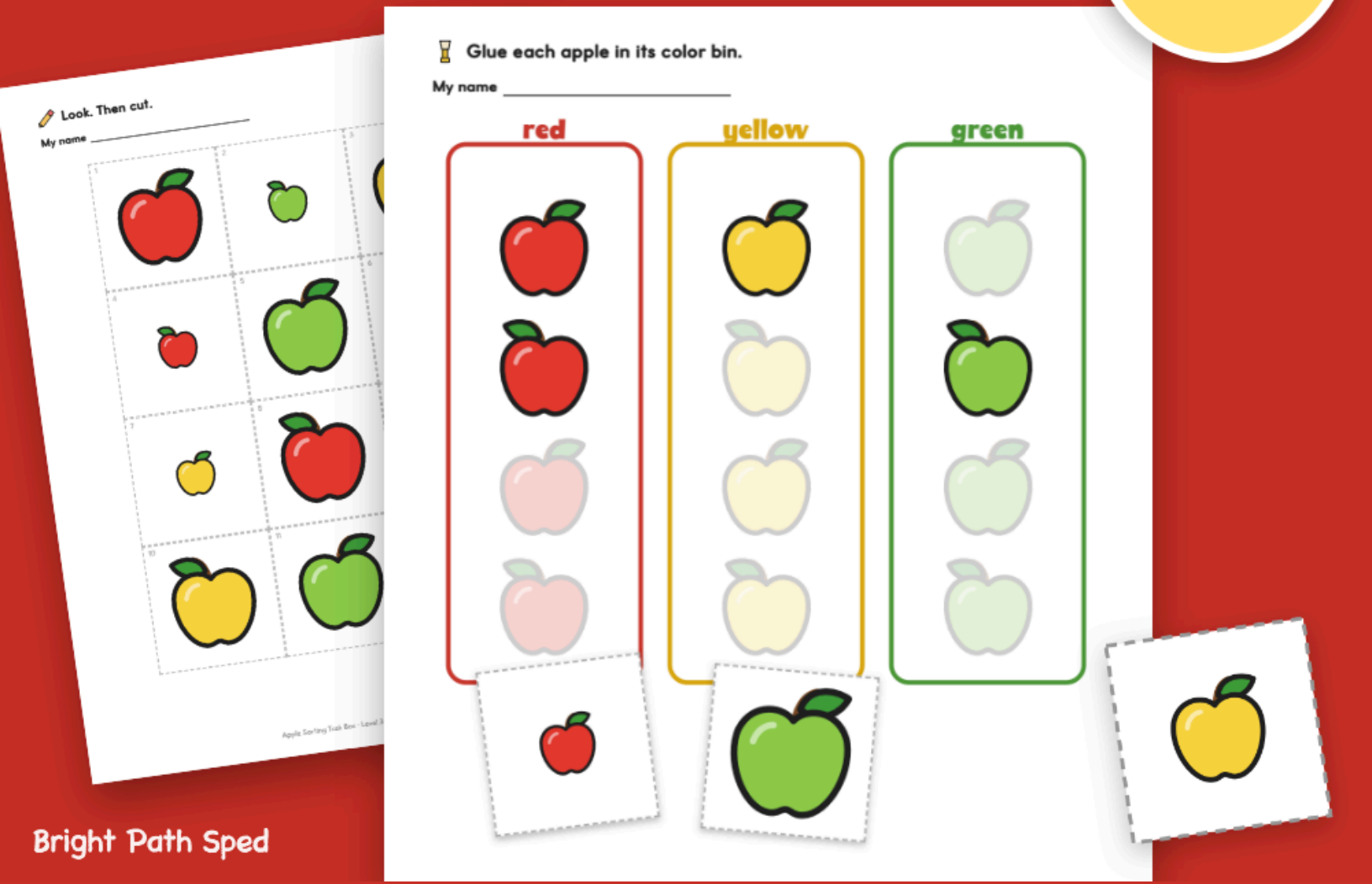
APPLE SORTING

Color and Size Task Box

3 LEVELS



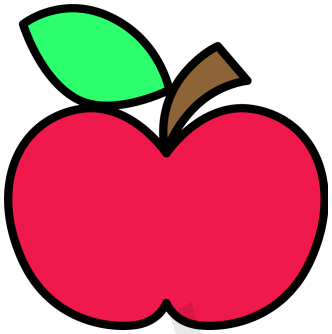
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Apple Sorting

