## DIGITAL LITTERACY

## Exploring Pattern Recognition <br> Art and Binary Code

## What is binary code?

Binary code uses only the digits " 0 " and 1 " instead of the usual 0 to 9 . Imagine a switch where 0 is on and 1 is off. Each 0 and 1 is a binary unit called a bit, from the contraction of "binary digit." Bits are grouped into groups of eight digits of 1 or 0 , called bytes. Computer transistors read billions of bytes, which are then translated by the processor and sent to the computer software to decode the instructions.

| Number of bits | Number of possibilities | The possibilities written in binary code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 bit | 2 | 0 or 1 |
| 2 bits | $4\left(2^{2}\right)$ | 00, 01, 10 or 11 |
| 3 bits | $8\left(2^{3}\right)$ | 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110 or 111 |
| 4 bits | 16 (24) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0000, 0001, 0011, 0111, 1111, 0010, 0100, 1000, 0011, 0111, 1111, } \\ & 1001,1011,1010,0110 \text { or } 1110 \end{aligned}$ |
| 5 bits | $32\left(2^{5}\right)$ | 00000, 01000, 00100, 01100, 00010, 01010, 00110, 01110, 0000,11000, 0100, 11100, 10010, 11010, 0110, 11110, 00001, 01001, 00101, 01101, 0001, 01011, 00111, 01111, 10001, 11001, 10101, 11101, 10011, 11011, 10111 or 11111 |
| 6 bits | $64\left(2^{6}\right)$ | Can you write down five possibilities? |
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| 7 bits | $128\left(2^{7}\right)$ | Can you write down three possibilities? |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 8 \text { bits } \\ & \text { (1 byte) } \end{aligned}$ | $256\left(2^{8}\right)$ | Can you write down two possibilities? |
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## Hidden Images Game

## Instructions

1. Look at each line of code bytes. There are eight digits per line, so 256 possibilities.
2. Fill in/ only those boxes whose digit is represented by "1" in the column of the appropriate bit.

| Bytes | Bit <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{3}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{4}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{5}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{6}$ | Bit <br> $\mathbf{7}$ | Bit <br> 8 |
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| 00000000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00100100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00100100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01000010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00100010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00011000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 000000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Crack the Code Game

## Instructions

1. Complete the "bytes" column by entering the eight-digit binary code sequence for each line.

| Bytes | Bit <br> 1 | Bit <br> 2 | Bit <br> 3 | Bit <br> 4 | Bit <br> 5 | Bit <br> 6 | Bit <br> 7 | Bit <br> 8 |
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## Your turn!

1. Visualize a drawing in the grid.
2. Complete the "bytes" column by entering the eight-digit binary code sequence for each line of your drawing.
3. Ask a friend or relative to decode the drawing.

| Bytes | Bit <br> 1 | Bit <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | Bit <br> 3 | Bit <br> $\mathbf{4}$ | Bit <br> 5 | Bit <br> $\mathbf{6}$ | Bit <br> 7 | Bit <br> 8 |
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