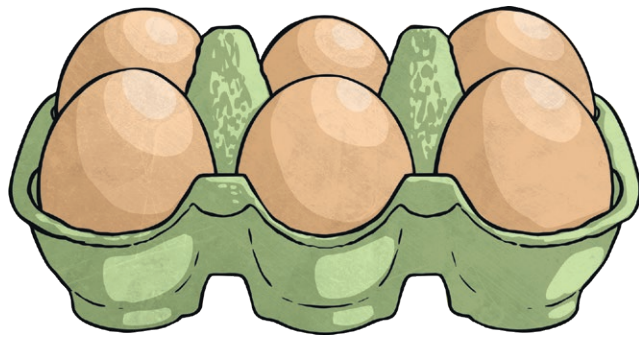


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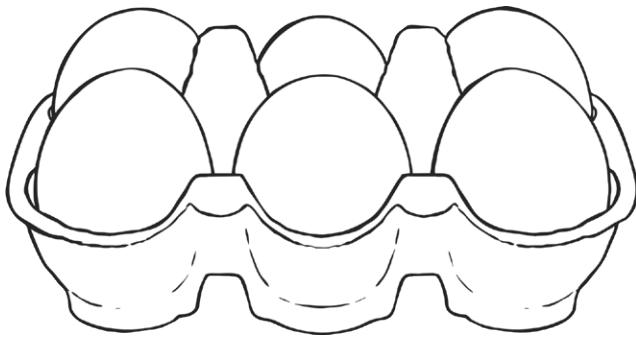
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**Hold a tune, spell, math tests**



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**Boiled eggs do not smash and spill, so it would be riskier to use eggs which aren't boiled because they would cause more mess.**



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