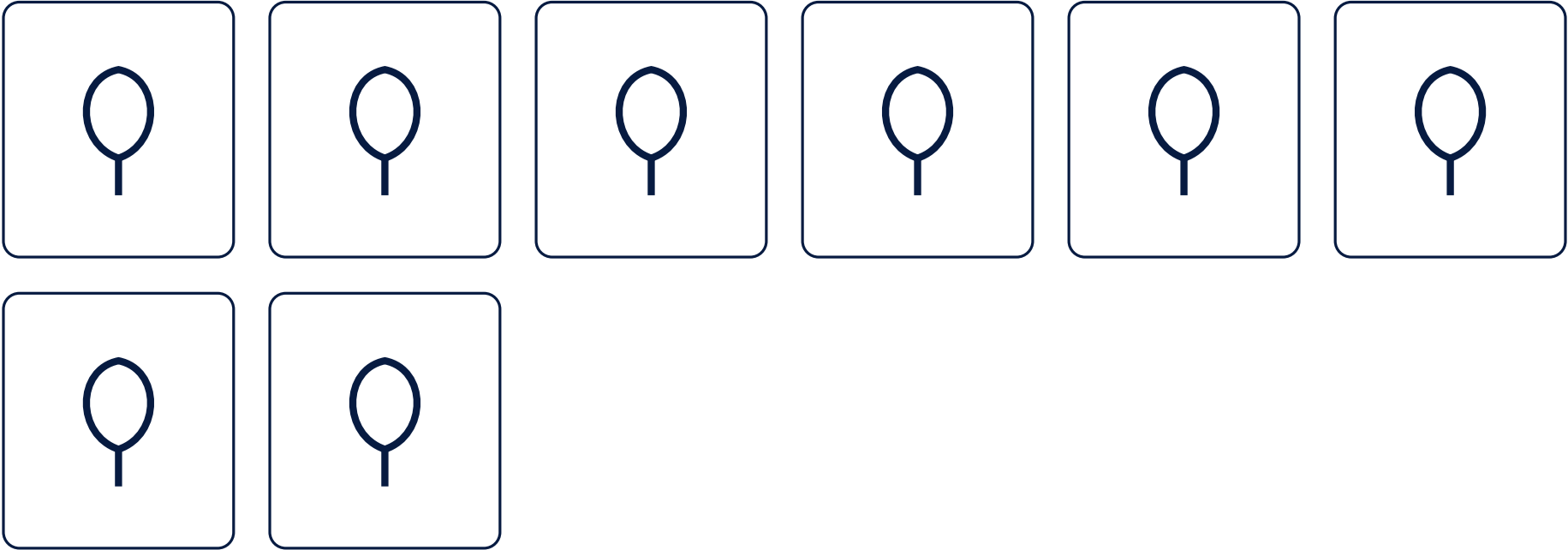
Object cards — Bananas (12 needed)



Object cards — Chairs (12 needed)



Object cards — Balloons (8 needed)



Object cards — Lollies (12 needed)

