

# Gogo and the fire:

## An early number book



## Tips for using this book:

- Draw attention to the key words on each page.
- Talk about the combinations of numbers that together make ten.
- After the story, talk about what happened in the story.
- Ask children to re-tell the story.
- Ask children to pretend read the story.



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## Key words

six

nine

same

zero

two

ten

one

three

five

less

seven

eight

four

more

equal

altogether

Ask children to find the following in the story:

- number words zero to ten
- comparative words more, less, same, altogether and equal.

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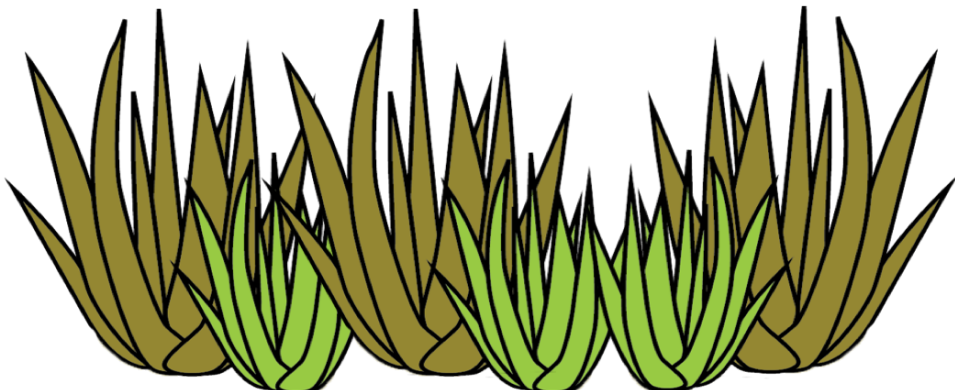
Gogo says:

We need to build a fire.

I need ten sticks.

Busi likes brown sticks.

Thabo likes green sticks.



Nine sticks are in the fire



How many sticks are left over?

Zero sticks are left over

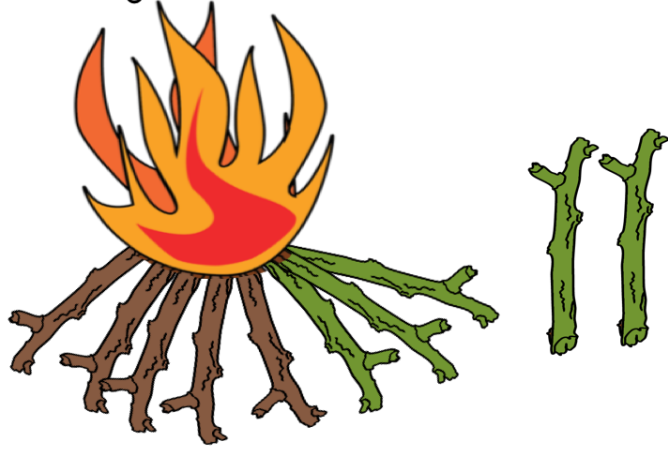


How many sticks are in the fire?

Here are four fires

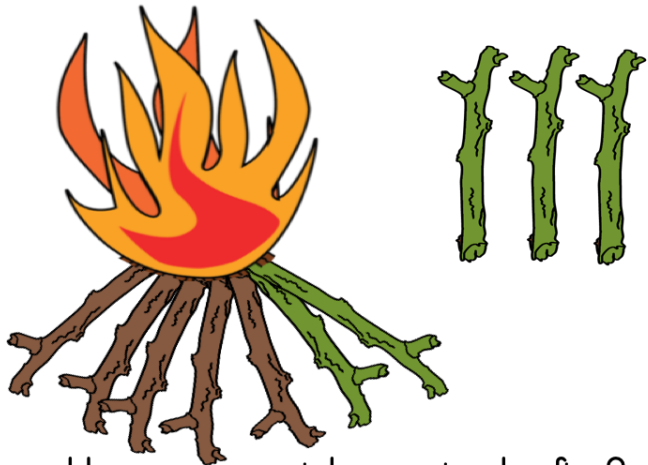
Which fire did Gogo make?

Eight sticks are in the fire



How many sticks are left over?

Three sticks are left over



How many sticks are in the fire?

