



# Finding and Describing Patterns

## Goal

Find patterns and use them to make predictions.

## Key Words

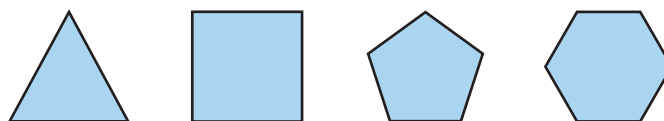
- pattern
- prediction

In the bracelet shown at the right, the beads and knots follow a pattern. You can repeat the pattern to make the bracelet longer.



### EXAMPLE 1 Describe a Visual Pattern

Describe a pattern in the figures.



#### Solution

The figures have 3 sides, 4 sides, 5 sides, and 6 sides.

**ANSWER** ▶ The number of sides increases by one.

### EXAMPLE 2 Describe a Number Pattern

Describe a pattern in the numbers.

a. 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, ...

b. 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, ...

#### Solution

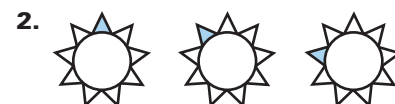
a. Each number after the first is 3 more than the previous one.

b. The numbers are squares of consecutive numbers.

1	4	9	16	25	36
$1^2$	$2^2$	$3^2$	$4^2$	$5^2$	$6^2$

## Checkpoint Describe a Visual or Number Pattern

Describe a pattern.



3. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, ...

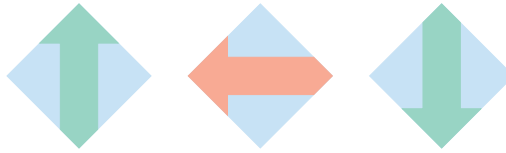
4. 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, ...



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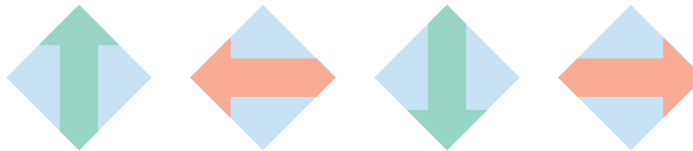
**EXAMPLE 3 Make a Prediction**

Sketch the next figure you expect in the pattern.



**Solution**

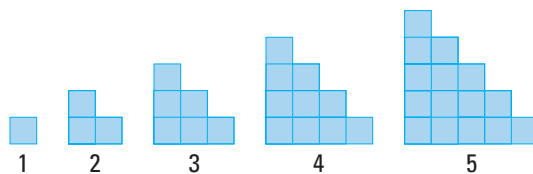
The arrow's color changes back and forth between green and red. The arrow makes a quarter turn each time.



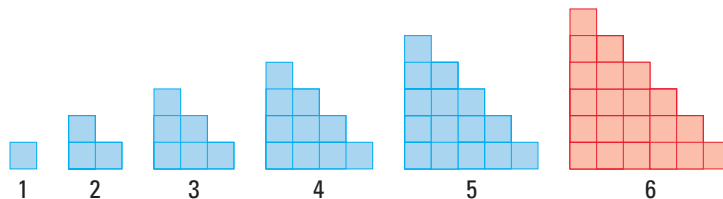
**ANSWER** ▶ The fourth figure is red. Its arrow points to the right.

**EXAMPLE 4 Make a Prediction**

Sketch the next figure you expect in the pattern.



**Solution**



**ANSWER** ▶ The sixth figure has six squares in the bottom row.

**Checkpoint** **Make a Prediction**

Sketch the next two figures you expect in the pattern.



Write the next two numbers you expect in the pattern.

7.  $-2, -5, -8, -11, \dots$       8.  $4, 10, 16, 22, \dots$

# 1.1 Exercises

## Guided Practice

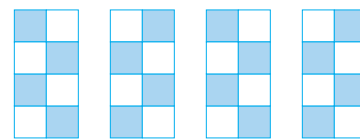
### Skill Check

Sketch the next figure you expect in the pattern.

