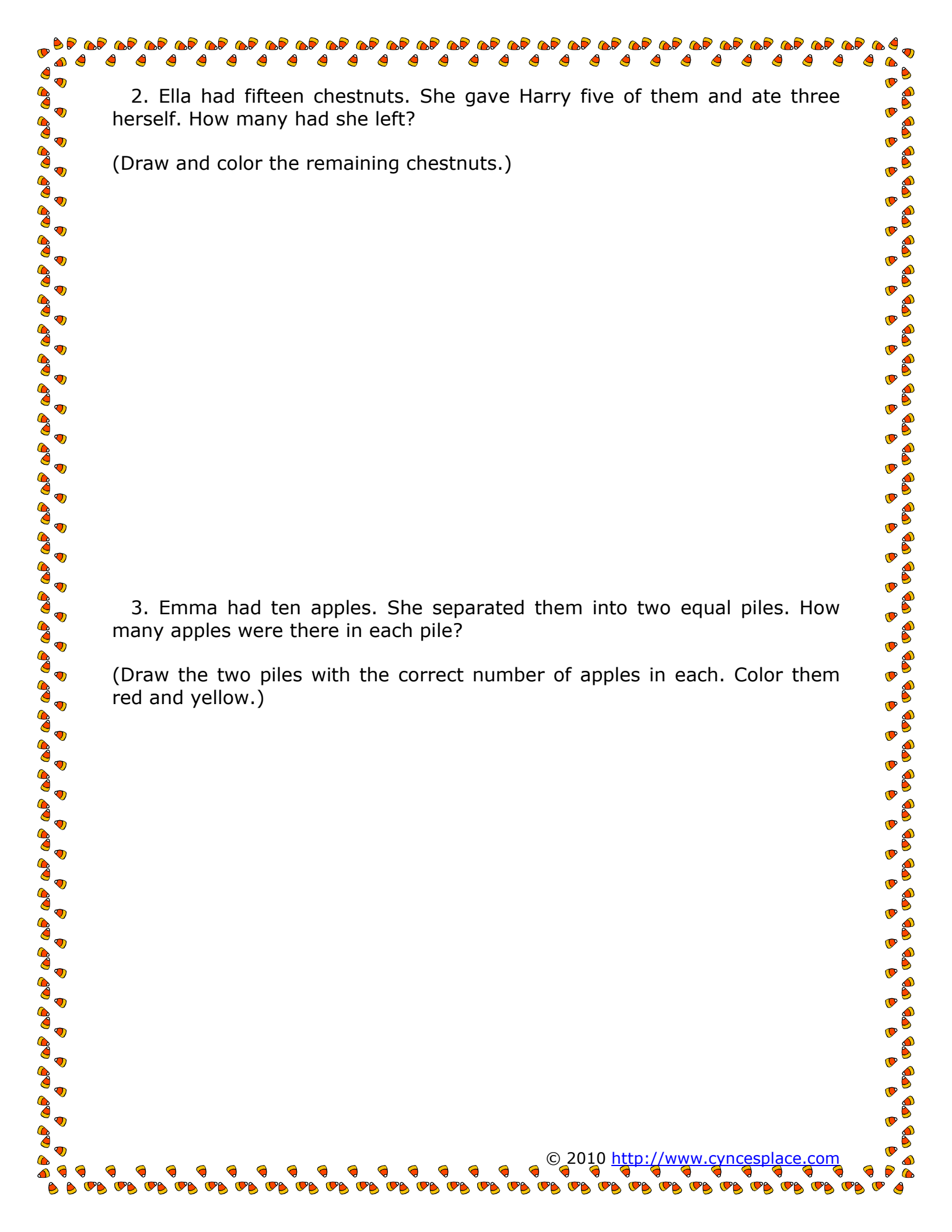Name _____Date _____

October Word Problems

Directions: Work out the word problems and make the drawings beneath.