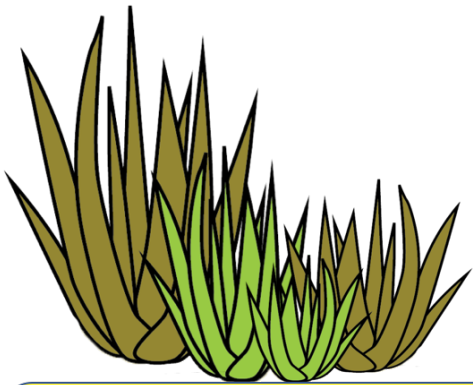


Busi says:

I can carry one stick on my head.

Thabo says:

But we need ten sticks.



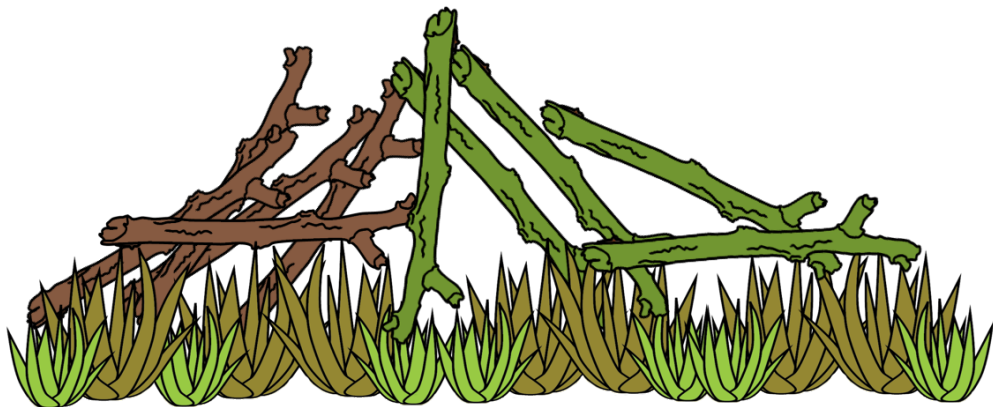
This block has questions to think about  
and to talk about.



Gogo says:

Thank you for the sticks.

Let's make the fire.



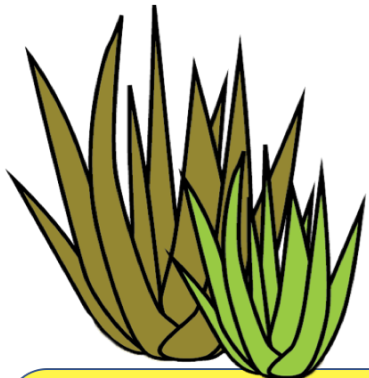
Thabo says:

You have one stick.

But I can carry more.

You have one,

but I have four.



Think about and talk about:

How many sticks do Busi and Thabo have altogether?

How many more sticks must they get to have ten sticks altogether?





Thabo gave Busi one stick,

then he had six.

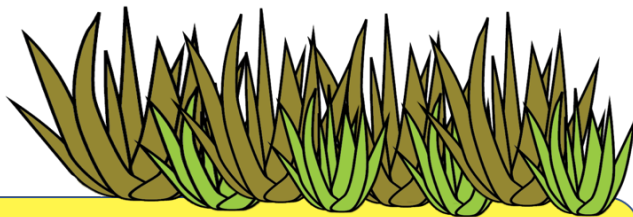
He gave her one more,

so now he has five.

Busi says:

Yay! We both have five.

Our number of sticks is equal.



Think about and talk about:  
How many sticks did Gogo want for the fire?  
Can Gogo build her fire now? Explain.



Busi says:

You have four sticks.

I pick up four.

Now I have more.



Think about and talk about:

Who has more sticks?

How many sticks do they have altogether?

How many more sticks must they get to have ten sticks altogether?



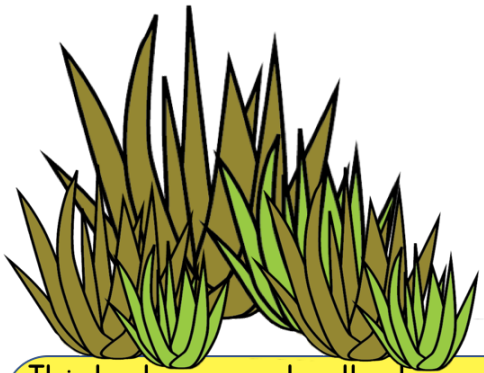
Thabo says:

I take your sticks.

