Greater / less than symbol - Understanding the problem

Decoding the < / > symbols

Most children do not misunderstand the concept of greater than / less than. They intuitively understand differences in quantity from a very young age. What confuses them is the symbolization. This is because the symbols used hold no meaning for them. If you provide meaning to the symbol, they will never forget the concept.

We have used the story of a hippopotamus's mouth to achieve this. Read the short story and show the visual to the child.

How to use these worksheets

1. Use the recap sheets given in the beginning to ensure the child is clear and mindful of the basic concepts in pre-math vocabulary.
2. Follow it up with the short story and exercises.
3. Use the practise sheets to help the child master the concept.
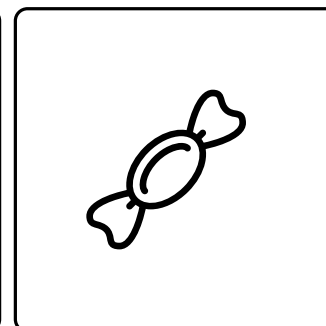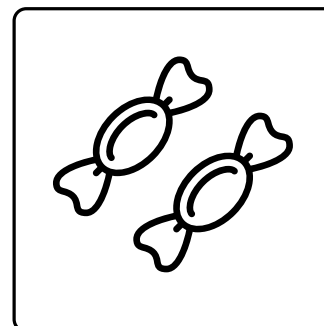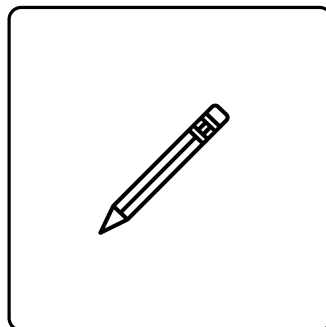
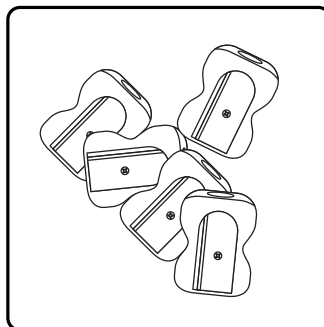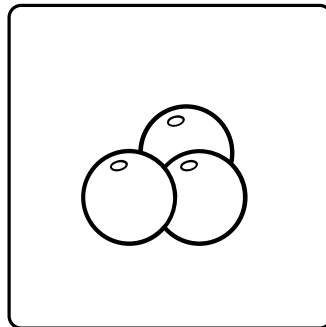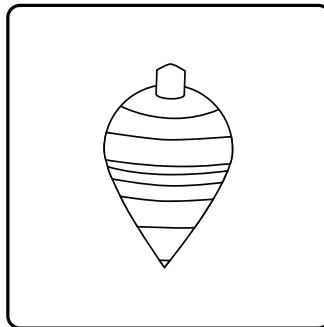# </> Greater / less than symbol- Recap Sheet

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Chhota Bheem   **Jaggu**

Who has more objects? _____
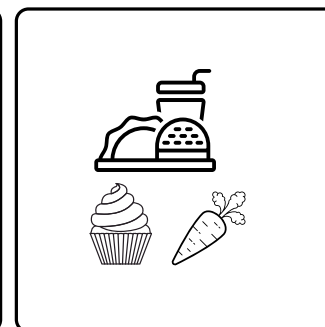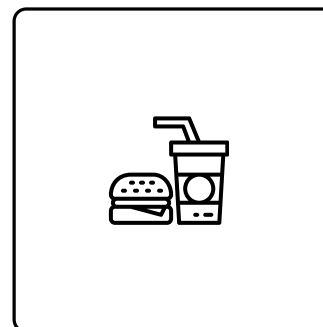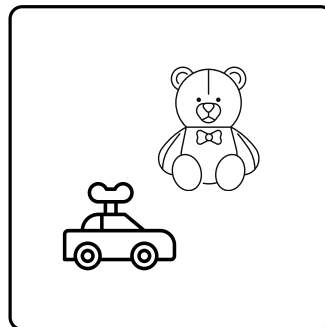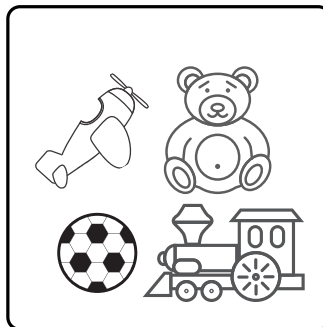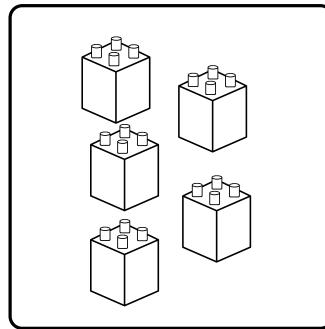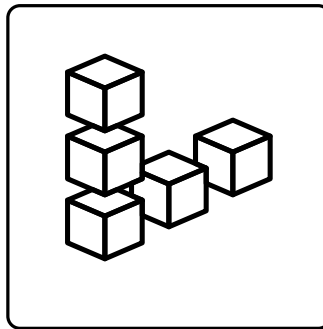
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Chhota Bheem and Jaggu have some objects. Colour the box that has more objects.

Chhota Bheem	**Jaggu**

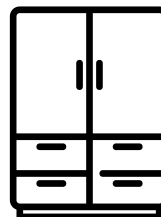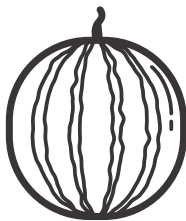Who has more objects? _____

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Chhota Bheem and Jaggu have some objects. Colour the boxes that have big objects.

