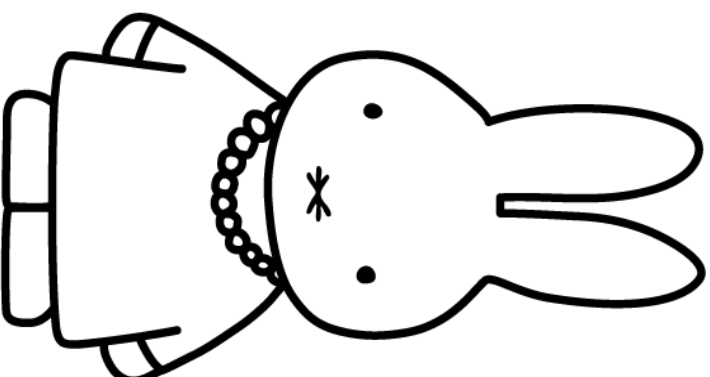
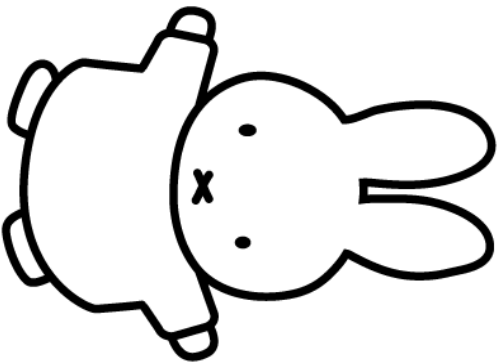


The Same Game

How many tomatoes does Miffy have? How many does Mother Bunny have? Draw some tomatoes so they have the same number.



Play "The Same Game" with Miffy and Mother Bunny!

SET UP*

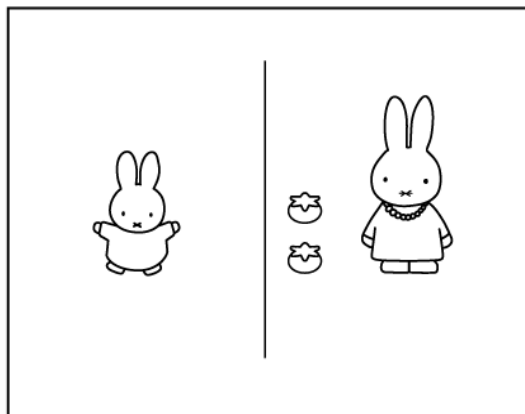
You will need



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The characters on this page are **Miffy** and **Mother Bunny**.



WHAT TO DO

Ask your child to count how many tomatoes Miffy has. Then count how many tomatoes Mother Bunny has. Explain that in "The Same Game," both friends want to have the same number of tomatoes. Ask: **Can you draw X's on some tomatoes so that Miffy and Mother Bunny will end up with the same number?** If necessary, help your child to see that if 2 of Mother Bunny's tomatoes are crossed out, then Miffy and Mother Bunny have the same number. Next, ask your child to count how many tomatoes each friend has. **Do they both have the same number?** (Yes -- 0 tomatoes 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 Mother Bunny each have 2 tomatoes?** (Don't cross out any of Mother Bunny's tomatoes, and draw 2 more tomatoes for Miffy.) **What if Miffy and Mother Bunny each wanted to have 5 tomatoes? What if they each wanted 1 tomato?**

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.

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= markers



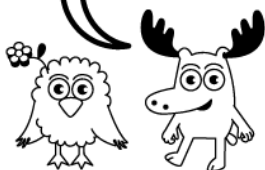
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= pencil or pen



= tape



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