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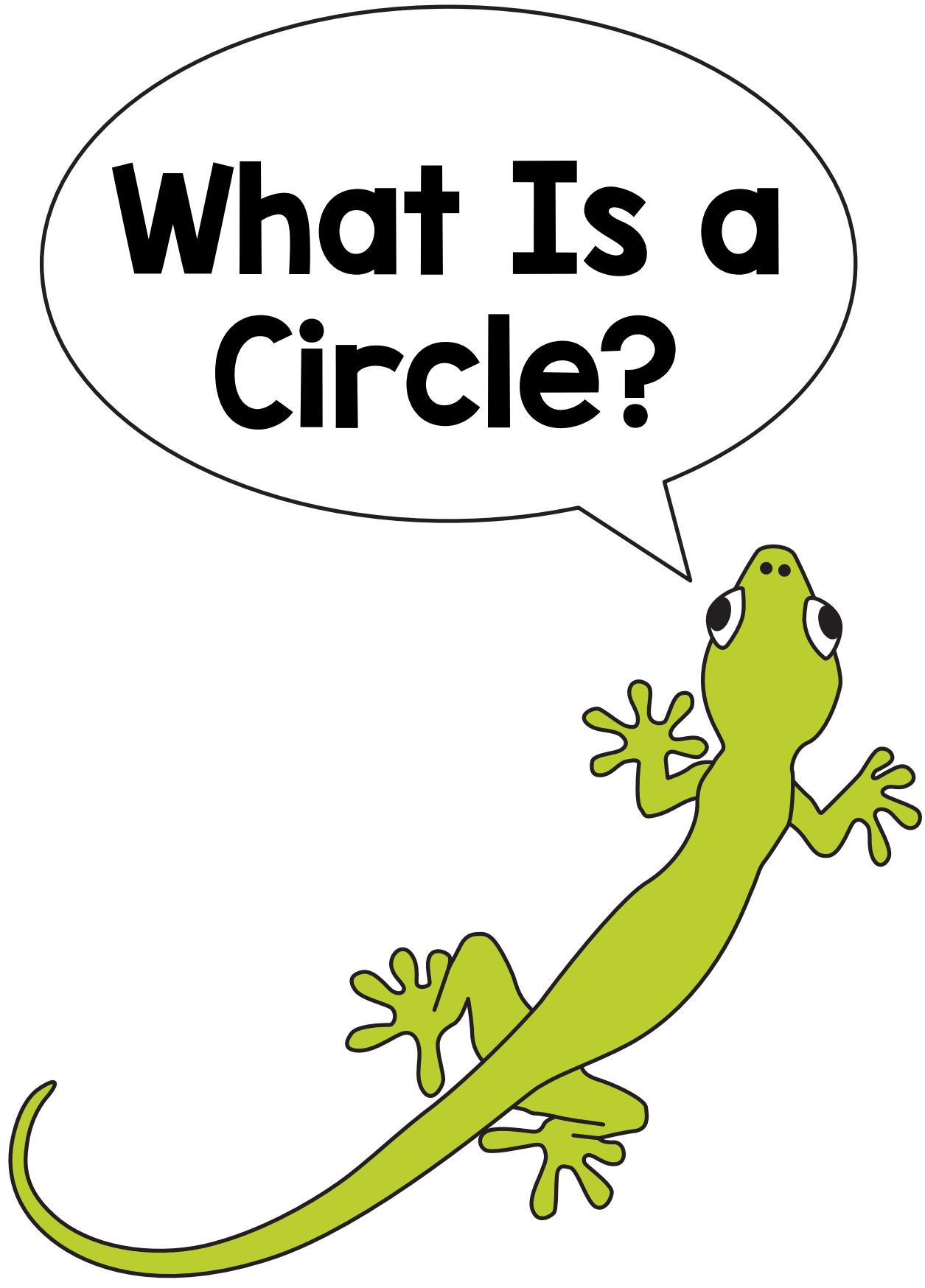