   1. Alice had a little oak branch with fourteen beautiful glossy, red leaves upon it. As she was on her way to school, five of the red leaves fell off. How many were left on the branch when Alice gave it to her teacher?

(Draw a picture of the branch with the number of leaves remaining upon it.)
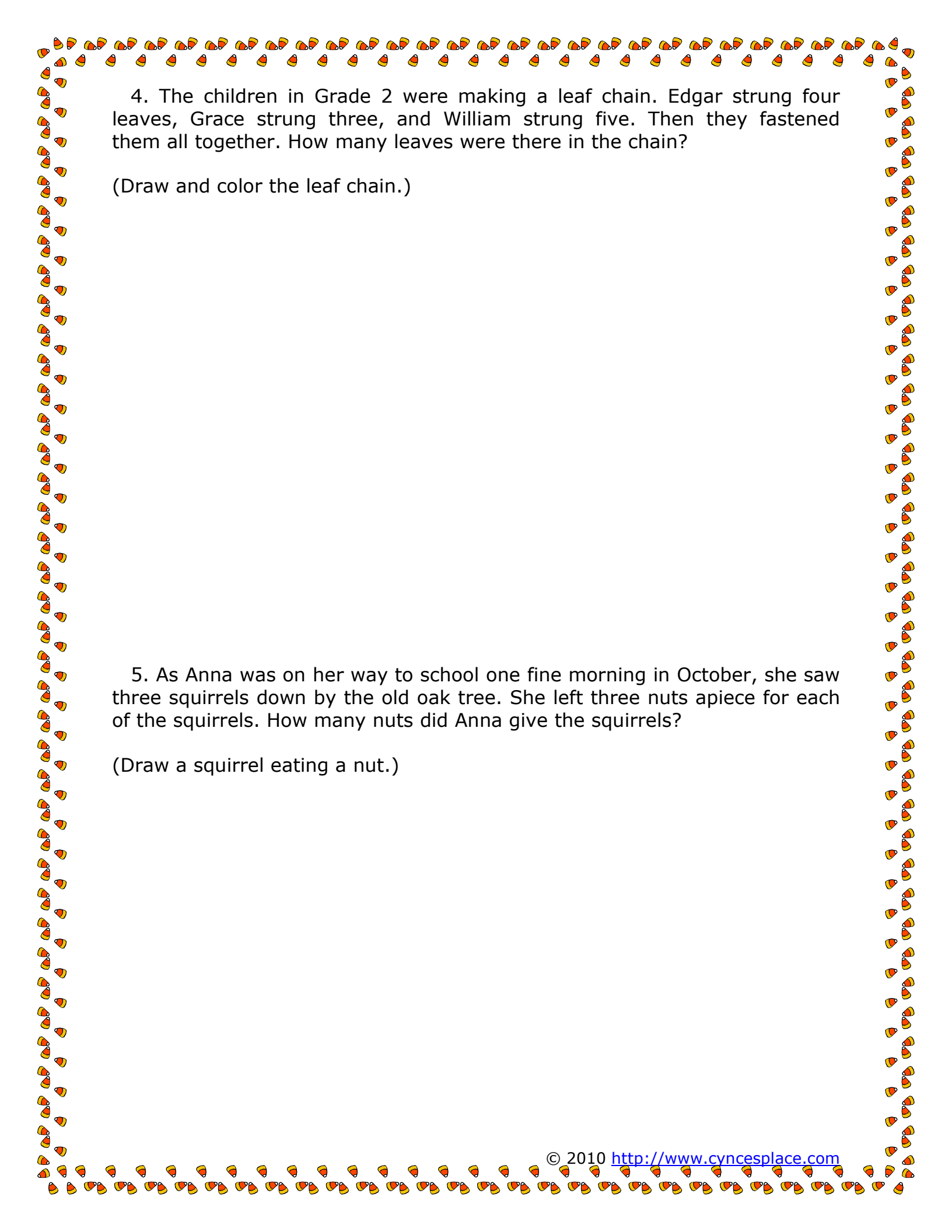
2. Ella had fifteen chestnuts. She gave Harry five of them and ate three herself. How many had she left?