Now I have seven sticks on my head.

Busi says:

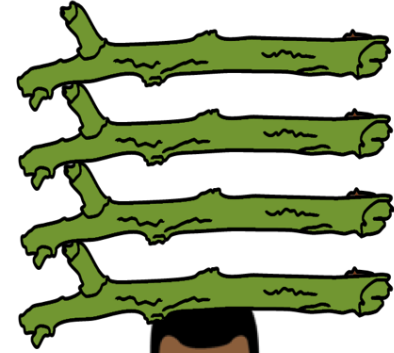
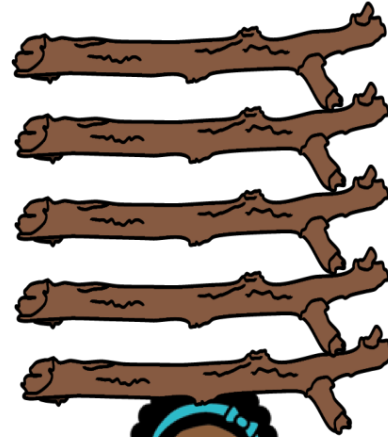
Please give me my sticks back!



Think about and talk about:

Who has less sticks?

How many sticks must Busi get to have the same number as Thabo?

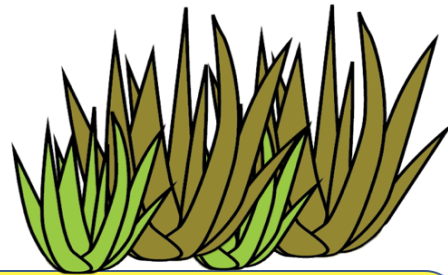


Thabo says:

You have five sticks.

I pick up one stick.

Now in this game,  
we have the same.



Think about and talk about:  
How many sticks do they have altogether?  
Do they need more sticks? Explain.

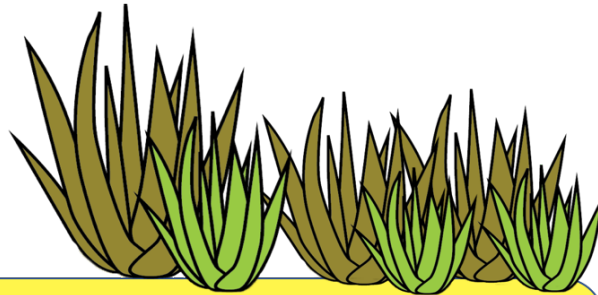
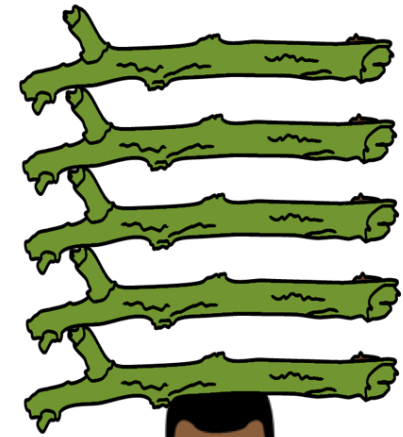
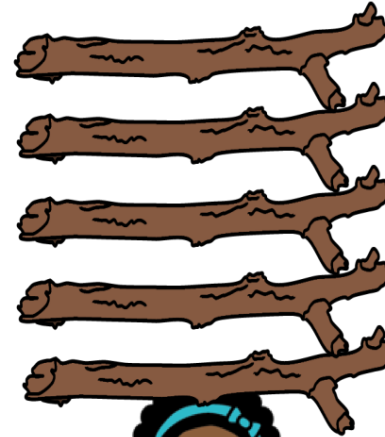


Oh no!

Busi says.

Two of my sticks fell.

Now I only have three sticks on my head.



Think about and talk about:

Now who has more sticks?

How many sticks will Thabo have if he picks up the two sticks?



Thabo says:

But I can run with five sticks on my head.

Now you try it!

He said.



Think about and talk about:  
What do you think will happen next?