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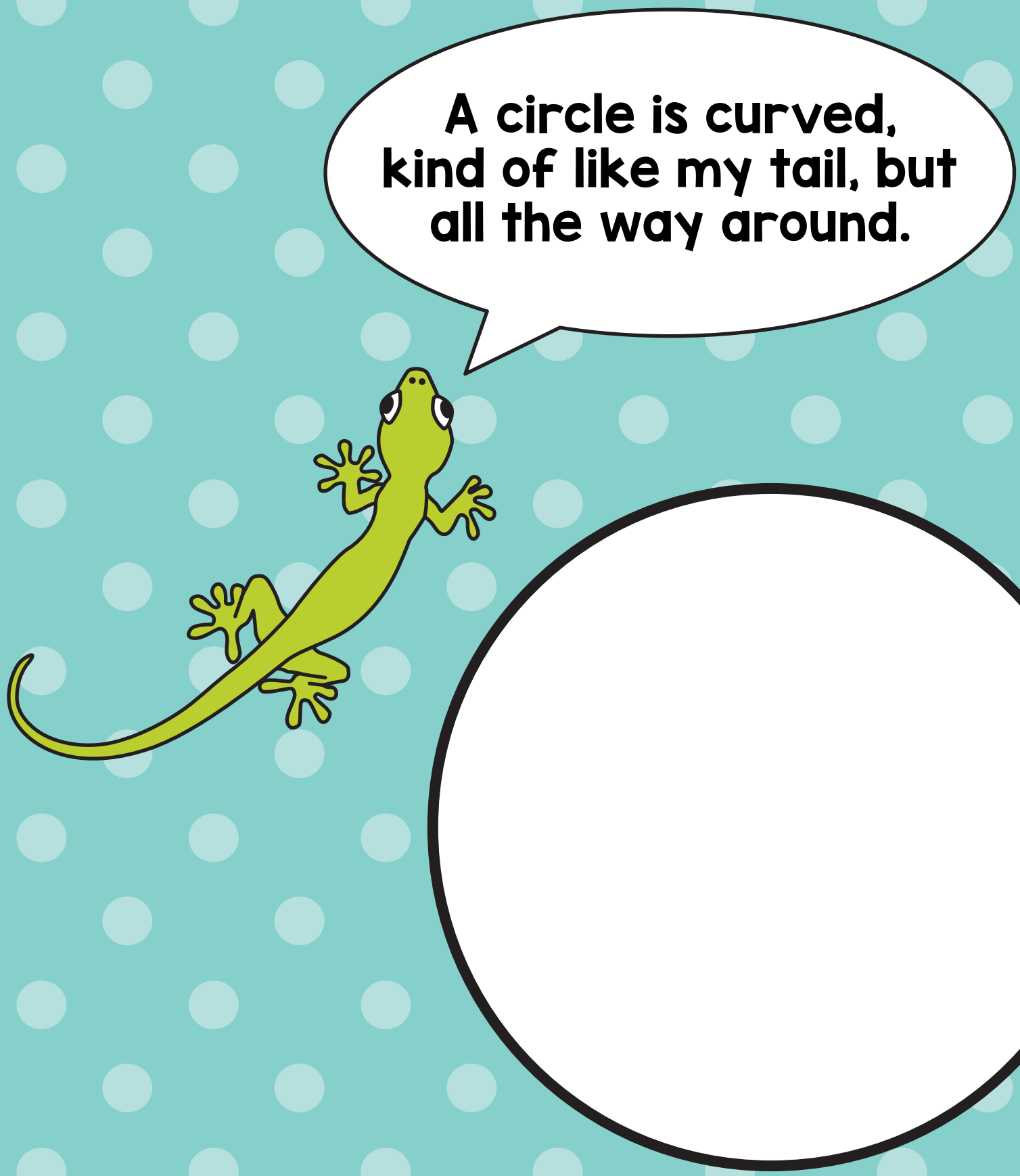
