# Multiplication Story Cards

**What are you trying to do?**
- Link a story to modeling and recording in numerals and symbols

**What do you need?**
- Copies of *Multiplication Story Cards* (cut up, shuffled and placed in the centre of the group)
- Counters for making models of each story (e.g. bottle tops, popsticks, unifix cubes …)
- Copies of the *Thinkboard*

**What do you do?**
- Select a story card at random. Discuss what it is telling you.
- What do you need to know next?

e.g.

> **I have 5 chairs with 4 cats on each chair.**

How will you find out? What strategies can you use? What is the first thing you will do?
- Discuss how to use the Thinkboard to record your actions. e.g. Where will you write your story? What will you draw? How will you model it? How will you record it with numbers and symbols?
- Work with a partner. Try 2 activity cards using the Think board. Discuss your results with another team.

**Variation**
- See how many cards you can work on together using the most efficient strategy to work out your answers. Can you do it all mentally without using materials or drawings?

I have **5** chairs with **4** cats
on each chair.

I have **4** tables with **3** books
on each table.

I have **6** dolls with **5** ribbons
in their hair.

I have **10** fingers with **3** rings
on each finger.

I have 2 dinosaurs with 7 spots on each.

I have 9 castles with 2 dragons in each castle.

I have 7 boxes with 3 diamonds in each box.

I have 3 dogs with 5 bones for each dog.

Bish has 6 flowers with 3 bugs on each flower.

Tom has 4 jackets with 4 buttons on each jacket.

Amali has 8 hats with 3 flowers on each hat.

Dan has 1 monster with 8 eyes.

Kim has 2 balls with 2 stars on each ball.

Pat sees 3 trees with 3 birds in each tree.

Lucy sees 5 nests with 5 eggs in each nest.

Carlos has 3 books with 10 pages in each book.

Josh has 2 cars with 4 wheels on each car.

Nicole has 2 beach towels with 4 stripes on each towel.

Sally has 4 ponds with 7 fish in each pond.

Bev has 1 toy box with 10 puppets inside it.