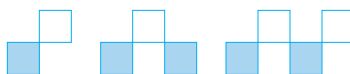
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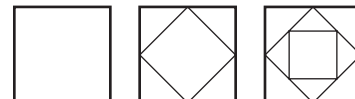
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Describe a pattern in the numbers. Write the next two numbers you expect in the pattern.

5. 3, 11, 19, 27, ...

6. 2, 6, 18, 54, ...

7. 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, ...

8. 13, 7, 1, -5, ...

9. 256, 64, 16, 4, ...

10. 3, 0, -3, 0, 3, 0, ...

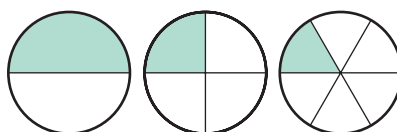
## Practice and Applications

### Extra Practice

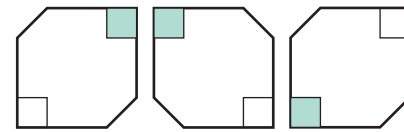
See p. 675.

**Describing Visual Patterns** Sketch the next figure you expect in the pattern.

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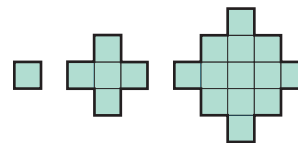
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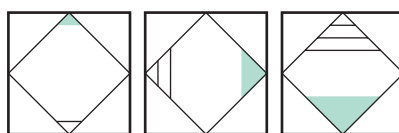
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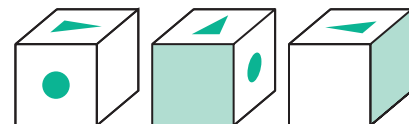
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### Homework Help

**Example 1:** Exs. 11–16

**Example 2:** Exs. 17–25

**Example 3:** Exs. 26–32

**Example 4:** Exs. 26–32

**Describing Number Patterns** Describe a pattern in the numbers. Write the next number you expect in the pattern.

17. 4, 9, 14, 19, ...

18. 2, -7, -16, -25, ...

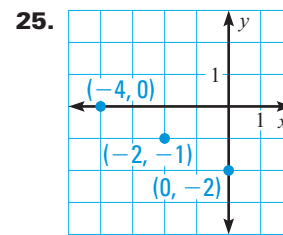
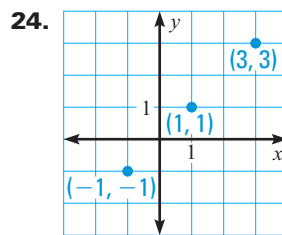
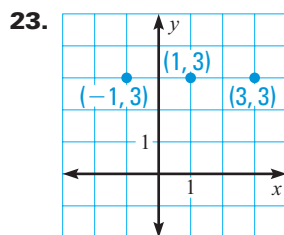
19. 320, 80, 20, 5, ...

20. 2.5, 5, 10, 20, ...

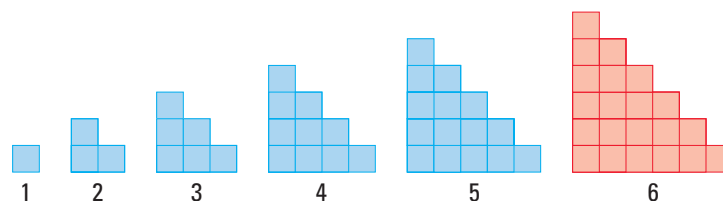
21. 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ...

22. 5, 7, 11, 17, 25, ...

**Using Algebra** Find a pattern in the coordinates of the points. Then write the coordinates of another point in the pattern.



**Making Predictions** In Exercises 26–30, use the staircase pattern from Example 4 shown below.



26. Find the distance around each figure. Organize your results in a table like the one shown.

<b>Figure</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Distance</b>	4	8	?	?	?	?