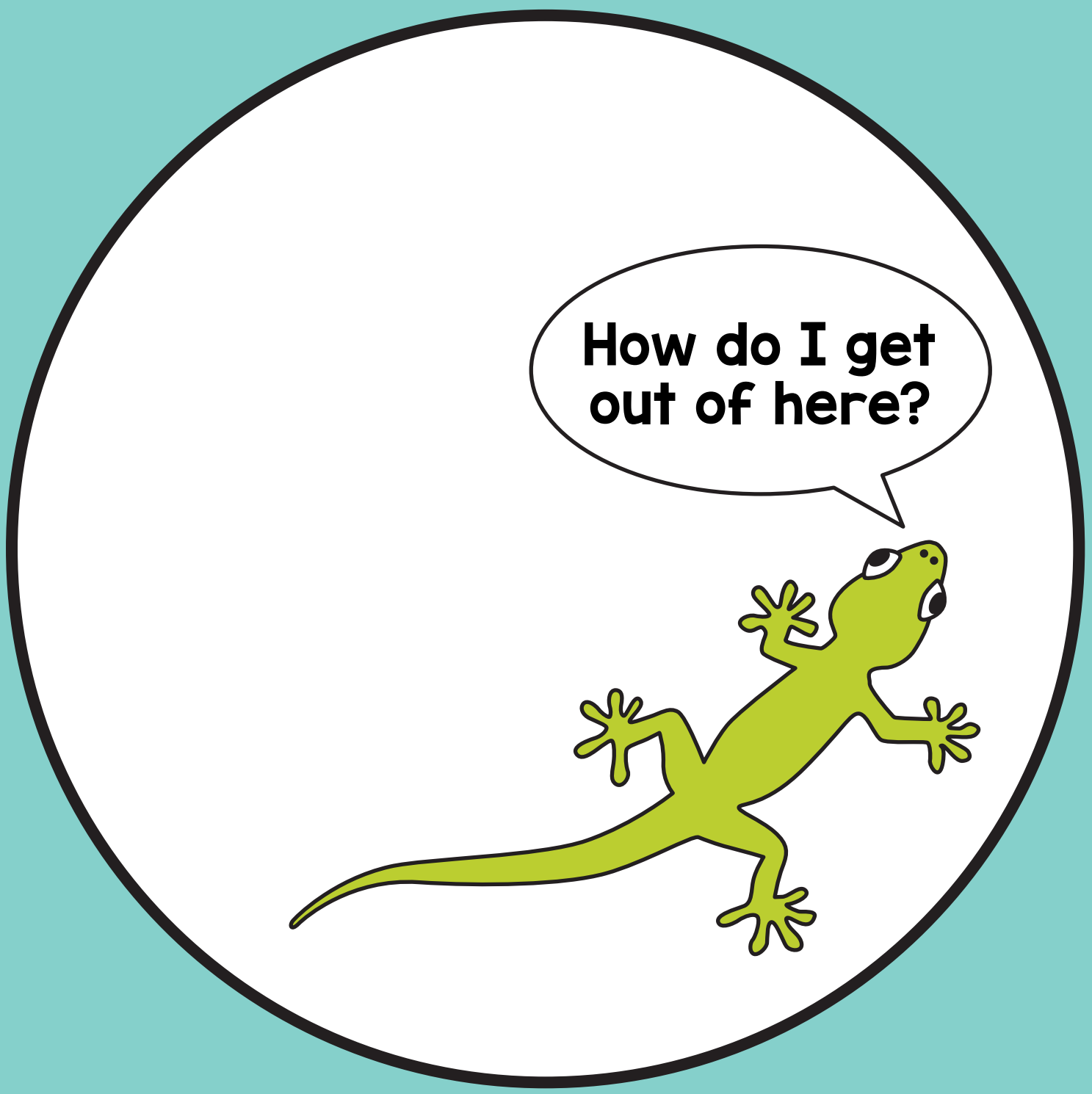
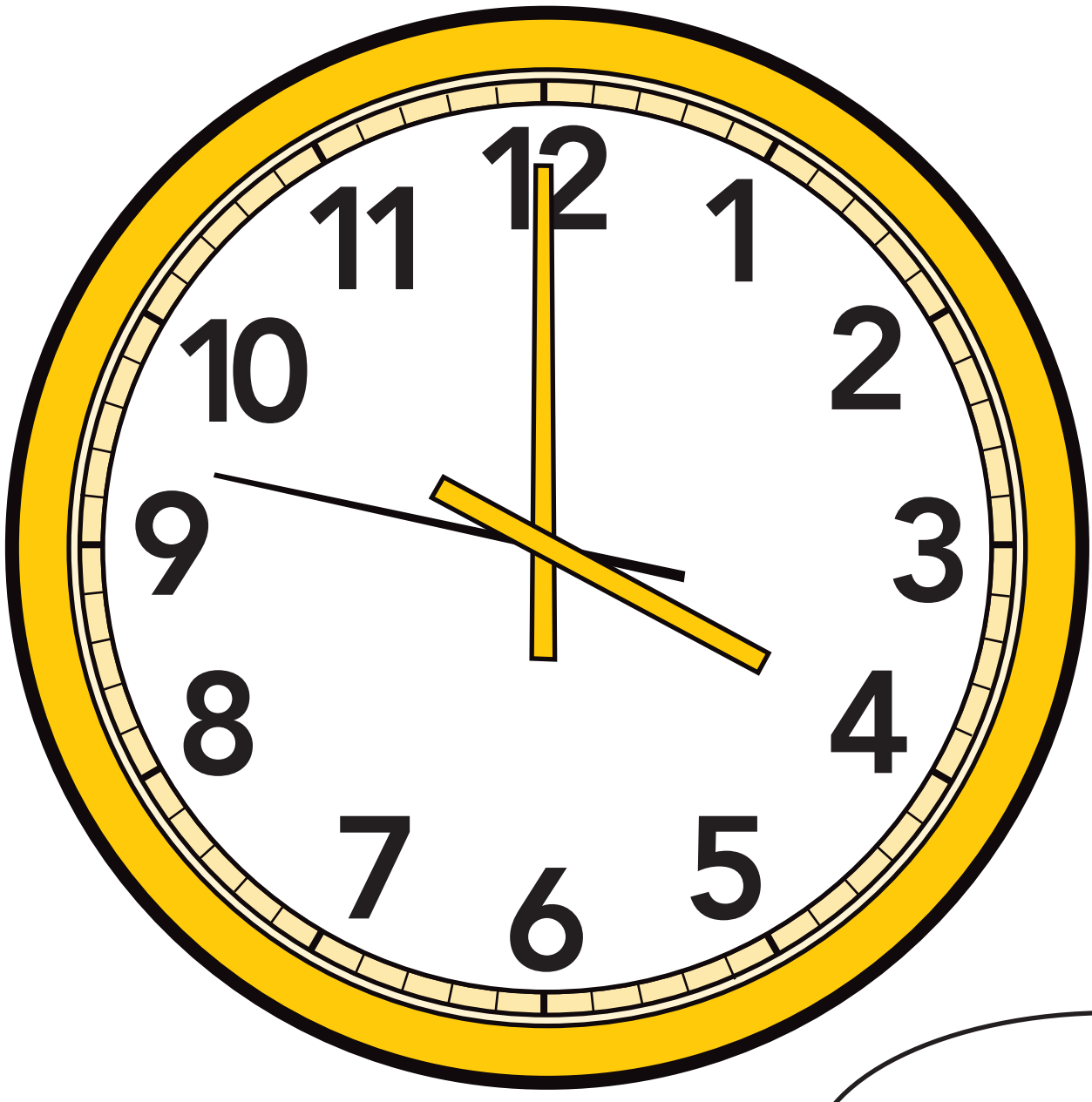
A circle is a perfectly round flat shape.