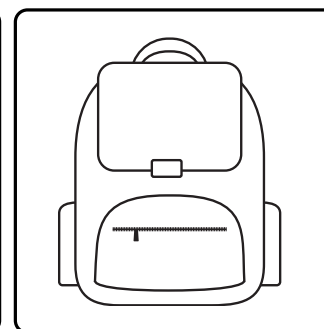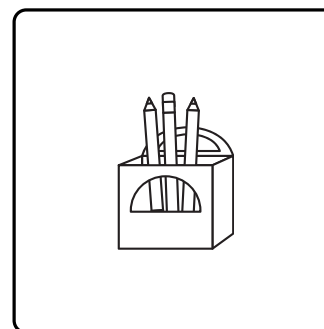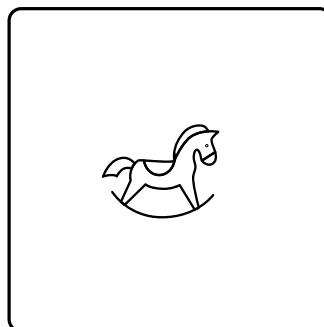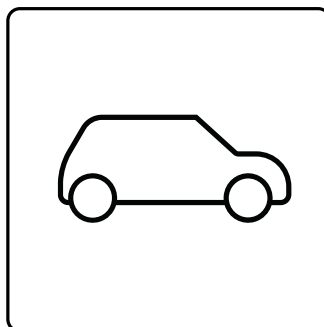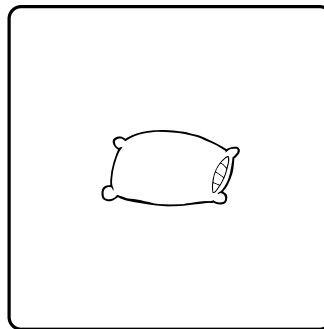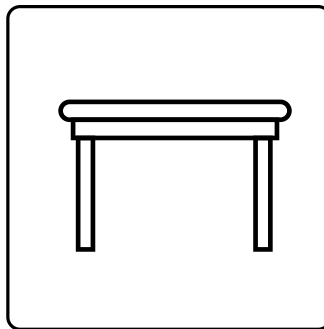| Chhota Bheem	Jaggu

⟨/⟩ Greater/ less than symbol- Recap Sheet

Chhota Bheem and Jaggu have some objects. Colour the boxes that have light objects.

