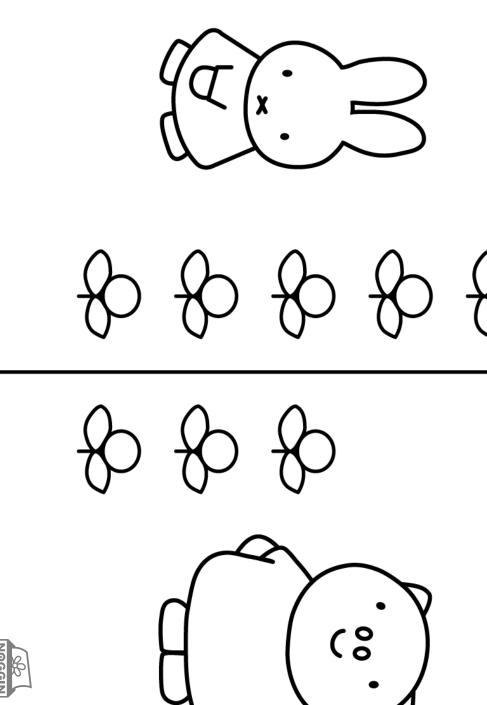
The Same Game

Draw some flowers so that Miffy and Poppy Pig have the same number. How many flowers does Miffy have? How many does Poppy Pig have?





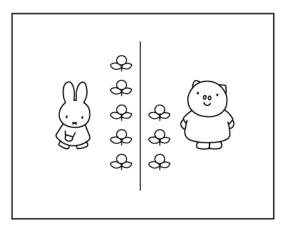
Play "The Same Game" with Miffy and Poppy Pig!

SET UP*You will need





The characters on this page are Miffy and Poppy Pig.



WHAT TO DO

Ask your child to count how many flowers Miffy has. Then count how many flowers Poppy Pig has. Explain that in "The Same Game," both friends want to have the same number of flowers. Ask: Can you draw X's on some flowers so that Miffy and Boris will end up with the same number? If necessary, help your child to see that if 2 of Miffy's flowers are crossed out, then Miffy and Poppy Pig have the same number. Next, ask your child to count how many flowers each friend has. Do they both have the same number? (Yes -- 3 flowers each.)

Invite your child to color in the page with crayons or markers.

FOLLOWING UP

Extend "The Same Game" by asking questions such as: What could you do to make it so that Miffy and Poppy Pig each have 5 flowers? (Don't cross out any of Poppy Pig's flowers, and draw 3 more flowers for Miffy.) What if Miffy and Poppy Pig each wanted to have 4 flowers? What if they each wanted 2 flowers?

LEARNING GOALS

Demonstrating the mathematical concept of "the same number as;" demonstrating that the cardinal number of a set of counted objects is not changed by the rearrangement of those objects; developing concepts of number and quantity by identifying what makes up a set, counting to find the number of a set, and comparing the numbers of sets; providing practice with addition and subtraction.