Color, size, then both. A fall task box, 3 levels

What's inside



- 3 levels, each with its own sort mat and a 12-piece cut page (12 apples a level)
- Level 2 also as an ink-saver (black and white) mat and cut page
- Apple words, sentence frames, questions to ask and ways to extend, an answer key and a data sheet

The three levels

- **Level 1: sort by color.** Three bins: red, yellow, green. A faint copy of each apple already sits in its bin, so the student can match first.
- **Level 2: sort by size.** Three bins: small, medium, big. The apples are mixed colors, so only size can decide.
- **Level 3: color and size together.** A grid of six boxes: red, yellow and green, each small and big. Each apple has two things to check.

The level is named in the small footer line on each student page, so the student's own page stays uncluttered.

How to run it

Say "Look at this apple. What color is it?" (or "Is it small, medium or big?"). The student cuts the 12 pieces from the cut page, then glues each one in its place on the mat. Check with the answer key and mark the data sheet.

Set up

Print one mat and the cut page for each student. Every piece is a big square with a thick dashed line and the pieces touch edge to edge, so cutting takes as few cuts as possible.

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Talk About Apples

Questions to ask at the table

- Which apple is the biggest? Which is the smallest?
- Can you find a red apple? A green apple? A yellow apple?
- Which bin has the most apples? Which has the fewest?
- Is this apple bigger or smaller than that one?
- Which apple would you pick from the tree first?

About apples

- Apples grow on trees in an orchard. A blossom comes first, then a small green apple, then a ripe apple.
- In fall, farmers and families pick apples and carry them in a basket or a bushel.
- An apple has skin on the outside, juicy fruit inside, a core in the middle and seeds in the core.
- Apples can taste sweet, tart or crisp. People bake them in a pie, cook them into sauce or press them into cider.
- An apple can have a bruise or a worm hole, and you polish it on your sleeve before a crunchy bite.

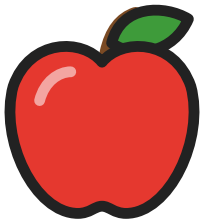
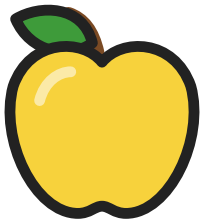
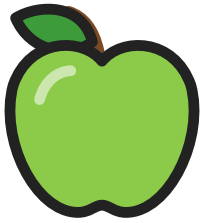
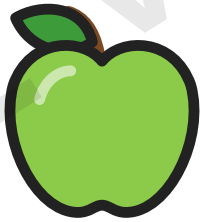
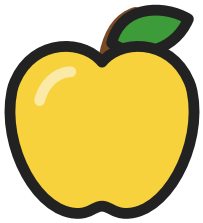
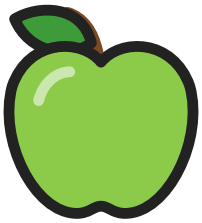
Make it real

- Bring in a bowl of real apples, or use paper apples. Let the student pick one up and say its color and size before sorting the picture.
- Set up an apple center: the mat, a pair of scissors, a glue stick and a small basket for the finished pieces.
- Read a fall apple picture book first, then sort. Ask the student to point at the stem, the leaf and the skin on the page.
- Apple prints: dip half an apple in paint and press it on paper. Compare a wedge stamp and a slice stamp, or print a row from the smallest apple to the biggest.
- Draw an apple tree with a trunk, branches, leaves and a ladder leaning on it. Count the apples, then color each one the way the mat says.
- Make a class apple tree on the wall: each student glues one sorted apple on a branch cut from brown paper.

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Name the color. Then cut.

