

Shetland Numbers

1 wan/ (een)

2 two/ twa

When counting aloud, most people say
wan, two, tree...

3 tree

4 fower

5 five

six, **seeven**, eight (*pronounce eyt*), nine, ten
eleeven, twal, therteen, forteen, fifteen,
sixteen, **seeventeen**, eighteen (*eyteen*), nineteen, **twinty**.

When do we use ‘een’ or ‘twa’?

We can use ‘een’ on its own, like this:

‘Does du hae a fitba? I hae een.’ (Or ‘I hae wan.’)

If ‘one’ comes *before the name of an item*, we can say ‘wan’ or ee but not ‘een’:

e.g. **wan problem or anidder**
ee problem or anidder

We can use ‘twa’ and ‘two’ interchangeably in all situations, *except* when counting aloud as above:

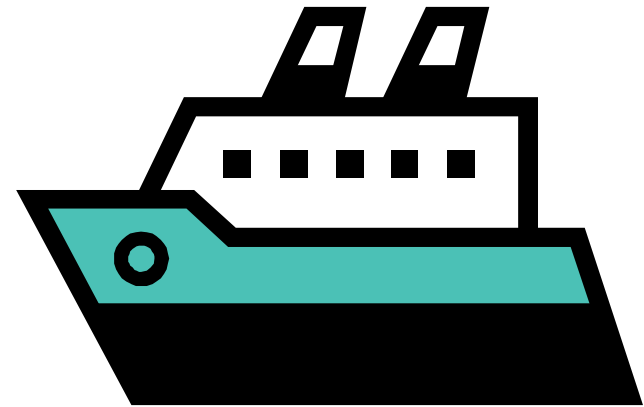
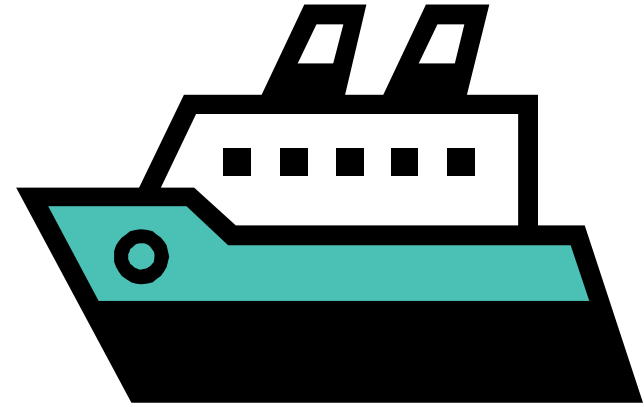
e.g. **twa meenits or two meenits**
Does du hae ony sisters? I hae twa.
or I hae two.



1

wan

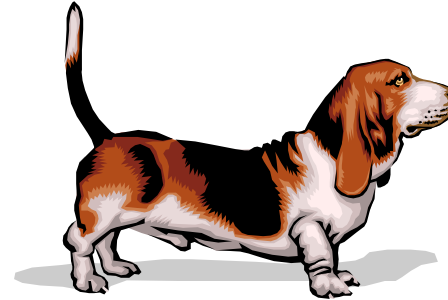
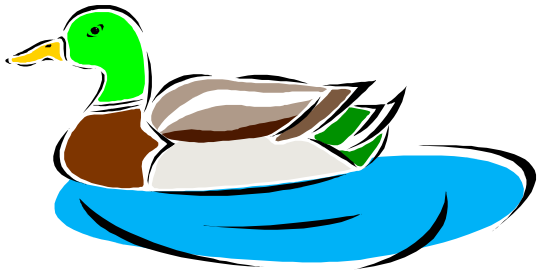
baa



2

two

boats

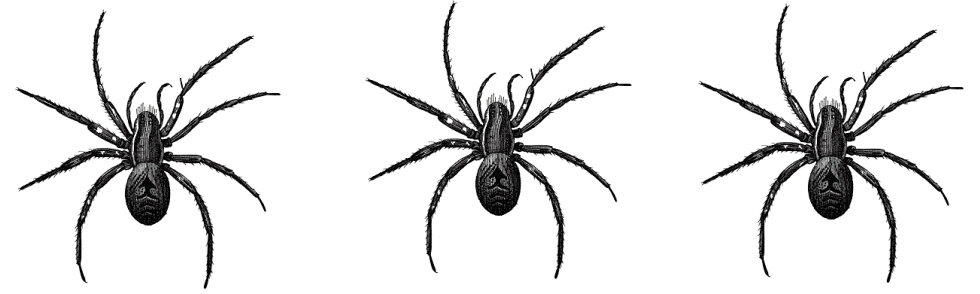
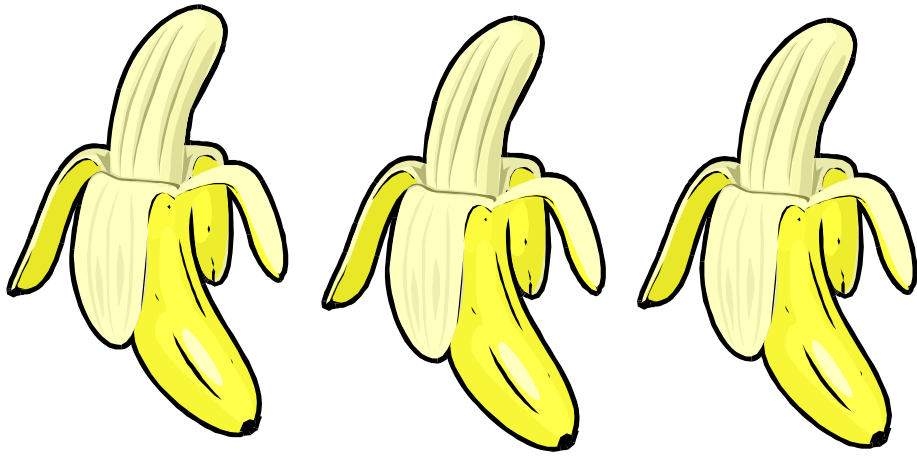