Chhota Bheem	Jaggu

≪/≫ Greater / less than symbol - Resolution Sheet

In the jungles near Dholakpur, there lived a big hippopotamus called Maggu. He spent half his day in the water and the other half of the day looking for food to eat. Because he was so large, he needed a lot of food to eat. Whenever Maggu saw a big bundle of grass he turned towards the grass and opened his big mouth to eat. And if he saw less grass, he looked away, because he knew that less food would not fill his stomach.
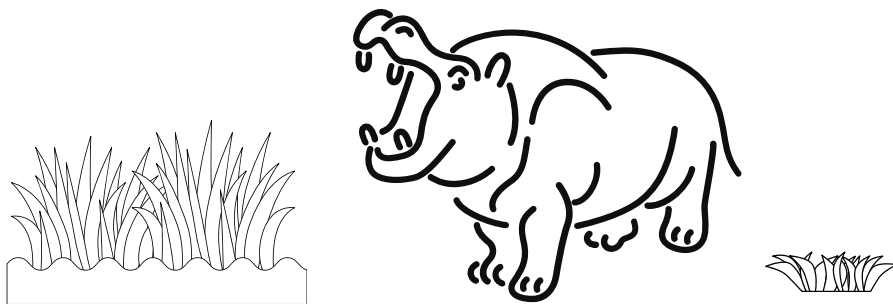
And that is how in Math, we use the greater than /less than sign to open the big mouth of Maggu towards the side that has more things.
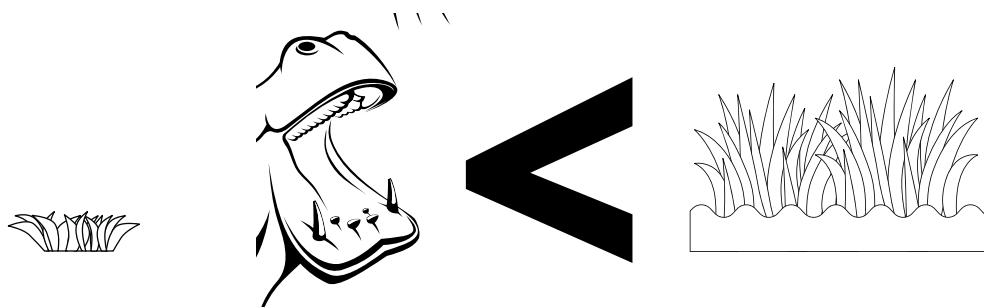
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Towards which side will Maggu the Hippo open his big mouth?
Can you colour his correct open mouth and show Raju?
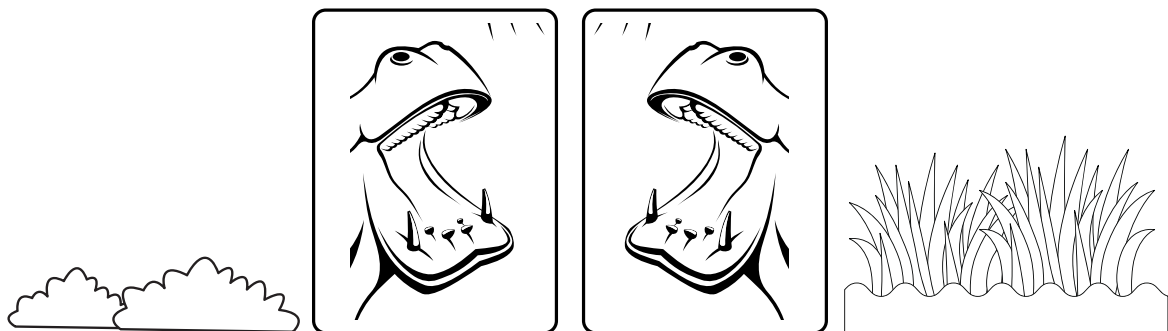
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Help Raju count the animals and write the number of animals in the space provided. Put the appropriate symbol, <> in the box provided.
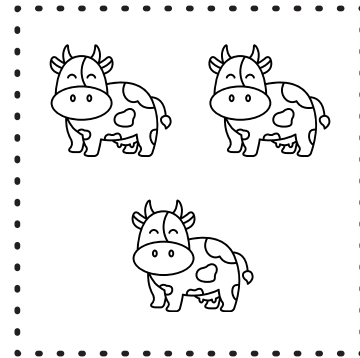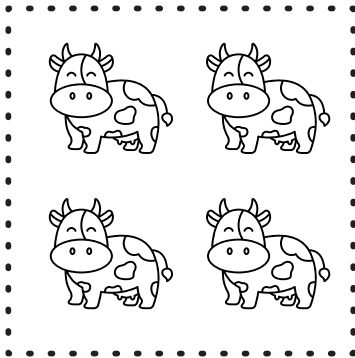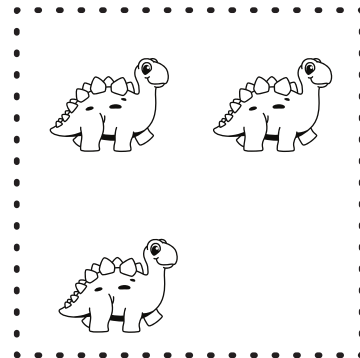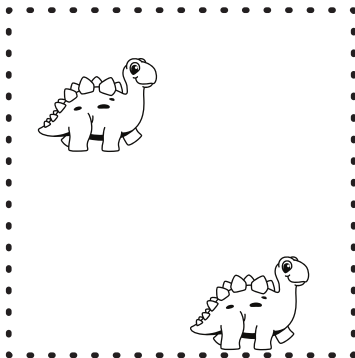
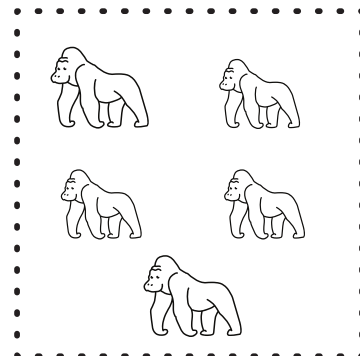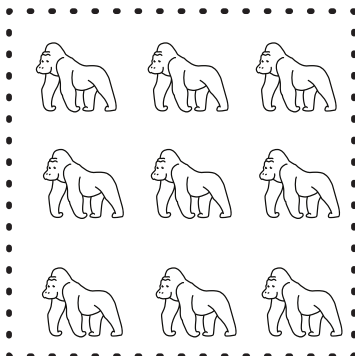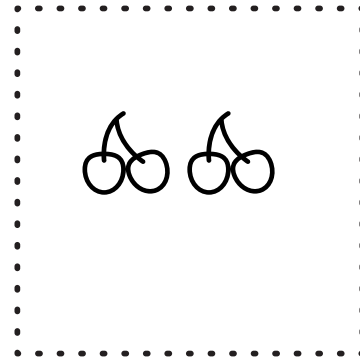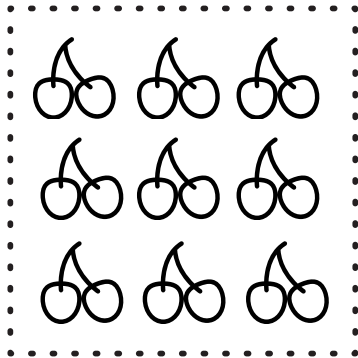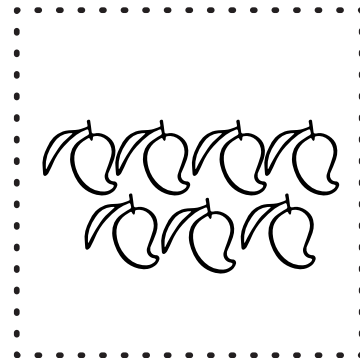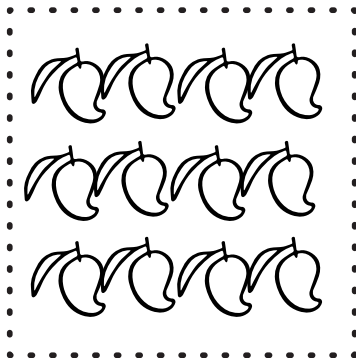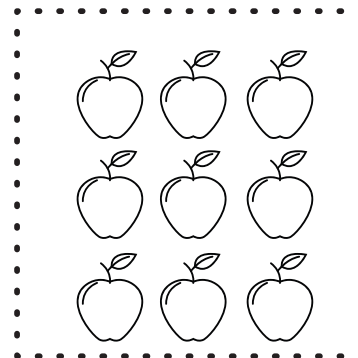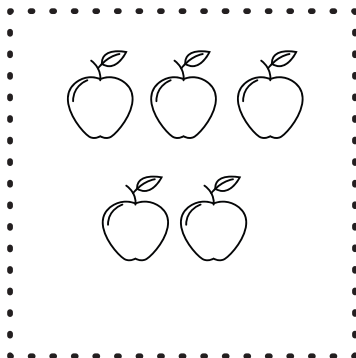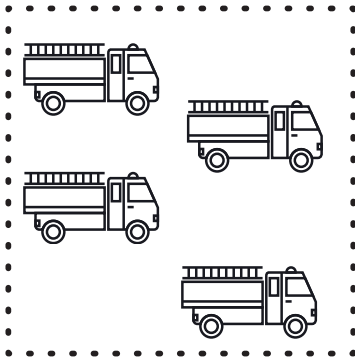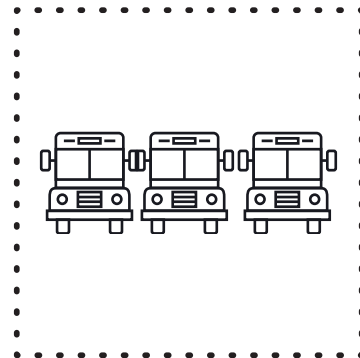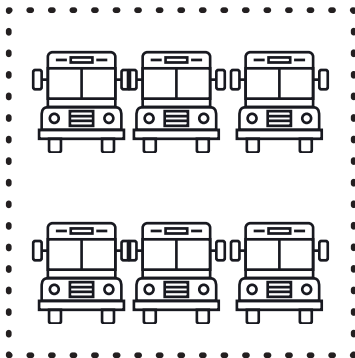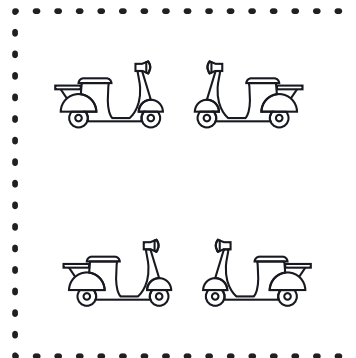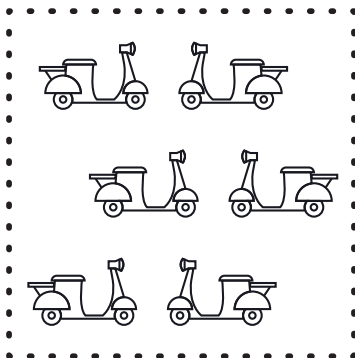# ⟪/⟫ Greater/ less than symbol- Practise Sheet
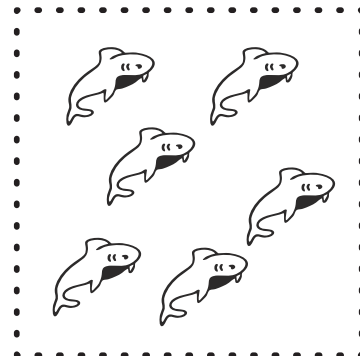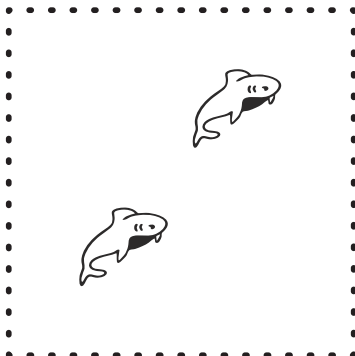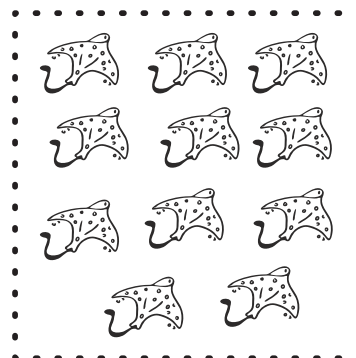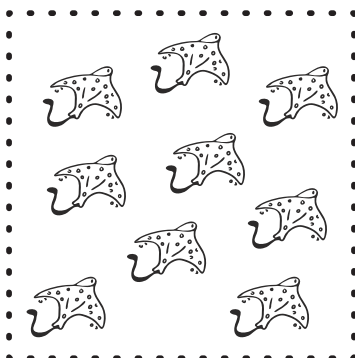
Help Raju count the fruits and write the number of fruits in the space provided. Put the appropriate symbol, <> in the box provided.