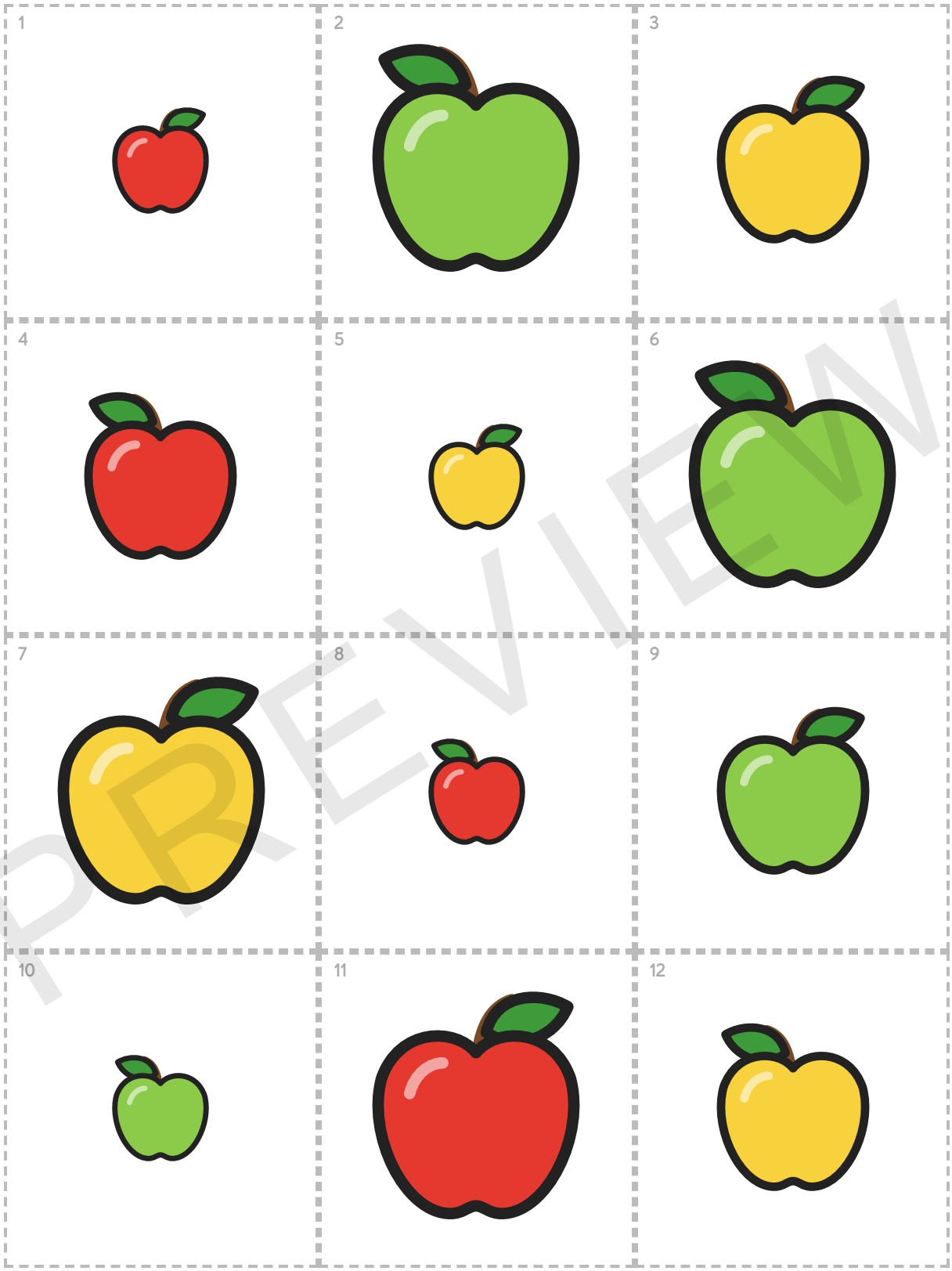
My name _____

1  red	2  yellow	3  green
4  green	5  red	6  yellow
7  yellow	8  green	9  red
10  red	11  yellow	12  green

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Look at the size. Then cut.

