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1) Ask your child to say the 1st pattern (yellow circle, blue triangle...)
2) Ask your child to say the 2nd pattern (yellow circle, yellow circle, blue triangle...)
3) Ask - what is the same? (both have 1 blue triangle)
4) Ask - what is different? (1st pattern has 1 yellow circle but 2nd pattern has 2 yellow circles)
5) Ask your child to say the 3rd pattern (yellow circle, blue triangle, blue triangle...)
6) Ask - what is different in this pattern compared to the other patterns? (2 blue triangles instead of 2 yellow circles)
7) What other patterns could you make using these shapes?

## Which Patterns Fit?

Draw or print out these two frames:
Have three different types of loose objects: stones/buttons/counters/coloured squares cut from paper or card.


1) Start with an AB pattern (red square, yellow square, red square, yellow square...) and ask your child to place these objects around both frames - do they fit exactly to complete the AB pattern?
2) Try an ABC pattern (red square, yellow square, green square...) and ask your child to place these objects around both frames - do they fit exactly to complete the ABC pattern?
3) Try an ABB pattern (red square, yellow square, yellow square...) and ask your child to place these objects around both frames - do they fit exactly to complete the ABB pattern?
4) Try an AAB pattern (red square, red square, yellow square...) and ask your child to place these objects around both frames - do they fit exactly to complete the AAB pattern?
5) Repeat with $A A B B$ and $A A B B C$ then try your own pattern sequences.