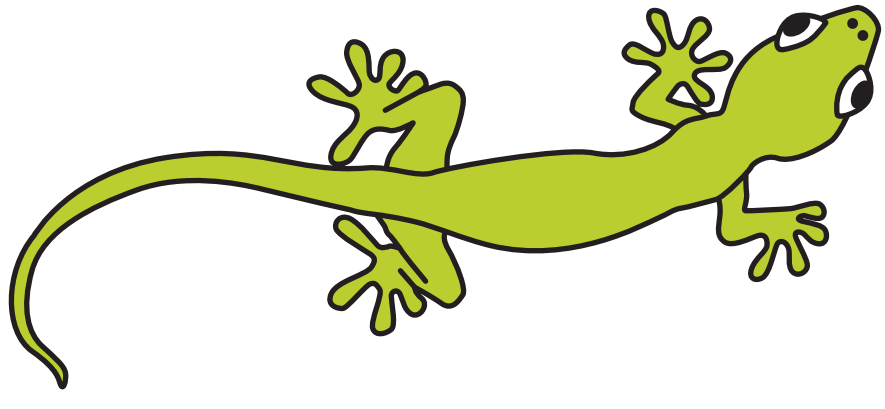
A circle has
0 straight sides
and 0 corners.



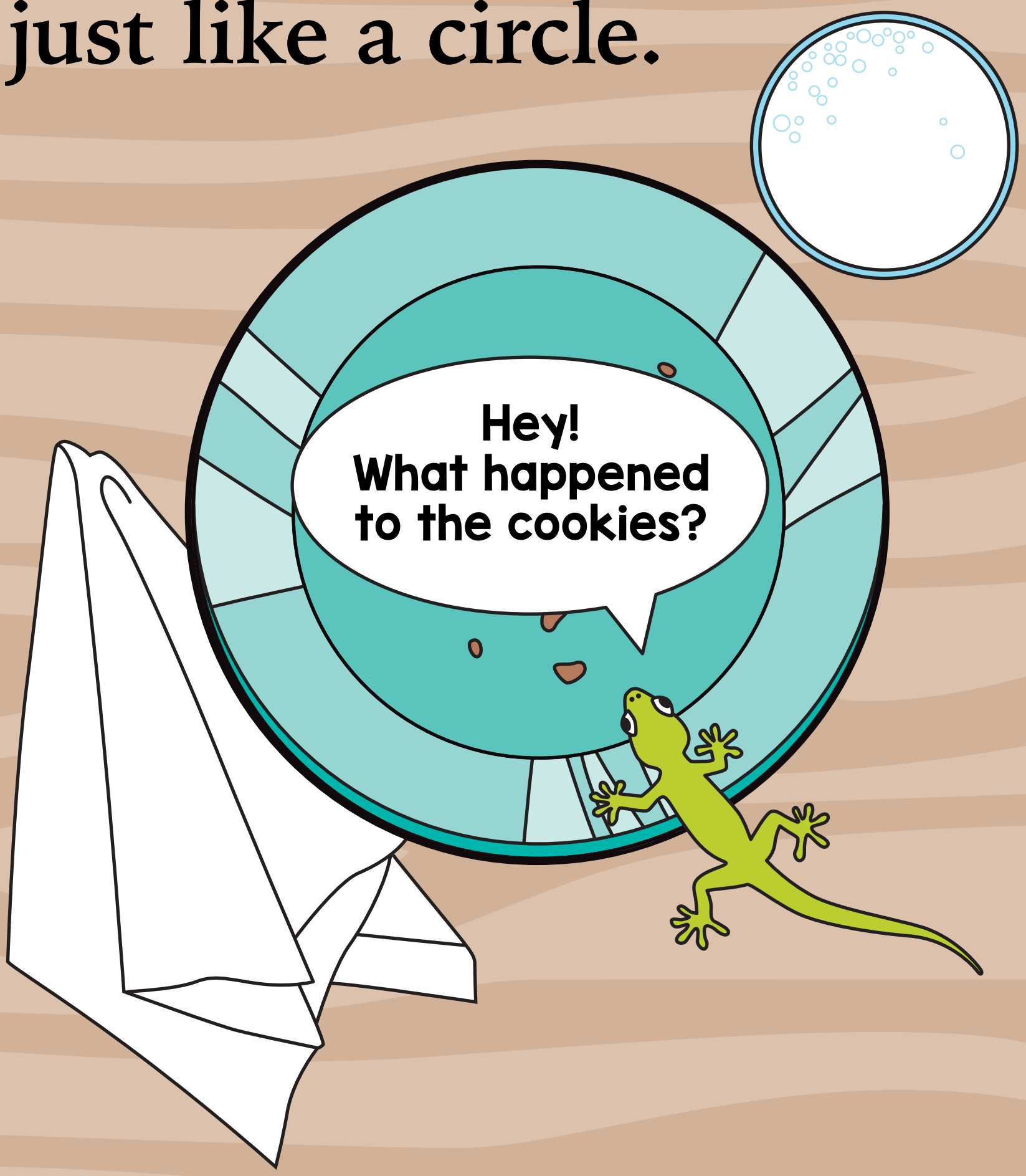
This clock is perfectly round, just like a circle.



It's 4 o'clock... time for tea!



This empty plate
is perfectly round,
just like a circle.



One of these cookies
is perfectly round,
just like a circle.

The other cookie is not.