(Draw and color the remaining chestnuts.)

3. Emma had ten apples. She separated them into two equal piles. How many apples were there in each pile?

(Draw the two piles with the correct number of apples in each. Color them red and yellow.)

4. The children in Grade 2 were making a leaf chain. Edgar strung four leaves, Grace strung three, and William strung five. Then they fastened them all together. How many leaves were there in the chain?

(Draw and color the leaf chain.)

5. As Anna was on her way to school one fine morning in October, she saw three squirrels down by the old oak tree. She left three nuts apiece for each of the squirrels. How many nuts did Anna give the squirrels?

(Draw a squirrel eating a nut.)

6. Fred's father sent him to the barn for a dozen ears of corn. How many ears of corn would Fred bring for a dozen?
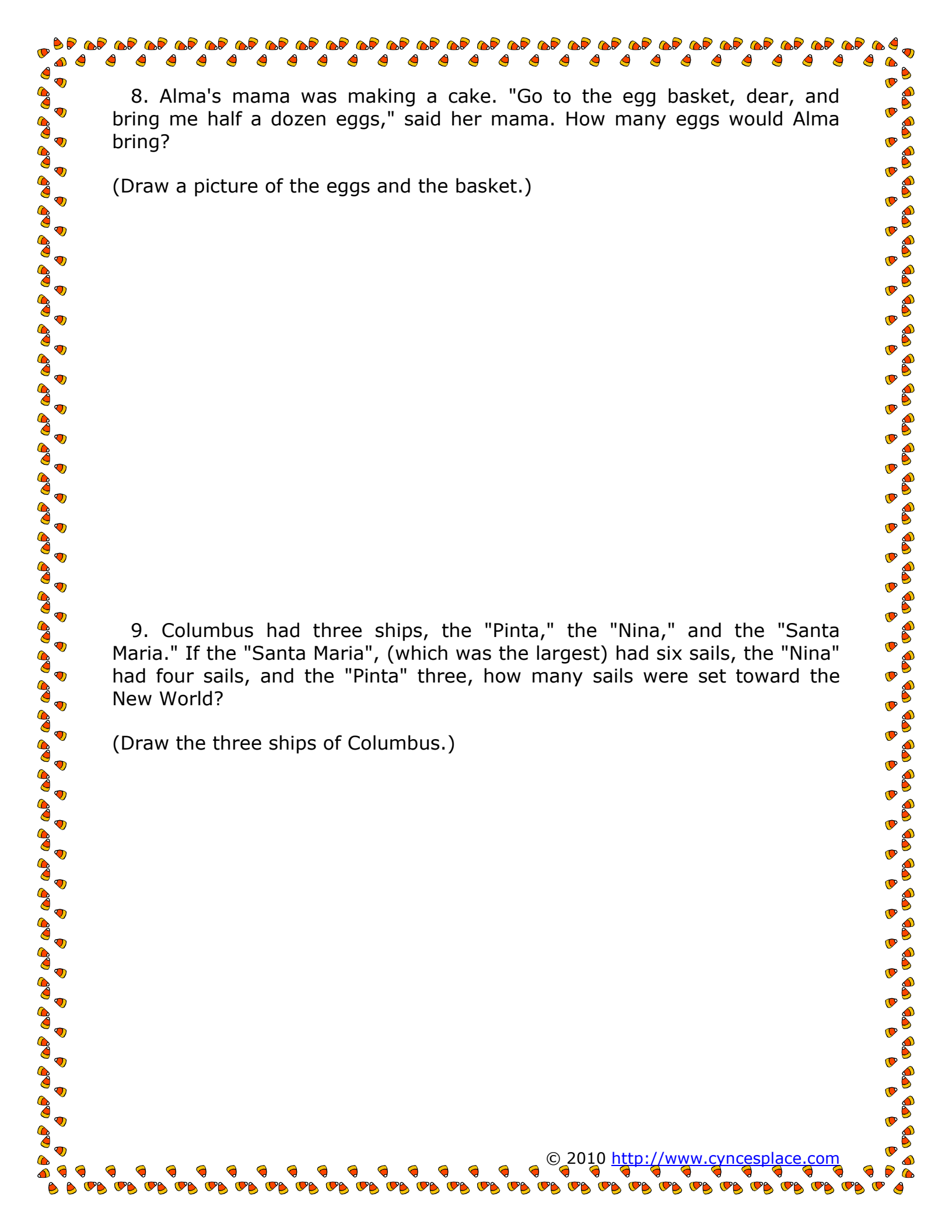
(Draw a dozen ears of corn.)

