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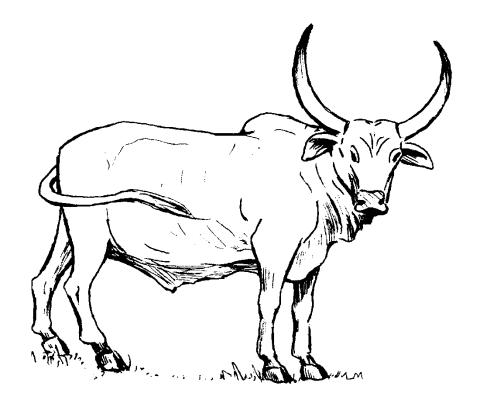
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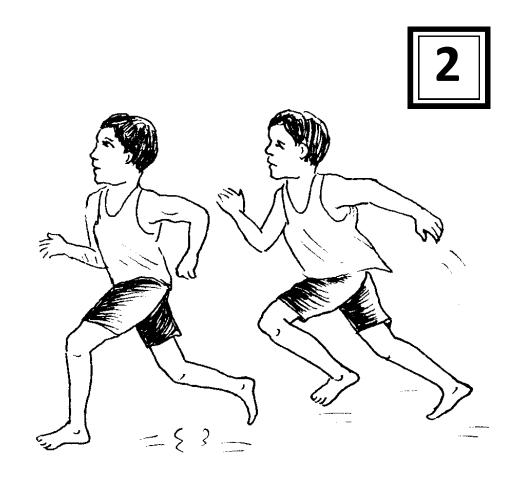
One day Fatima's mother sent her to the market. As Fatima was walking, she began to count the things that she saw along the way.





First Fatima saw **one** big, beautiful cow.

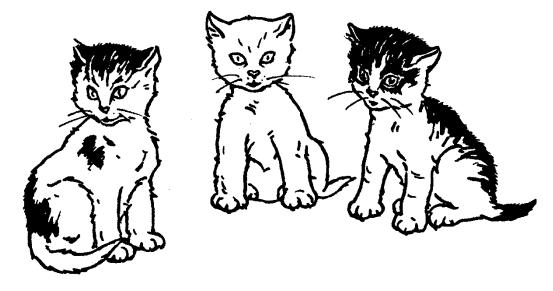
"Good morning, Mr. Cow," said Fatima. The cow said, "Moo."



Then Fatima saw two boys running by.

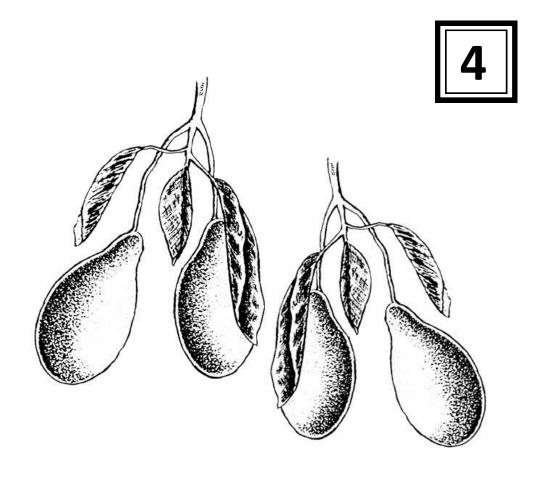
"Where are you going?" Fatima called, but they didn't hear her.





Next Fatima saw **three** little kittens by the side of the road.

"Where is your mother?" asked Fatima, but they just scampered away.



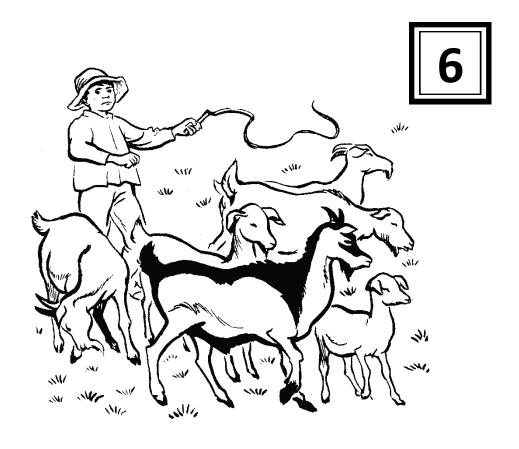
Fatima saw **four** ripe mangoes hanging low on a branch.

Fatima declared, "Mmm, now I am feeling hungry."



Later, Fatima passed **five** women pounding millet.

"Look how strong they are!" Fatima exclaimed.



Fatima laughed when she saw a boy trying to herd **six** goats.

"He does not have an easy job," said Fatima.



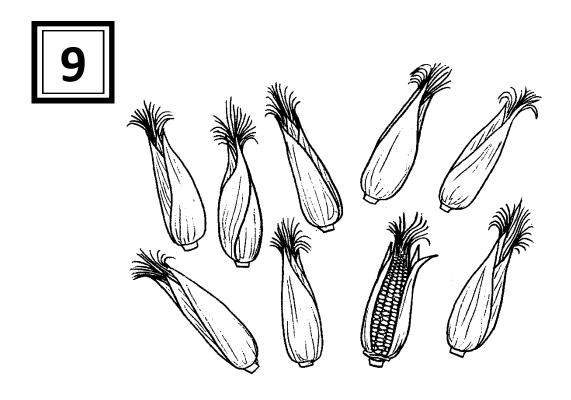
Next Fatima noticed **seven** birds playing by a bush.

"I wish I could fly like you!" said Fatima with a sigh.



Fatima passed **eight** people talking under a tree.

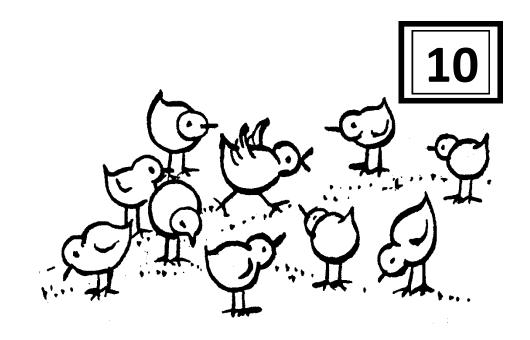
"I wonder what they are talking about," Fatima thought to herself.



Then Fatima came by a woman grilling maize.

Fatima counted nine ears for sale.

"That smells delicious," declared Fatima.



Finally, Fatima saw **ten** baby chicks pecking for food on the ground.

Fatima counted them out, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten!"



On her way to market, Fatima counted many things from **one** to **ten**.

And so did you!

Check Your Understanding!

- 1. Where was Fatima going?
- 2. What did Fatima see first?
- 3. How many mangoes did Fatima count?
- 4. What did Fatima count seven of?
- 5. What was the last thing Fatima counted on her walk?