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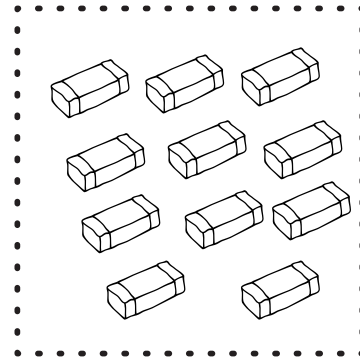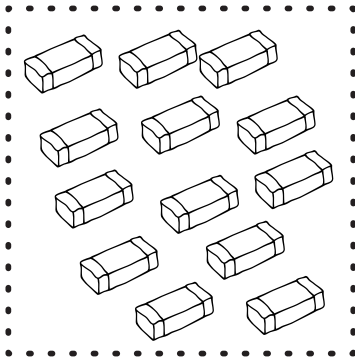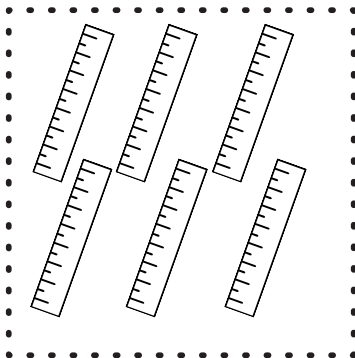

