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# Explorations



**Family Note** Time is set aside regularly in *First Grade Everyday Mathematics* for Exploration activities that involve children in data collecting, problem solving, familiarization with math manipulatives, and games in independent and small-group settings. Children will have the opportunity to participate in several activities during each Exploration session. Please ask your child about our class's mathematics Explorations.

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1. Tell someone at home about your favorite mathematics Exploration. Draw something you did in your Explorations today.

## Practice

Write each number.

2.  $||||$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $###||$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $######|$  \_\_\_\_\_

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# Thermometers



**Family Note** Objects that show temperatures might be kitchen items (such as a meat thermometer) or health care items (such as a heating pad). These items do not need to show degrees Fahrenheit—they may have their own temperature gauges showing levels of heat or cold.

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1. Look for thermometers in your home.

I found \_\_\_\_\_ thermometers in my home.

2. Do a temperature hunt. Ask someone at home to help you find other things that show temperatures.

a. Draw some of the things you find.

b. Write the name for each of your drawings.  
Have someone at home help you.

## Practice

Write how many dots.

3.  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  \_\_\_\_\_

# Number Stories



**Family Note** “Number story” is another name for what is traditionally called a “story problem” or a “word problem.” *Everyday Mathematics* uses the term “number story” to emphasize the fact that the story must involve numbers.

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1. Find or draw a picture of a group of things, such as animals, people, flowers, or toys.  
Have someone at home help you.
2. Tell a number story about your picture to someone at home.
3. Then glue or tape your picture to this page.

## Practice

Write the number that comes before each number.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 7

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 16

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 2

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 5

9. \_\_\_\_\_ 11