7. How many ears have two squirrels?

How many legs have two squirrels?

How many tails have two squirrels?

How many eyes have two squirrels?
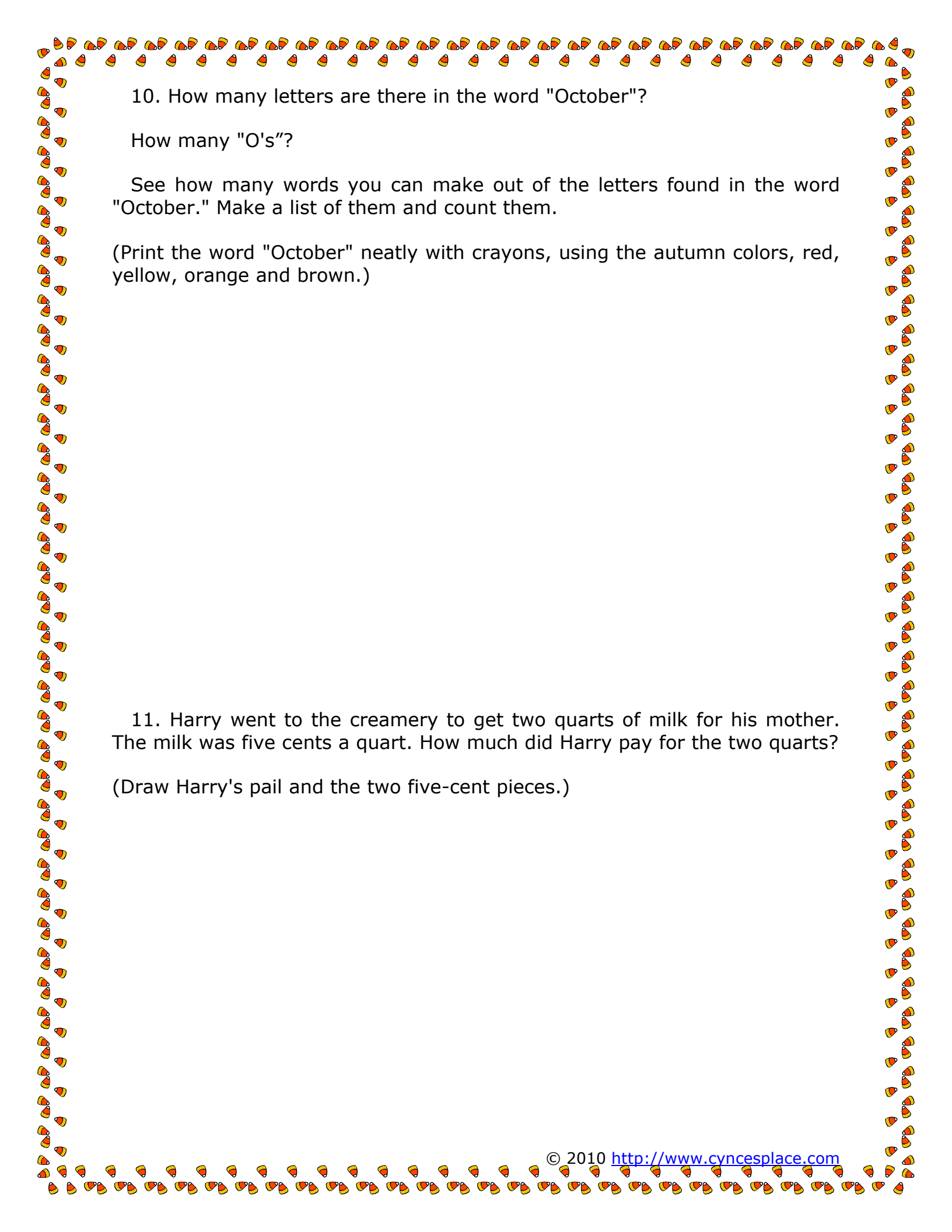
(Draw two squirrels.)