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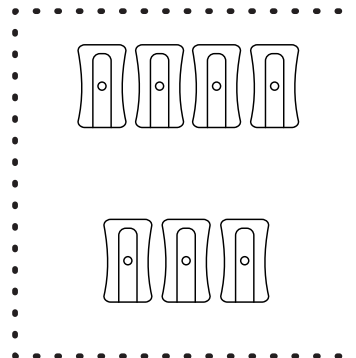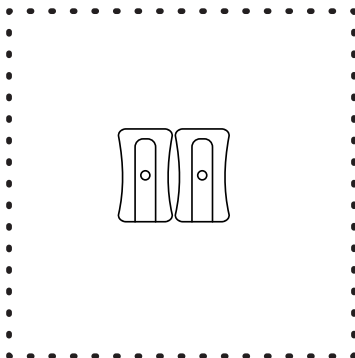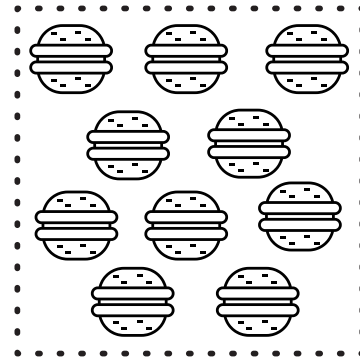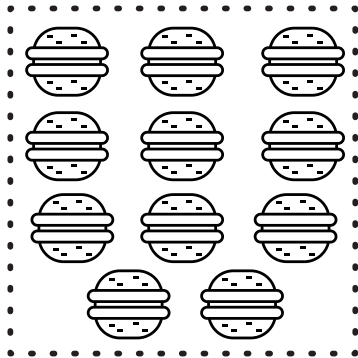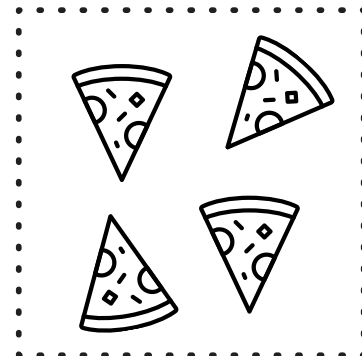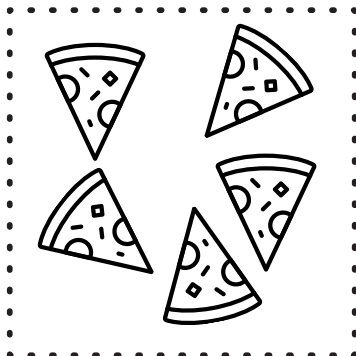_____   _____
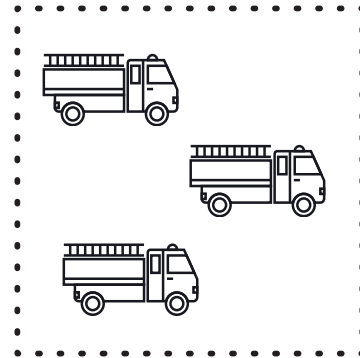
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5-6 years

Help Raju count the sea creatures and write the number of the sea creatures in the space provided. Put the appropriate symbol, <> in the box provided.

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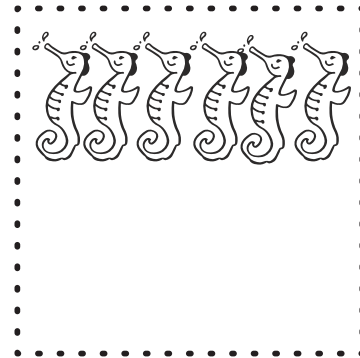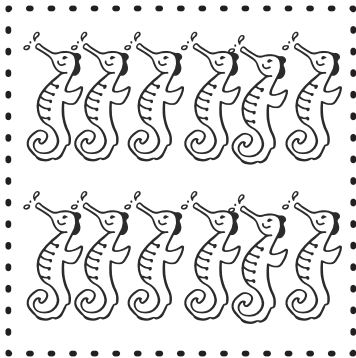
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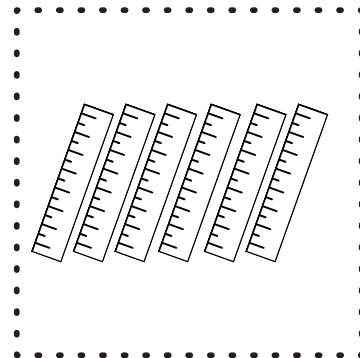
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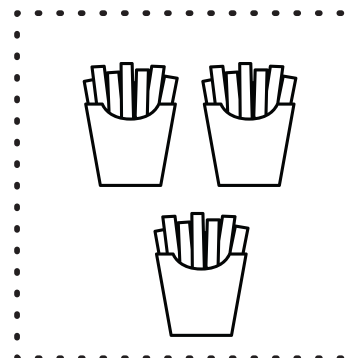
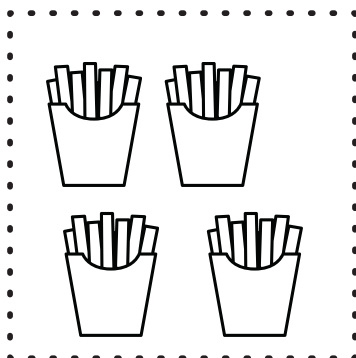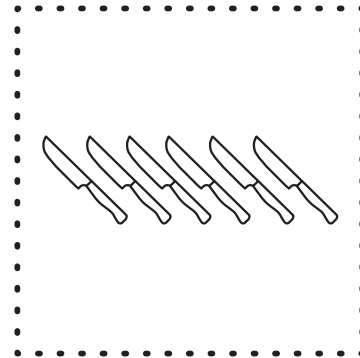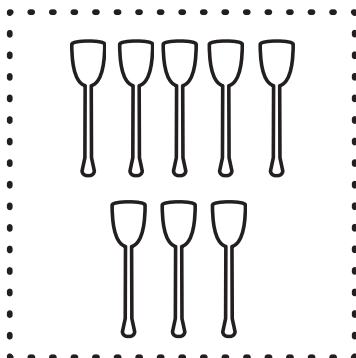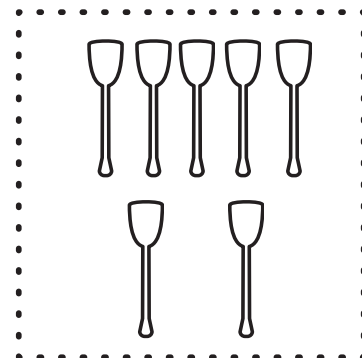# ⟪/⟫ Greater/ less than symbol- Practise Sheet