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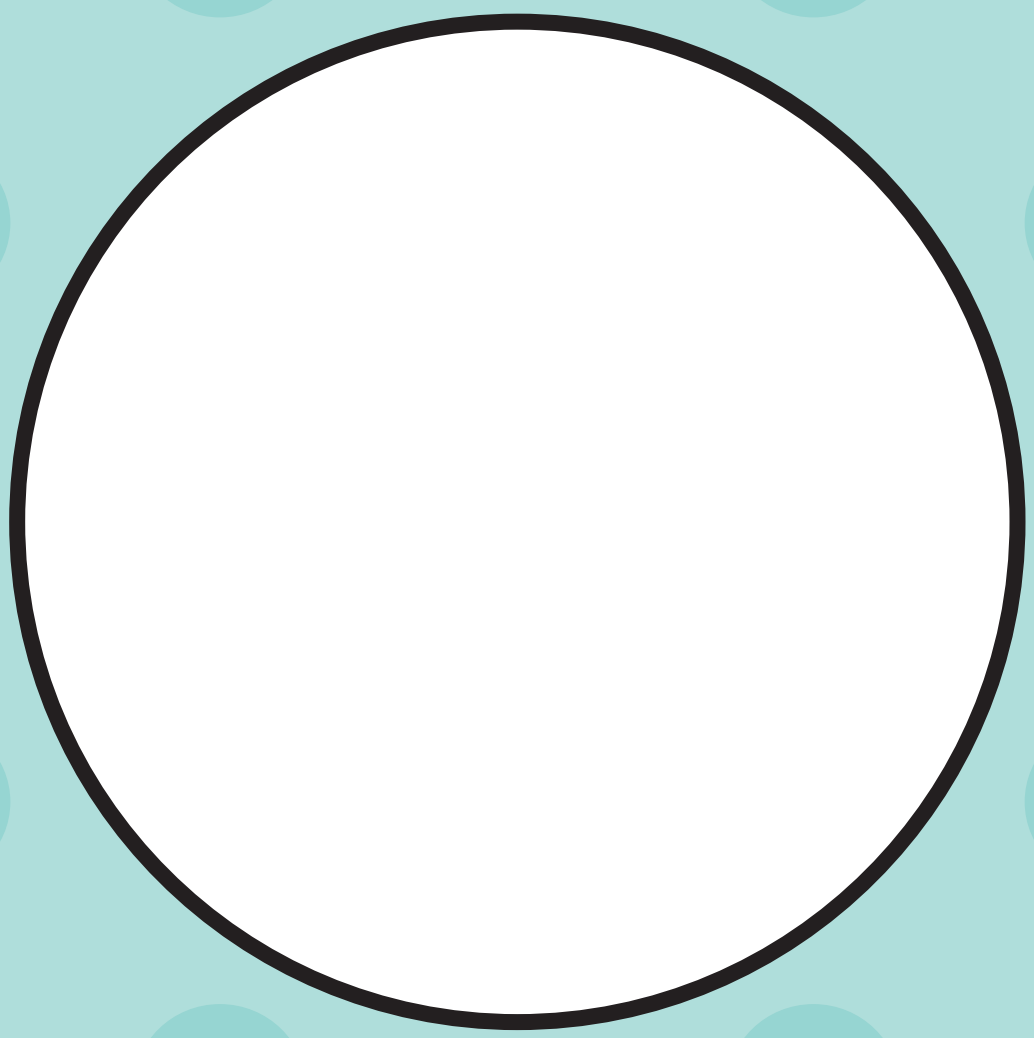
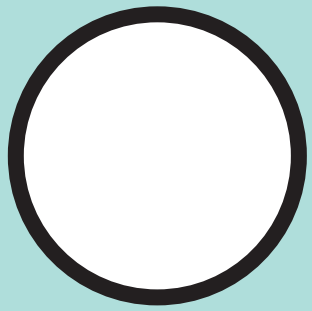
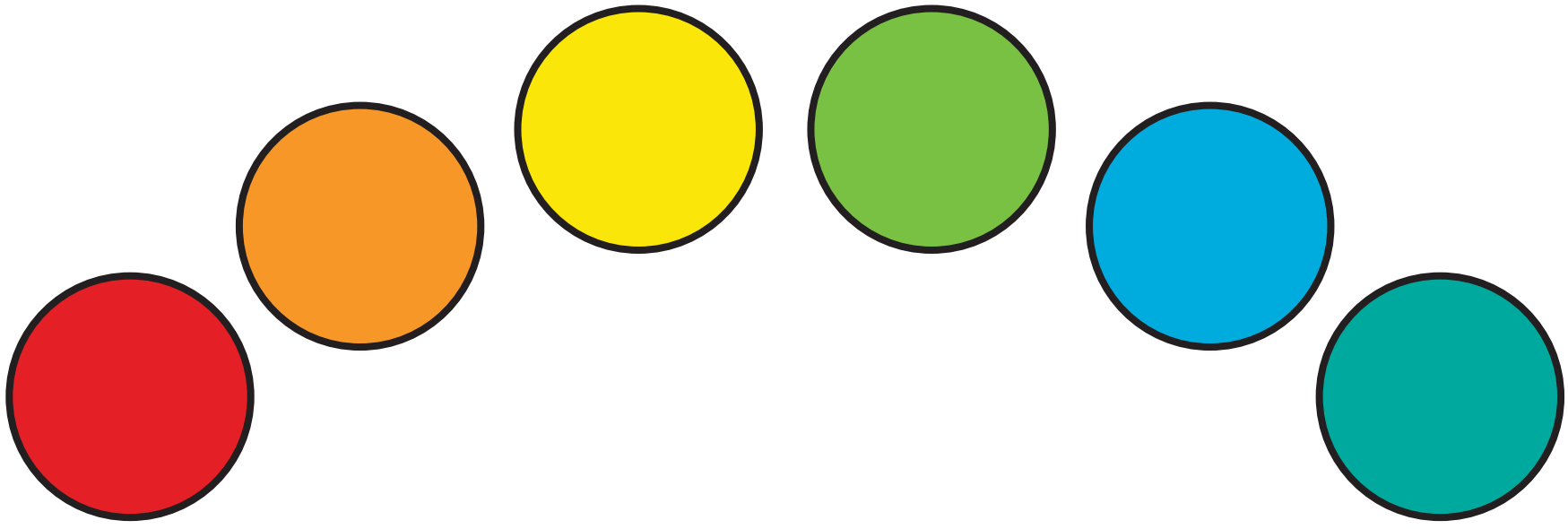