8. Alma's mama was making a cake. "Go to the egg basket, dear, and bring me half a dozen eggs," said her mama. How many eggs would Alma bring?

(Draw a picture of the eggs and the basket.)

9. Columbus had three ships, the "Pinta," the "Nina," and the "Santa Maria." If the "Santa Maria", (which was the largest) had six sails, the "Nina" had four sails, and the "Pinta" three, how many sails were set toward the New World?

(Draw the three ships of Columbus.)

10. How many letters are there in the word "October"?

How many "O's"?

See how many words you can make out of the letters found in the word "October." Make a list of them and count them.

(Print the word "October" neatly with crayons, using the autumn colors, red, yellow, orange and brown.)

11. Harry went to the creamery to get two quarts of milk for his mother. The milk was five cents a quart. How much did Harry pay for the two quarts?

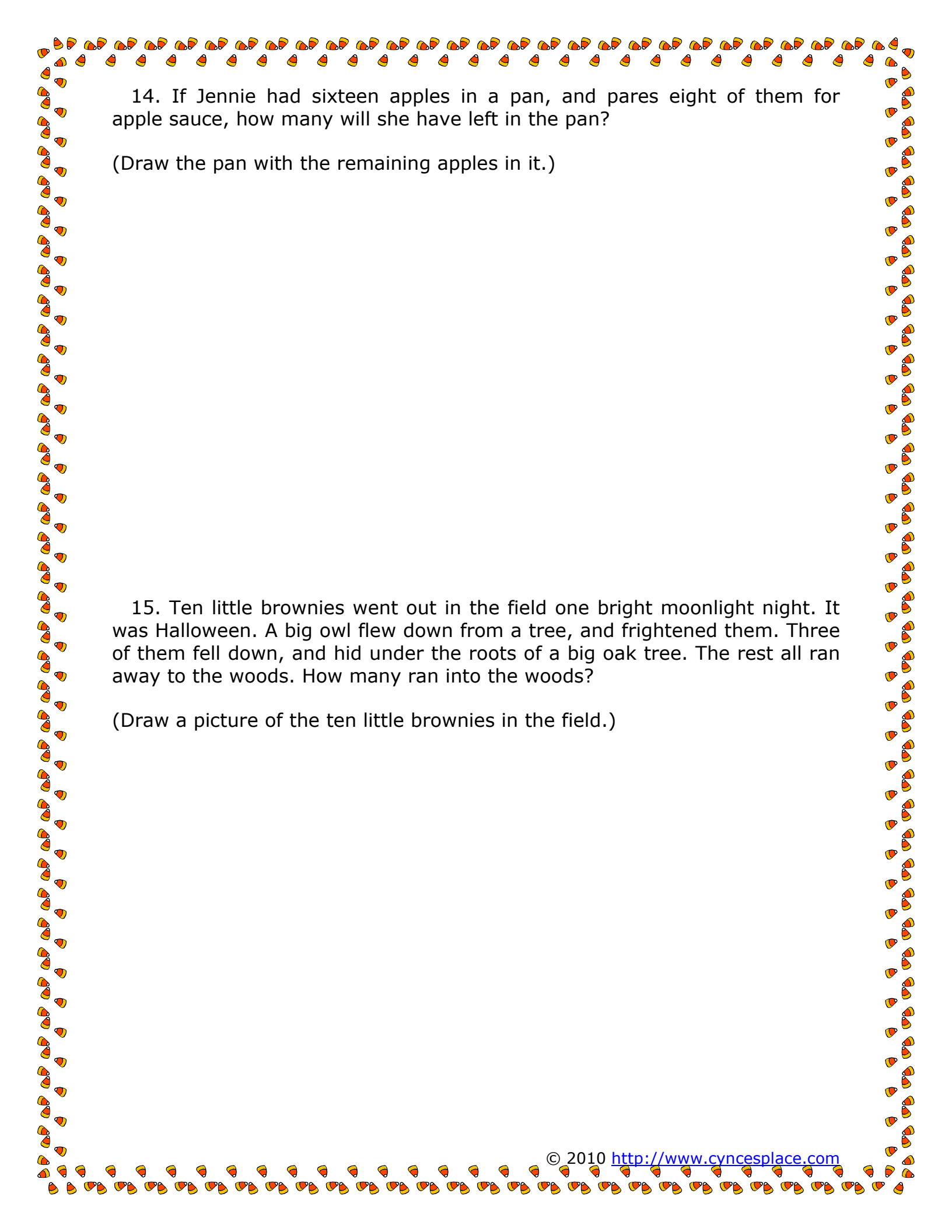(Draw Harry's pail and the two five-cent pieces.)