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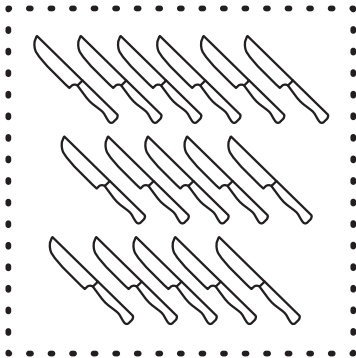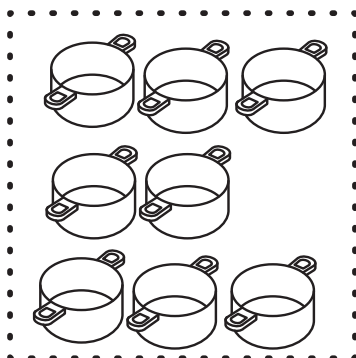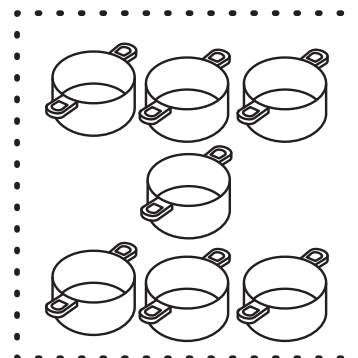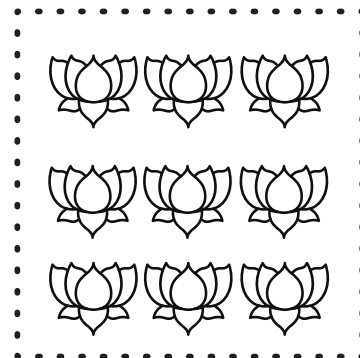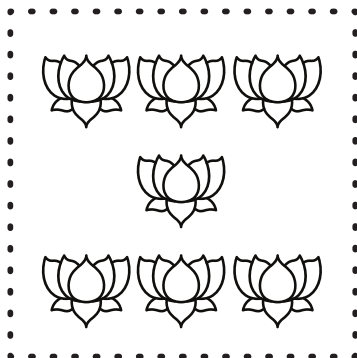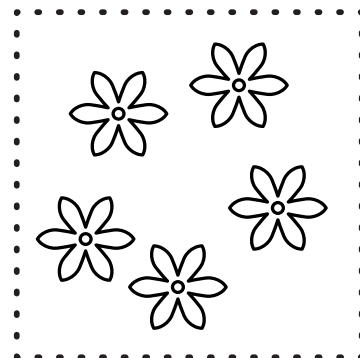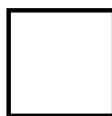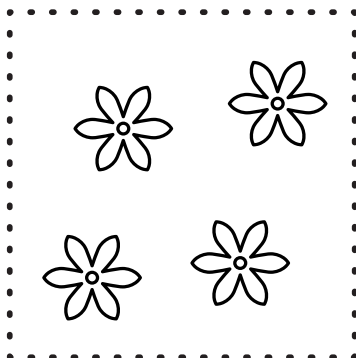
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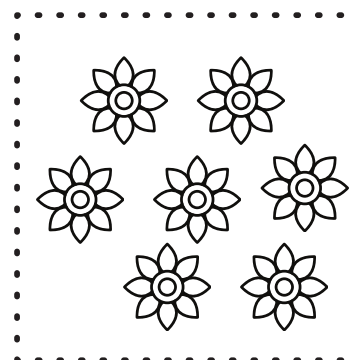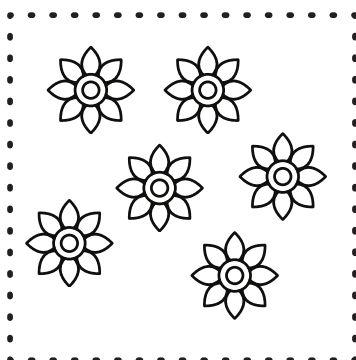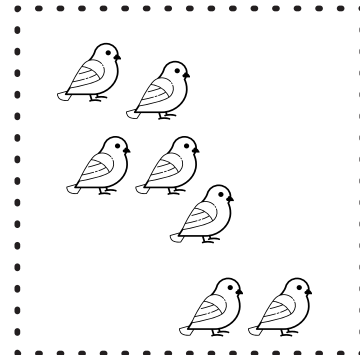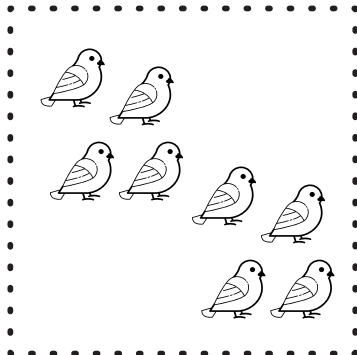# ⟪/⟫ Greater/ less than symbol- Practise Sheet
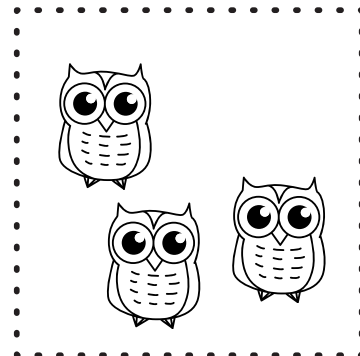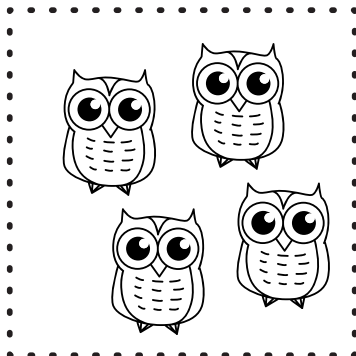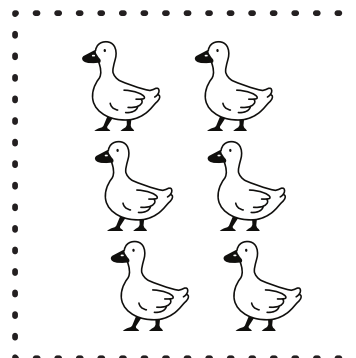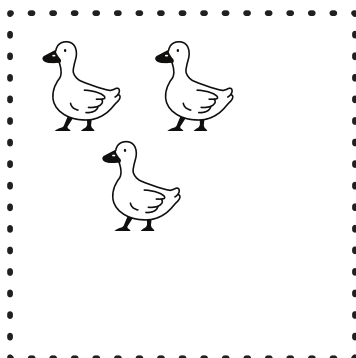
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5-6 years