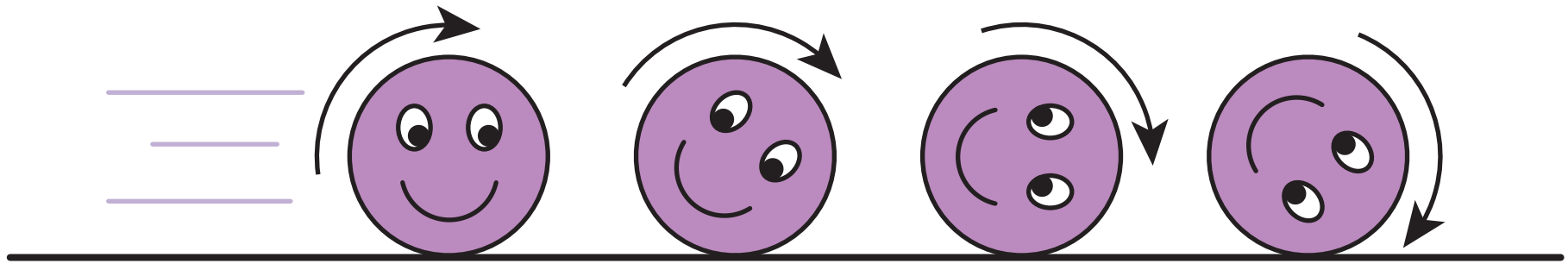
Circles can be little.



Circles can be any color.



A circle can't sit at all...
it just keeps rolling!



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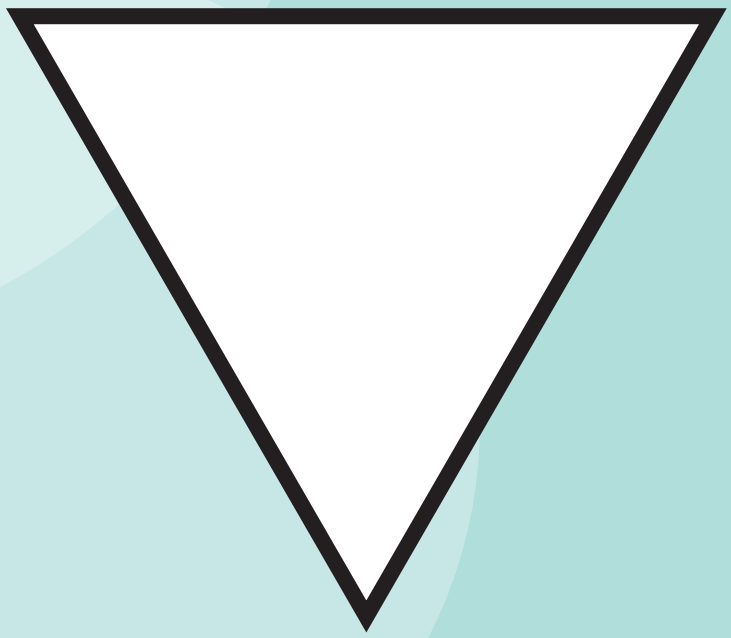
How do you know?