12. Clara brought three milk-weed pods to school. Ida brought four, and her brother Arthur brought five. How many pods were there in all?

(Draw a milk-weed pod. Color it brown and green with crayons. Make little brown crayon marks for seeds, and with a sharply pointed lead pencil draw lightly the fluffy air-like "wings.")

13. Alfred had a bunch of grapes. There were fifteen beautiful purple grapes on the stem. Alfred ate all of them but three. How many of the grapes did Alfred eat?

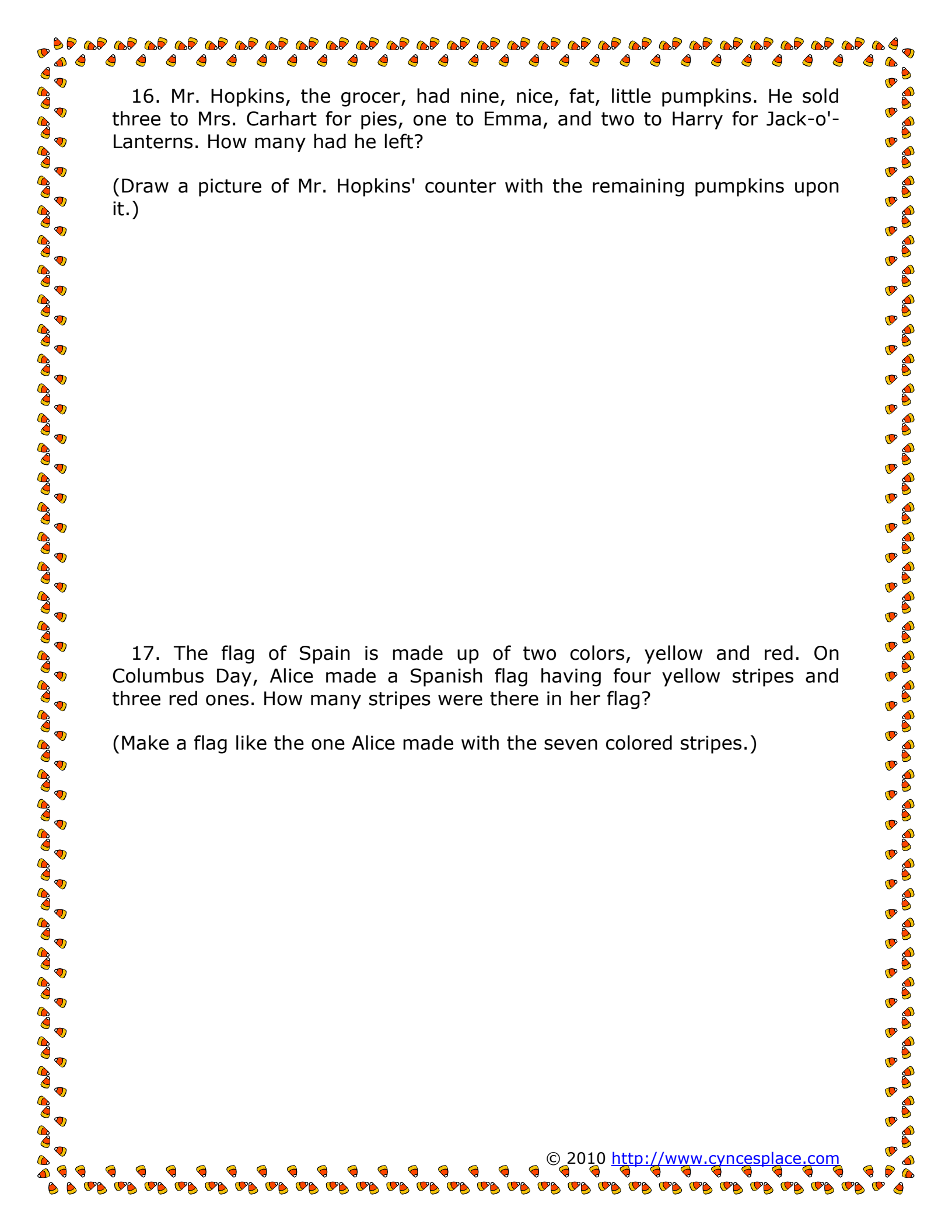(Draw a bunch of grapes and color it.)

14. If Jennie had sixteen apples in a pan, and pares eight of them for apple sauce, how many will she have left in the pan?

(Draw the pan with the remaining apples in it.)

15. Ten little brownies went out in the field one bright moonlight night. It was Halloween. A big owl flew down from a tree, and frightened them. Three of them fell down, and hid under the roots of a big oak tree. The rest all ran away to the woods. How many ran into the woods?

(Draw a picture of the ten little brownies in the field.)

