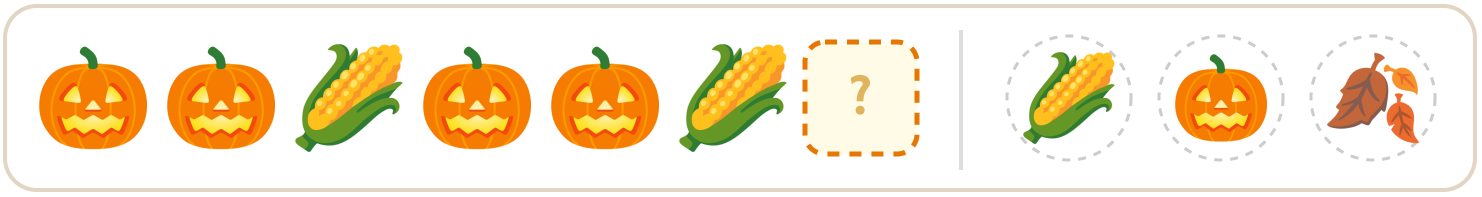
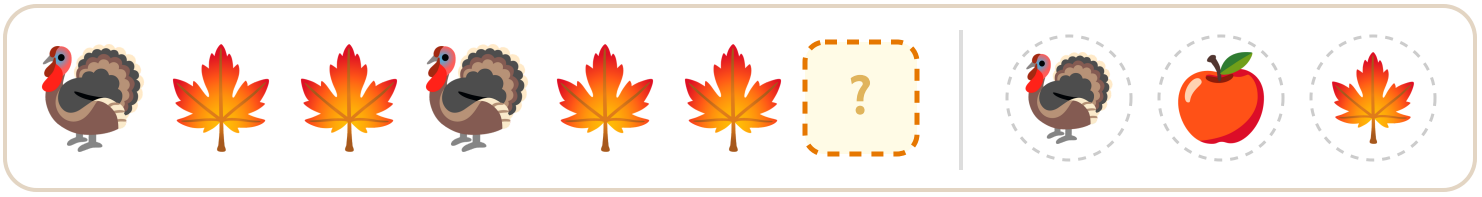
Name: _____

What Comes Next?

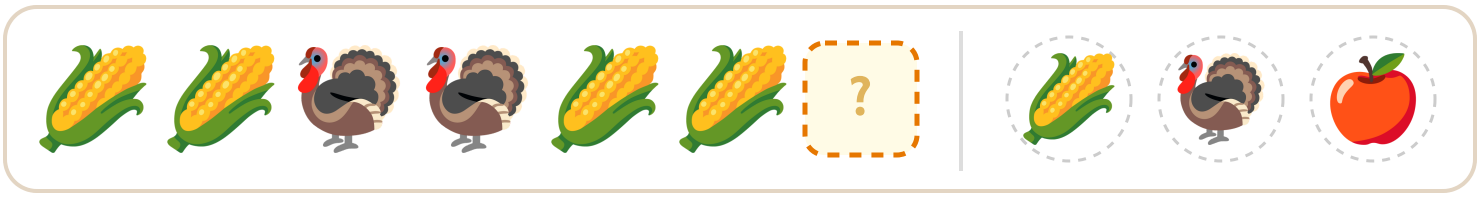
Say each pattern out loud: "apple, leaf, apple, leaf..." Then circle the picture that comes next. You can draw it in the ? box too!













💡 **For grown-ups: why it works.** Finding the rule in a pattern is early algebra: the child spots the unit that repeats (AB, AAB, ABC) and predicts what comes next. Saying it out loud helps hear the rhythm. Answers: apple, pumpkin, turkey, apple, turkey, maple leaf.