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tree
deuks

4

fower
dugs

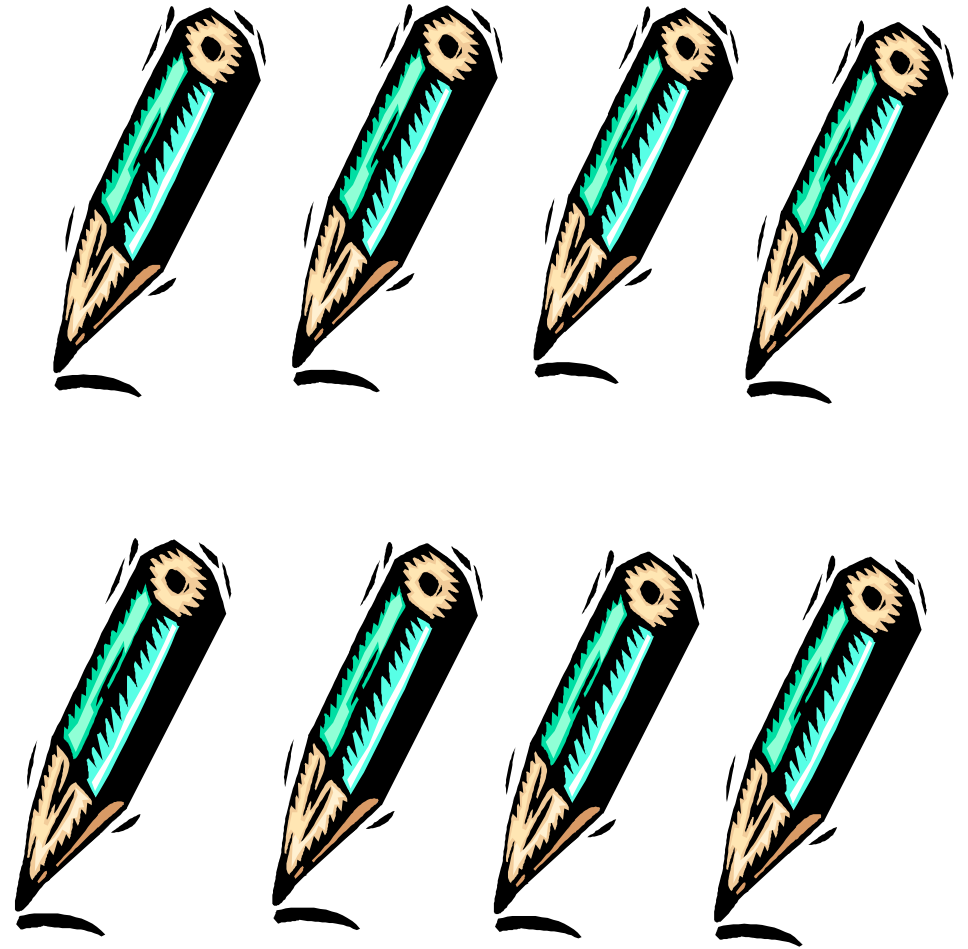


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five
bananas

6

six
spiders



7

seven
fish