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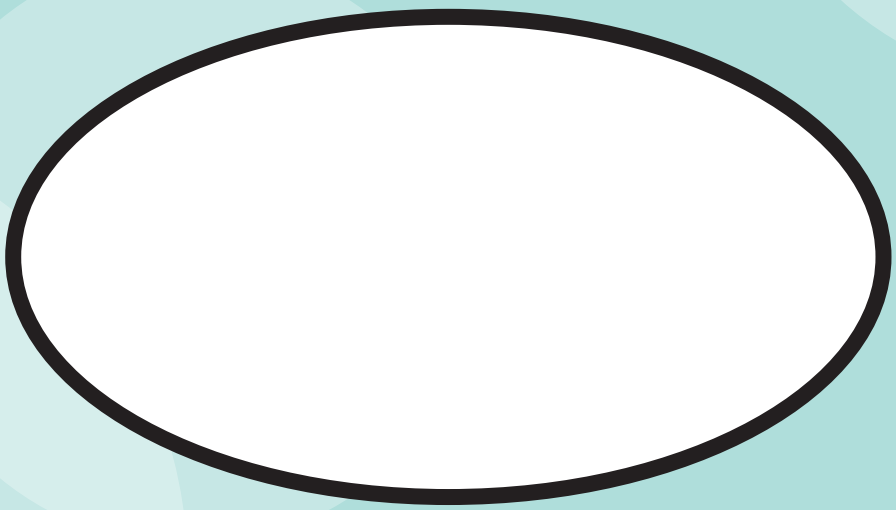
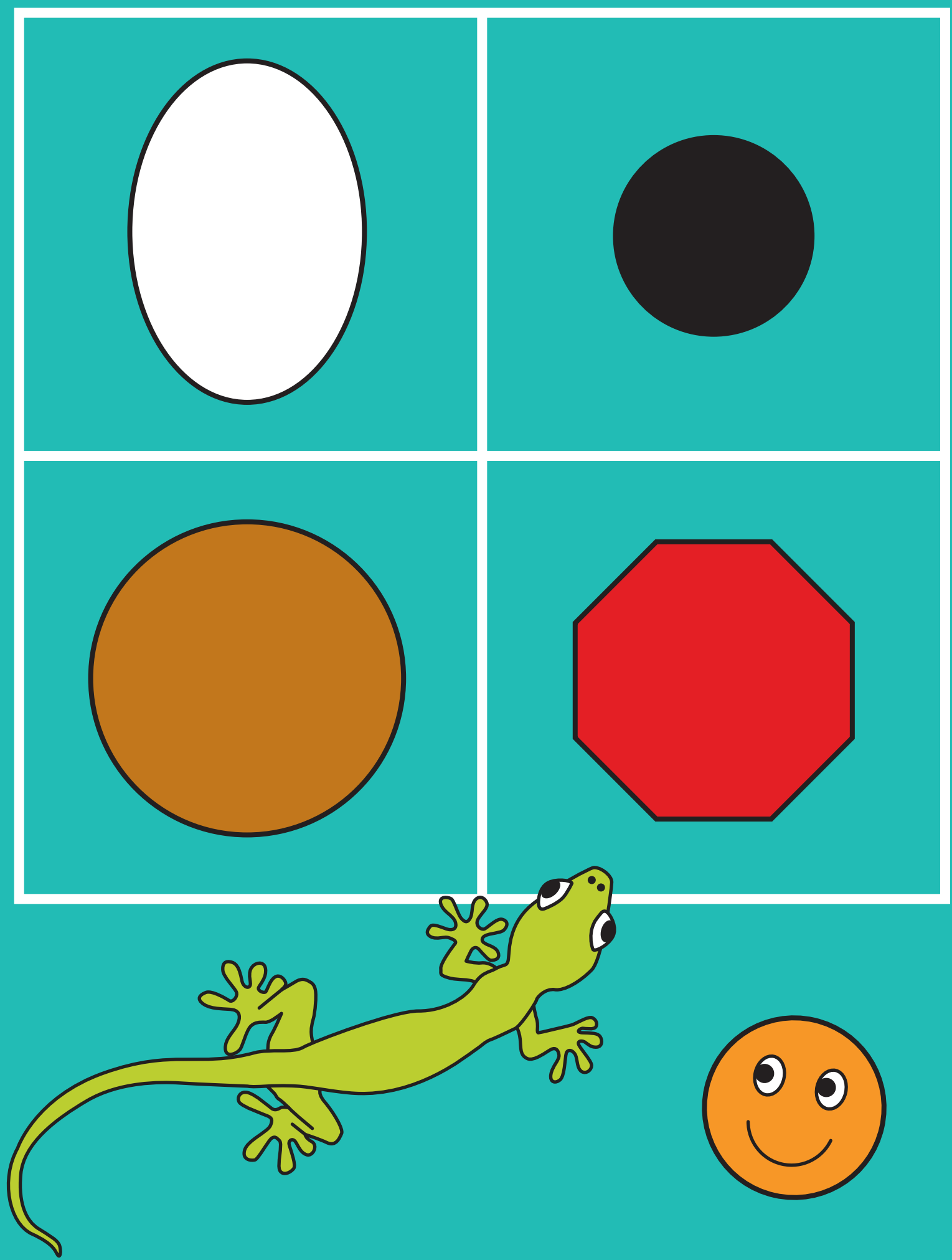
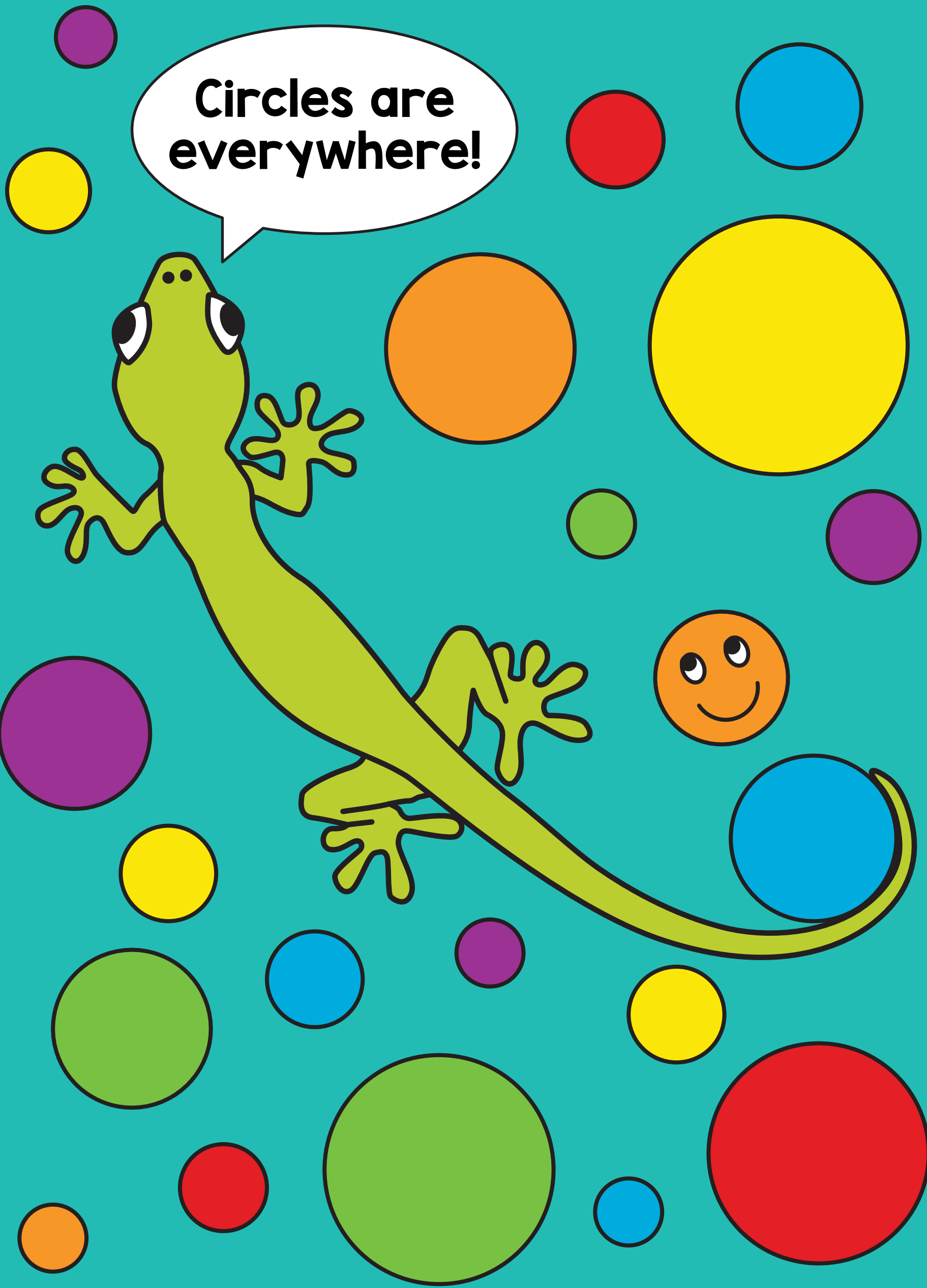
