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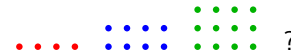
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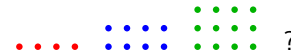
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Q2. Complete the Sequence

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Q3. Write the first 5 terms of $5n - 2$

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Q4. A sequence **starts at 5** and **increases by 3** each time. Write the first 5 terms. What is the n th term rule?

Q5. Extending Q1

Using your triangle pattern from Q1:

- (a) Write a rule for the n th shape.
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The n th term of a sequence is $4n + 3$.

Which term is the **first to exceed 75**?

Show your working clearly.

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Q3. Write the first 5 terms of $10 - 2n$

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Q4. Mia writes the 6 times table: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30... She then **subtracts 4** from every term. Write the first 5 terms, find the n th term, and find the 50th term.

Q5. Find the n th Term

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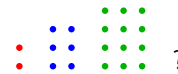
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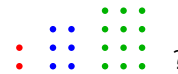
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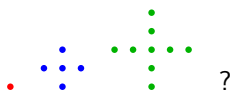
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"I start at 3 and add 4 each time."

- (a) Write his first 5 terms, (b) find the n th term rule, and (c) decide whether 59 is in his sequence. Show your reasoning.

Q2. Complete the Sequence

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Q3. Write the first 5 terms of $2n + 5$

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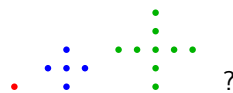
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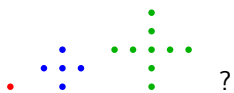
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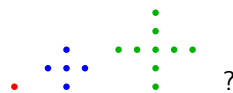
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Q3. Write the first 5 terms of $4n - 3$

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Q4. Start with the 5 times table and add 1 to every term.

- (a) Write the first 5 terms.
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