8

eight
pencils

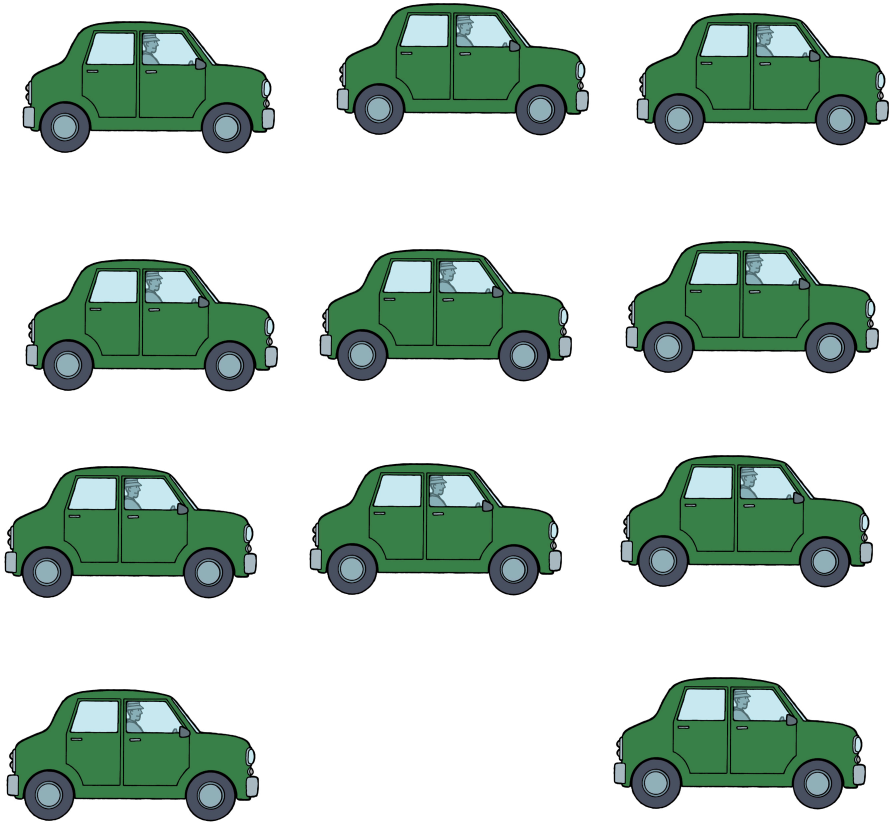


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nine
buttons

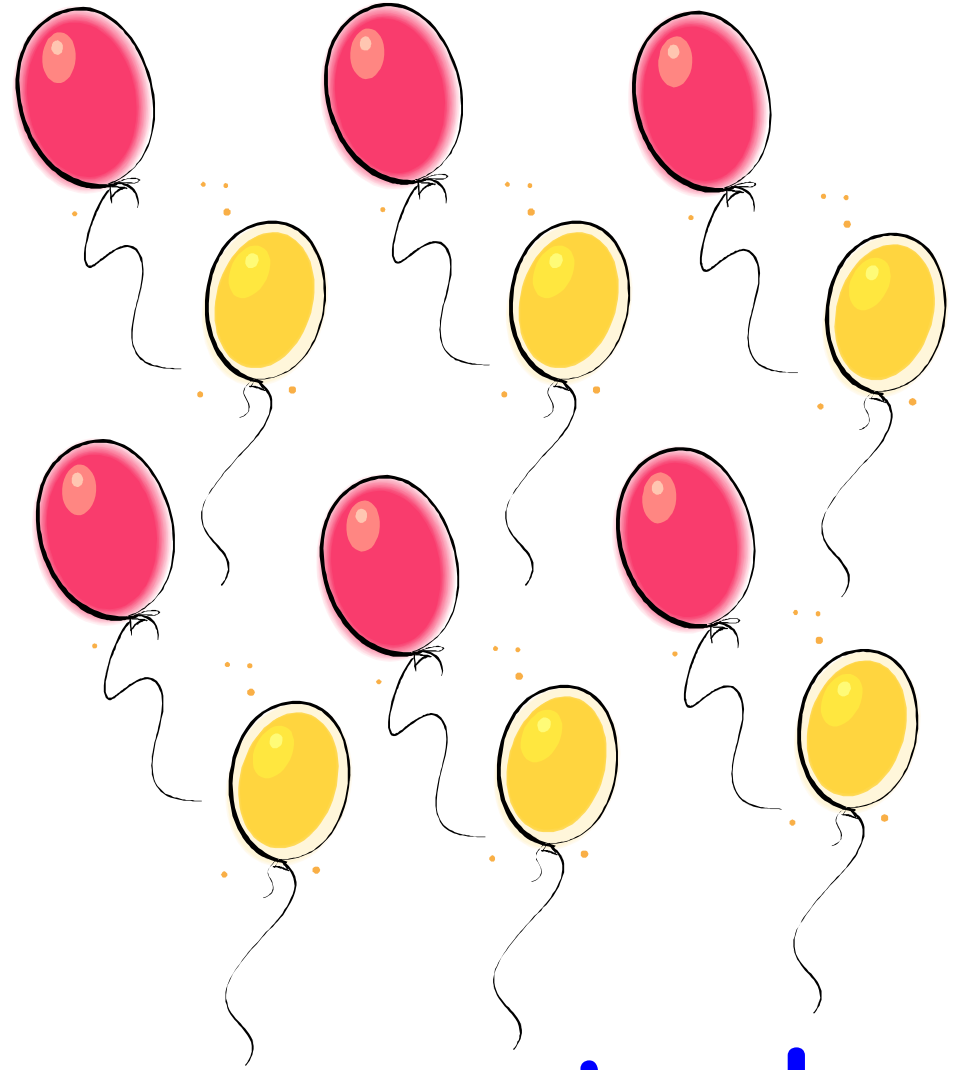
10

ten
carrots



11

eleeven
cars



12

twal
balloons