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Copy it exactly

Hold up a pattern card and choose a material to stand for each shape on it, such as a piece of pasta for the dark circle and a block for the light one. Build the card on the floor where the whole class can see, then copy your own line underneath it, placing each object directly below its partner and naming the objects aloud as you go.

"This dark circle is a piece of pasta. This light circle is a block."

"Pasta, block, pasta, block. I am copying the same order underneath."

"Let us check my copy against the card. Does every part match?"

Take a new card and ask a student to build the copy while saying the pattern aloud. If the order slips part way through, stop at that point and go back to the start rather than fixing the object on its own.

2

Checking the copy

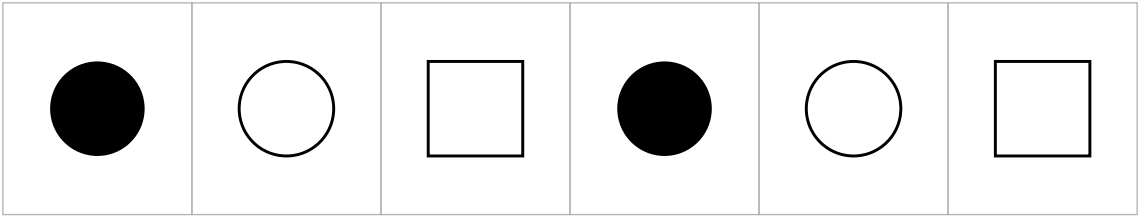
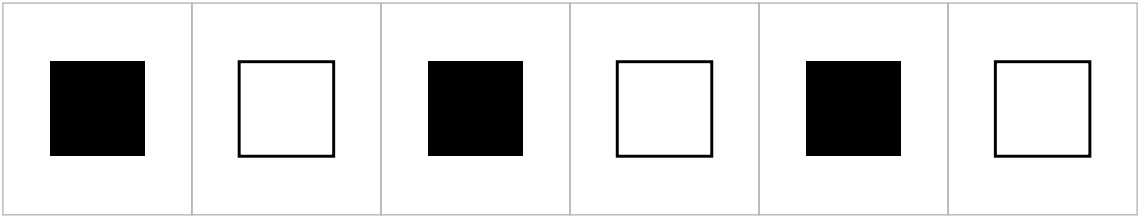
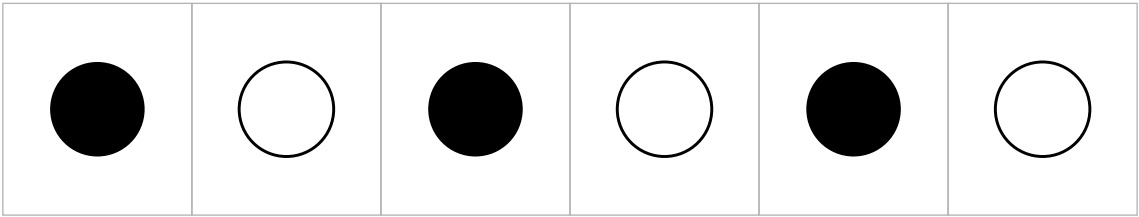
With a copy finished, check it in front of the class by running two fingers along both lines at once, starting at the same end, and stopping at the first place they do not match. Ask students to put two fingers down and check along with you.

"Two fingers, one on each line. Start at this end."

"Are these two the same? Move on. Are these two the same?"

A student who says the copy is right without touching either line has looked rather than checked, so ask them to show you with their fingers.

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