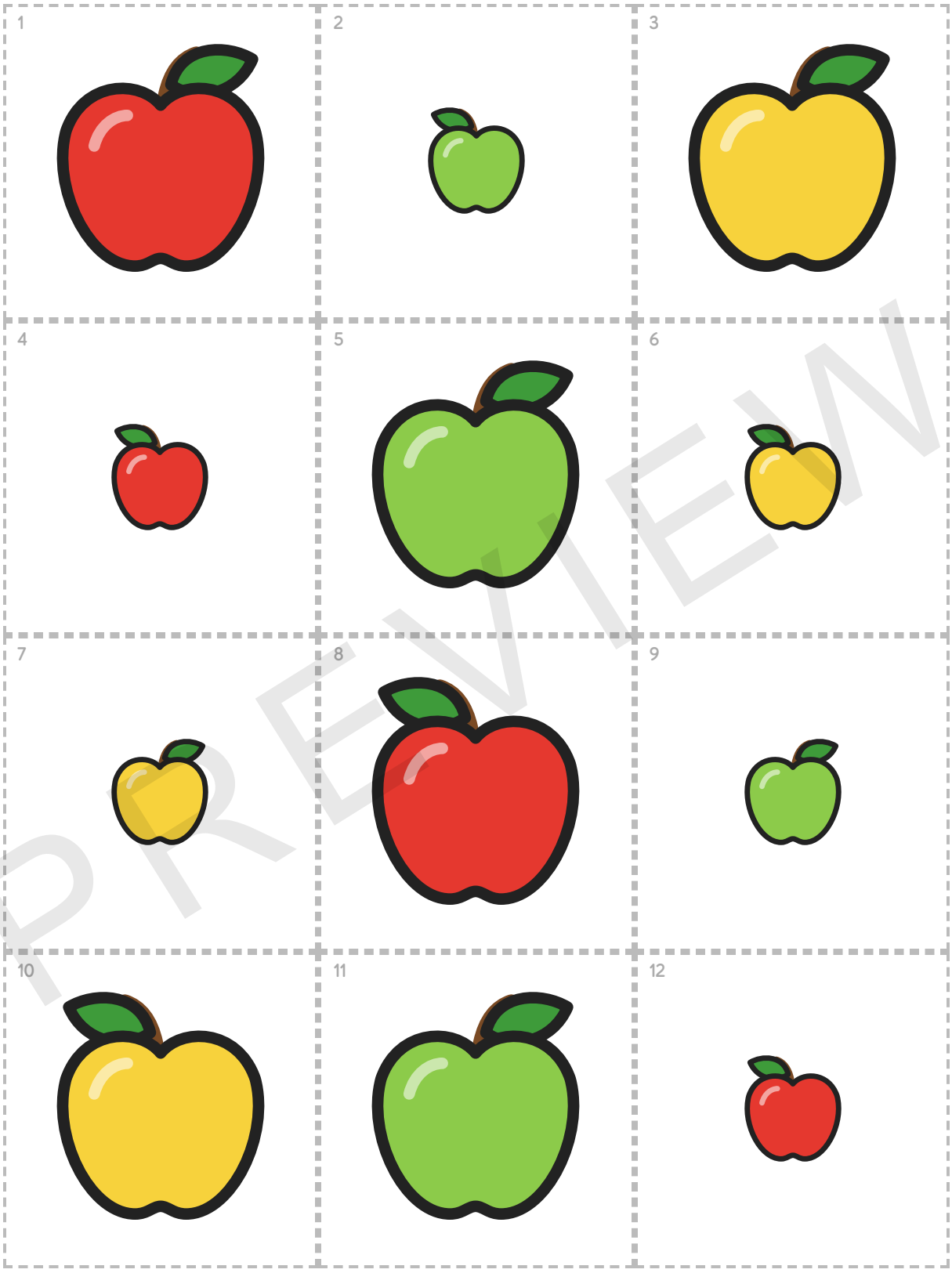
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Look. Then cut.