Help Raju count the trees and write the number of trees in the space provided. Put the appropriate symbol, <> in the box provided.

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Help Raju count the shapes and write the number of shapes in the space provided. Put the appropriate symbol, <> in the box provided.
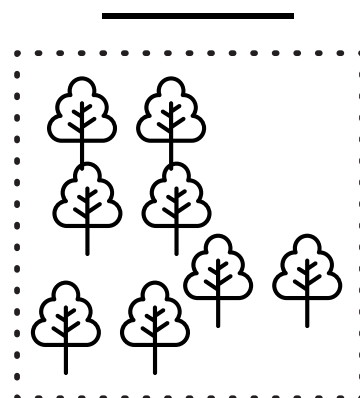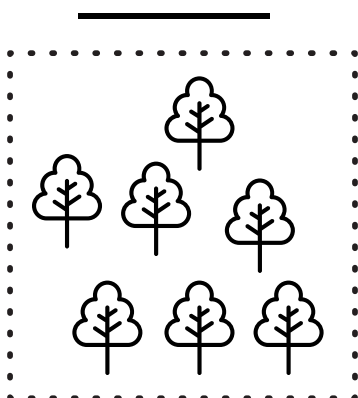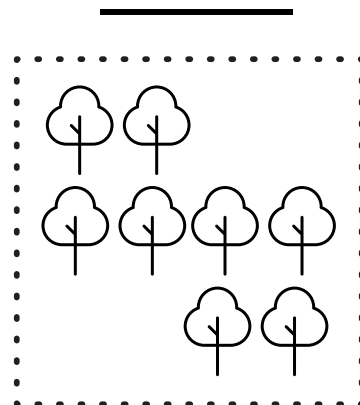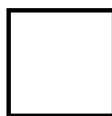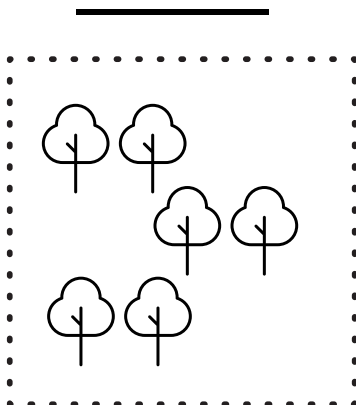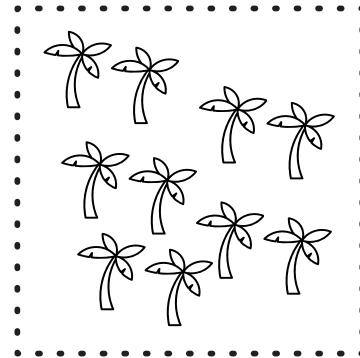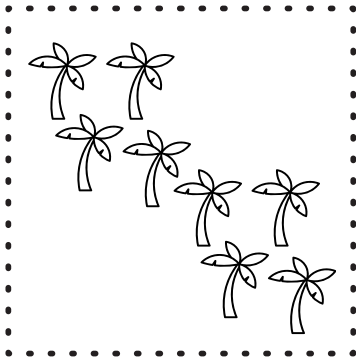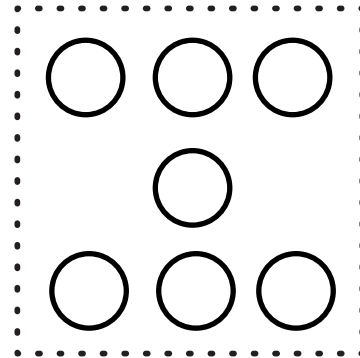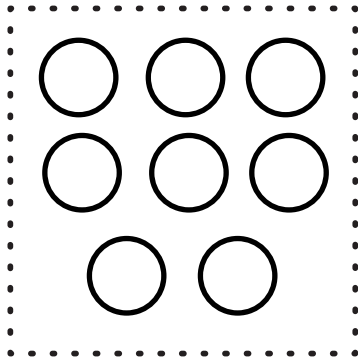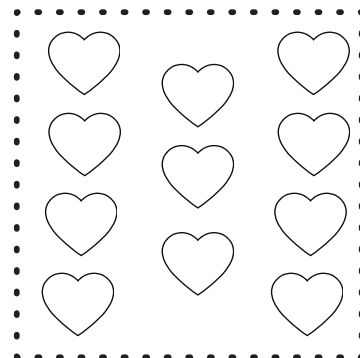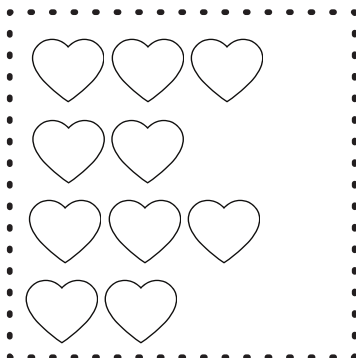
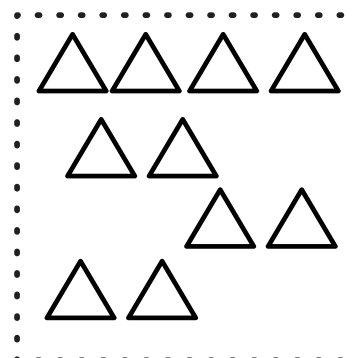_____   _____