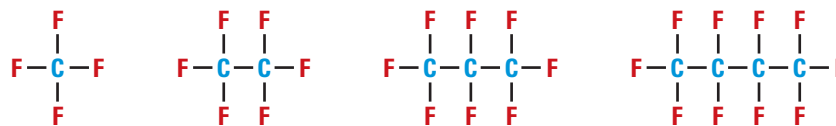
**Link to Careers**



**LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS** study microscopic cells, such as bacteria. The doubling period for a population of bacteria may be as short as 20 minutes.



- 27. Use your table to describe a pattern in the distances.
- 28. Write a variable expression for the distance around the  $n$ th figure.
- 29. Predict the distance around the tenth figure.
- 30. **You be the Judge** Will a figure in this pattern have a distance of 60? If so, which one?
- 31. **Science Connection** Diagrams for four molecules are shown. Draw a diagram for the next two molecules in the pattern.



32. **Bacteria Growth** You are studying bacteria in biology class. The table shows the number of bacteria after  $n$  doubling periods. Predict the number of bacteria after 8 doubling periods.

<b><math>n</math> (doubling periods)</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Billions of bacteria</b>	3	6	12	24	48	96



## Link to Braille



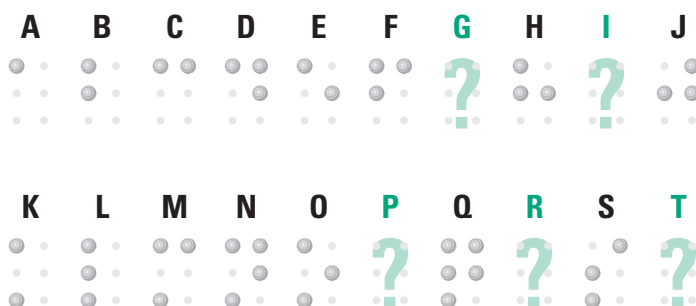
The digits 1–9 in Braille are the same as the letters a–i. A number sign (⠠) precedes digits.



Application Links

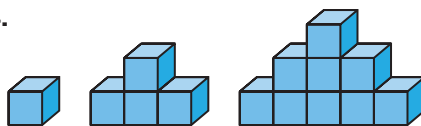
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- 33. Braille System** The Braille alphabet uses raised dots that can be read by touch. Describe a pattern that links the first ten letters and the next ten letters. Complete the missing letters.

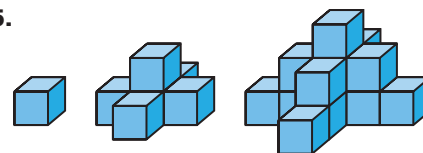


- Visualizing Patterns** The first three objects in a pattern are shown. How many blocks are in the next object?

34.



35.



## Standardized Test Practice

- 36. Multiple Choice** What is the next number you expect?

55, 110, 165, 220, ...

- (A) 255      (B) 265      (C) 275      (D) 440

- 37. Multiple Choice** What is the next number you expect?

1, 5, 13, 25, ...

- (F) 33      (G) 38      (H) 41      (J) 169

## Mixed Review

- Problem Solving** Draw a diagram to solve. (*Skills Review, p. 653*)

- 38.** Robert, Susan, and Todd are standing in a line. How many ways can they be arranged?

- 39.** A table is two feet longer than it is wide. What are five possible areas for the table?

## Algebra Skills

- Adding Decimals** Find the sum. (*Skills Review, p. 655*)

40.  $9.3 + 0.2$

41.  $2.4 + 8.9$

42.  $10.5 + 5.5$

43.  $0.71 + 0.33$

44.  $5.64 + 12.75$

45.  $34.08 + 11.16$

- Plotting Points** Plot the points in a coordinate plane.

(*Skills Review, p. 664*)

46.  $A(5, 2)$

47.  $B(6, 1)$

48.  $C(3, -8)$

49.  $D(4, -1)$

50.  $E(-2, 7)$

51.  $F(-5, 2)$

52.  $G(-2, -6)$

53.  $H(-4, -3)$