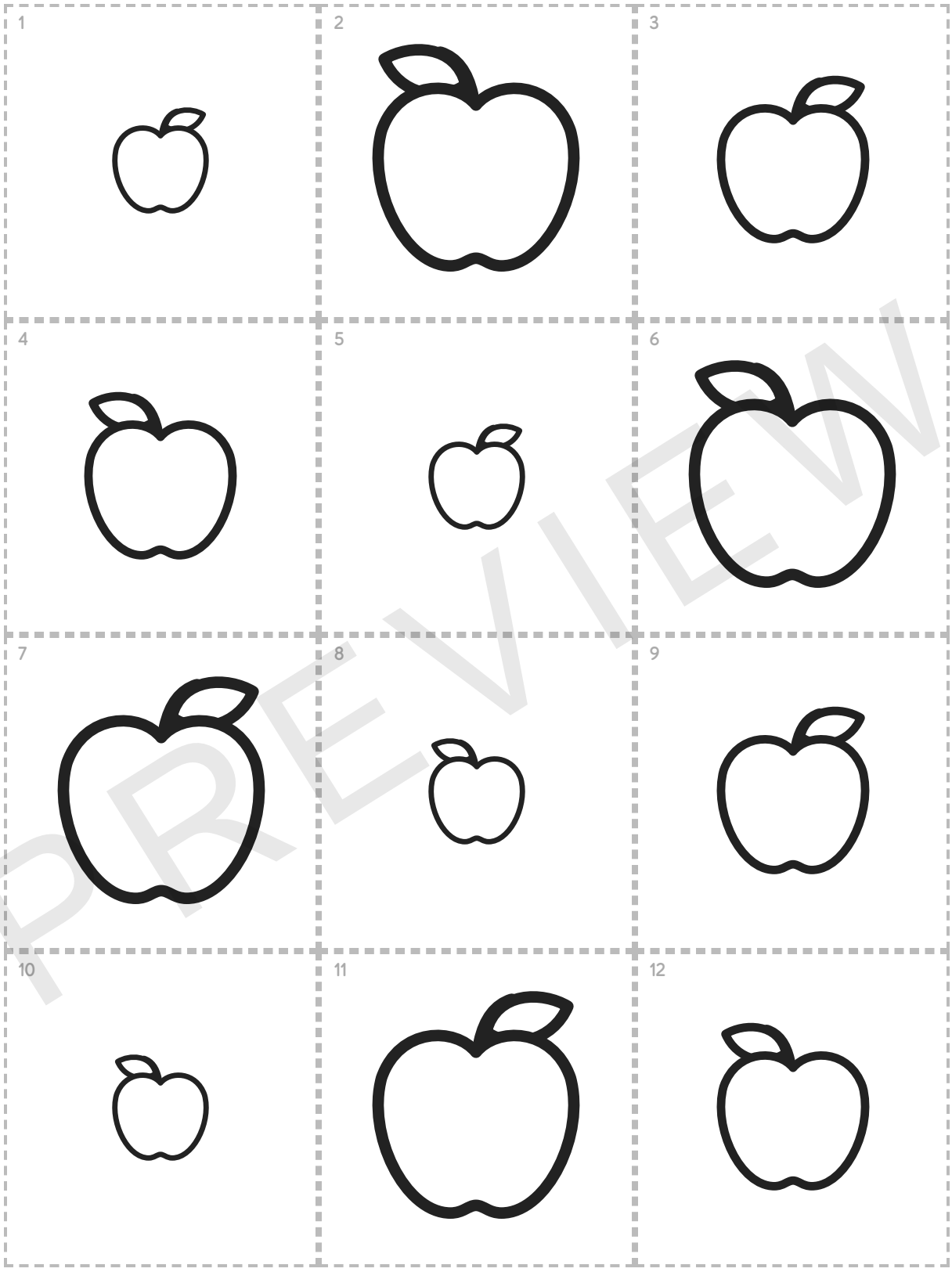
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Data Sheet

Student: _____ Goal: _____

Date	Level	Correct / 12	Notes

Move up when the student is ready, and back when the task is too hard. Write your own rule here: _____

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