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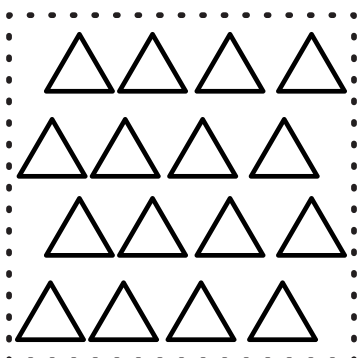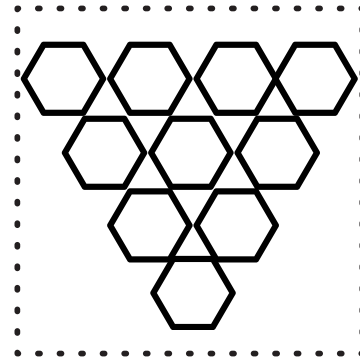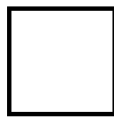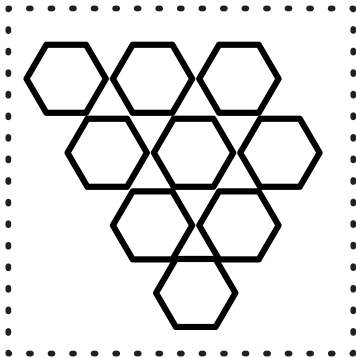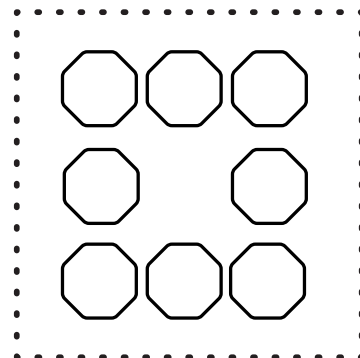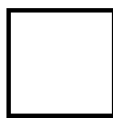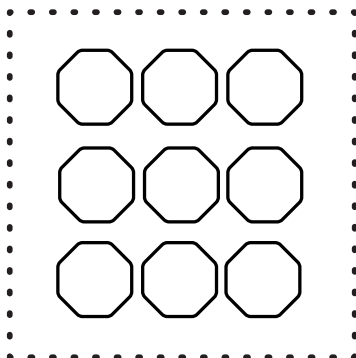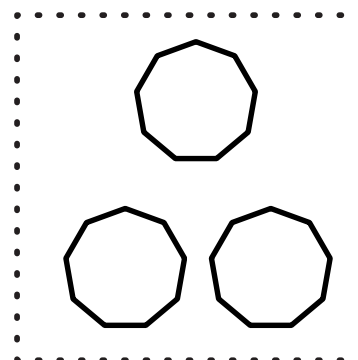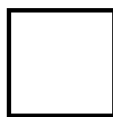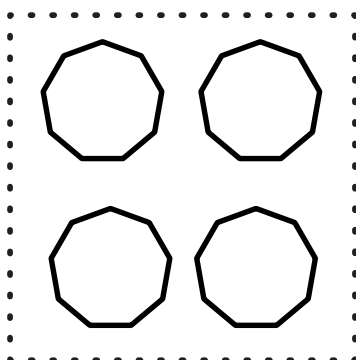# 〈/〉 Greater/ less than symbol- Practise Sheet

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