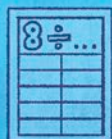




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Zoe's



Problem

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CHAPTER 1

The Project

Zoe stared at the pile of string and beads on her desk.

“I’ll never finish this,” she thought.

“What is all that?” Madison asked.

“It’s supposed to be my number line project,” Zoe said.

Madison frowned. She pulled a long string with different color beads on it out of her bag.

“Shouldn’t it look like this?” Madison asked.



Zoe nodded.

“Wasn’t that due last week?”

Madison asked.

Zoe nodded again.

“I needed some extra time,”
she said. “I want it to be perfect.”





The bell rang for recess.
Zoe raised her hand.
“Can I please stay in?” she
asked Mr. Grizley. “I’d like to
work on my project.”

Mr. Grizley looked at the pile
on Zoe’s desk.

“I have some things to do here in the classroom,” he said.
“Yes, you can stay.”

Mr. Grizley went back to working at his desk. Zoe looked at her project.

“Okay,” she said. “Let’s get started.”



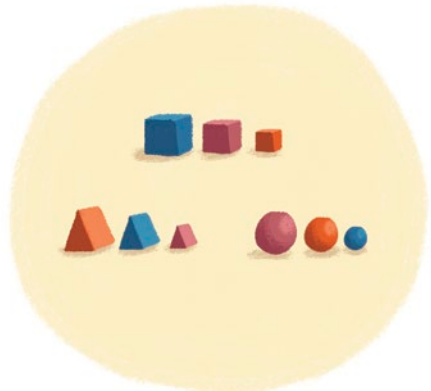
Zoe untangled the string.
She sorted the beads by color.



She sorted the
beads by size.



She sorted the
beads by shape.



Then, Zoe sighed and stood up. “I think I’ll go to recess after all,” she told Mr. Grizley.

Mr. Grizley looked at Zoe’s desk.

“Before you go,” he said,
“will you please help me with something?”