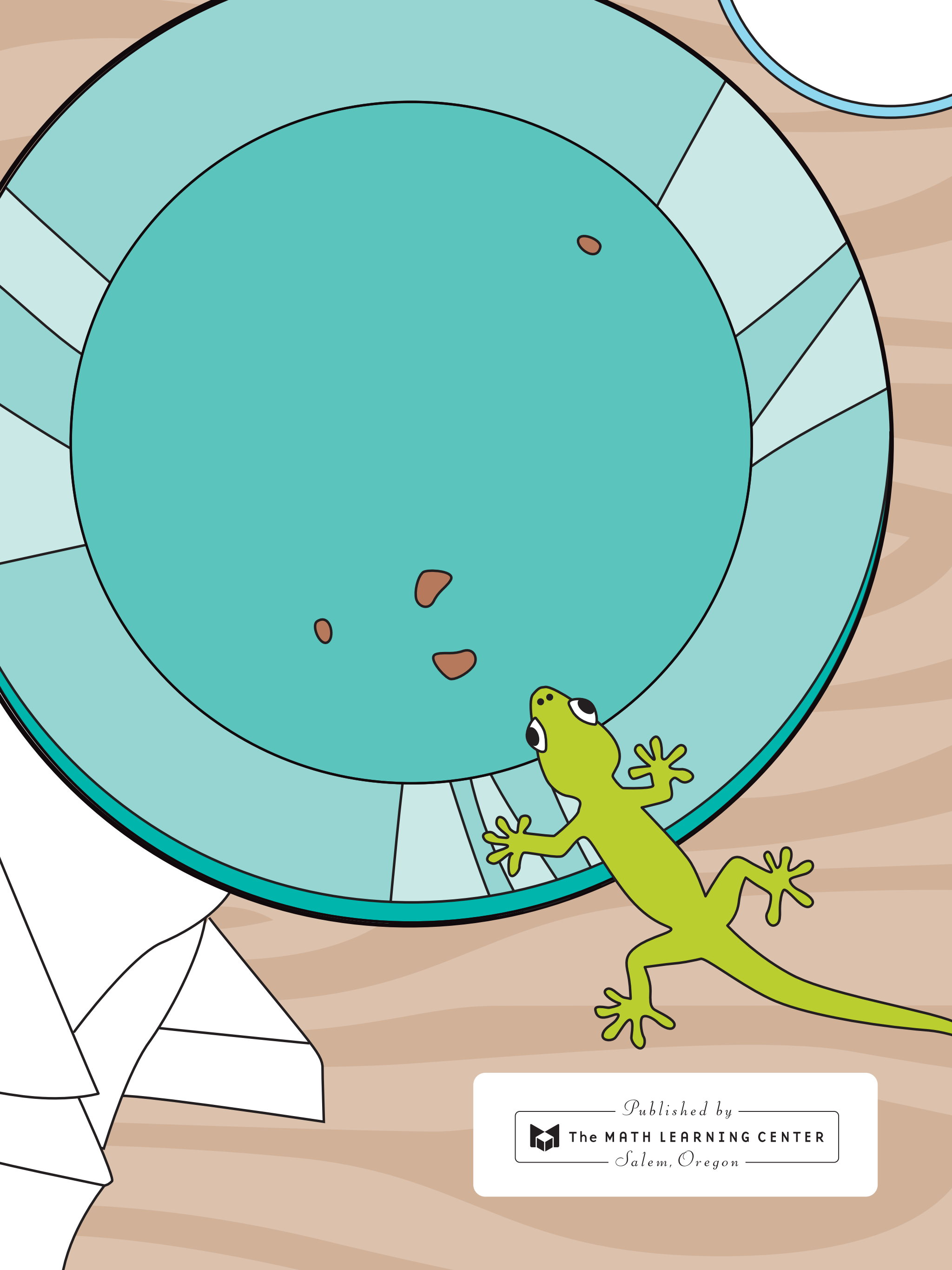


Where are the circles?




Circles are everywhere!



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