16. Mr. Hopkins, the grocer, had nine, nice, fat, little pumpkins. He sold three to Mrs. Carhart for pies, one to Emma, and two to Harry for Jack-o'-Lanterns. How many had he left?

(Draw a picture of Mr. Hopkins' counter with the remaining pumpkins upon it.)

17. The flag of Spain is made up of two colors, yellow and red. On Columbus Day, Alice made a Spanish flag having four yellow stripes and three red ones. How many stripes were there in her flag?

(Make a flag like the one Alice made with the seven colored stripes.)

October Word Problems
Answers

1. 14-5=**9** left
2. 15-8=**7** left
3. 10/2=**5** in each pile
4. 4+3+5=**12** leaves
5. 3x3=**9** nuts
6. **12**
7. 2x2=**4** ears
   4x2=**8** legs (I would also accept 2x2=**4** legs)
   1x2=**2** tails
   2x2=**4** eyes
8. **6**
9. 6+4+3=**13** sails
10. October has **8** letters
    2 "o's"
    Some words are, but answers will vary
       to, be, rot, cob, robe, root, boot, toe, cot, core, bore, rote…
11. 2x5=**10** cents
12. 3+4+5=**12** pods
13. 15-3=**12** grapes
14. 16-8=**8** left in the pan
15. 10-3=**7** ran into the woods
16. 9-6=**3** left
17. 4+3=**7** stripes