IBL & Active Learning with Math Puzzles at Lamar University

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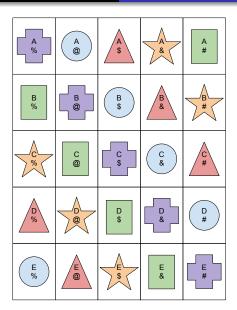
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Puzzle 1: Safe and Secured
Puzzlehunts

Questions? Thanks for having me!

