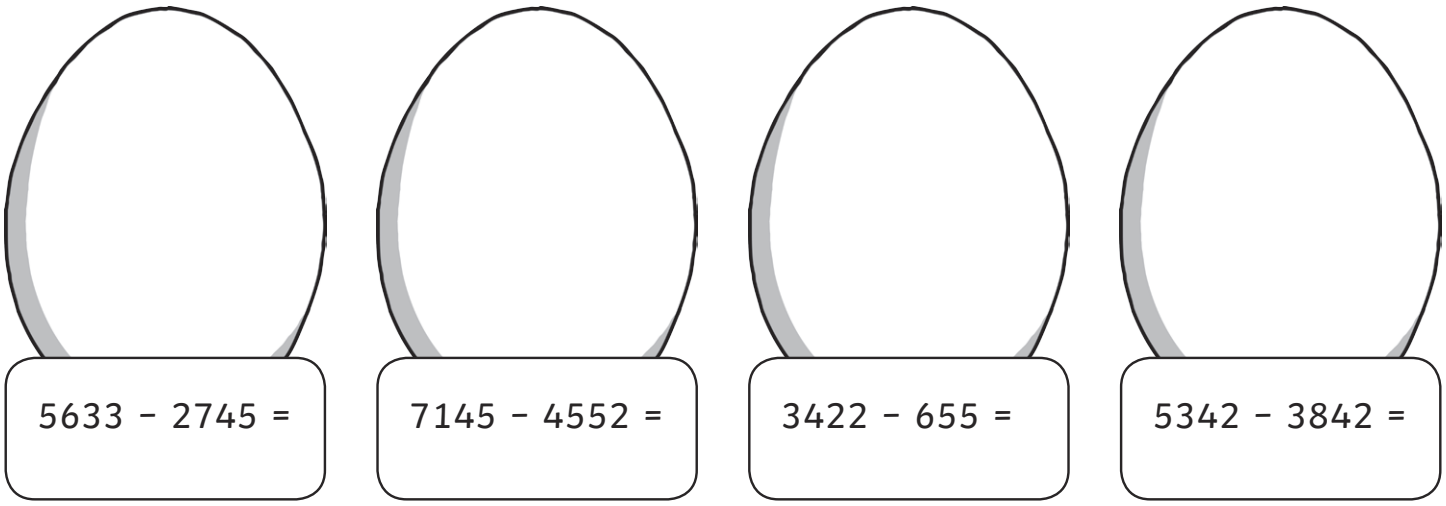
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Cut out the dragon eggs. Complete the calculation on each egg and place it on the correct nest. Once you have selected the correct nest, stick the egg onto the nest using a glue stick.

You may wish to work out the answers on the squared paper.

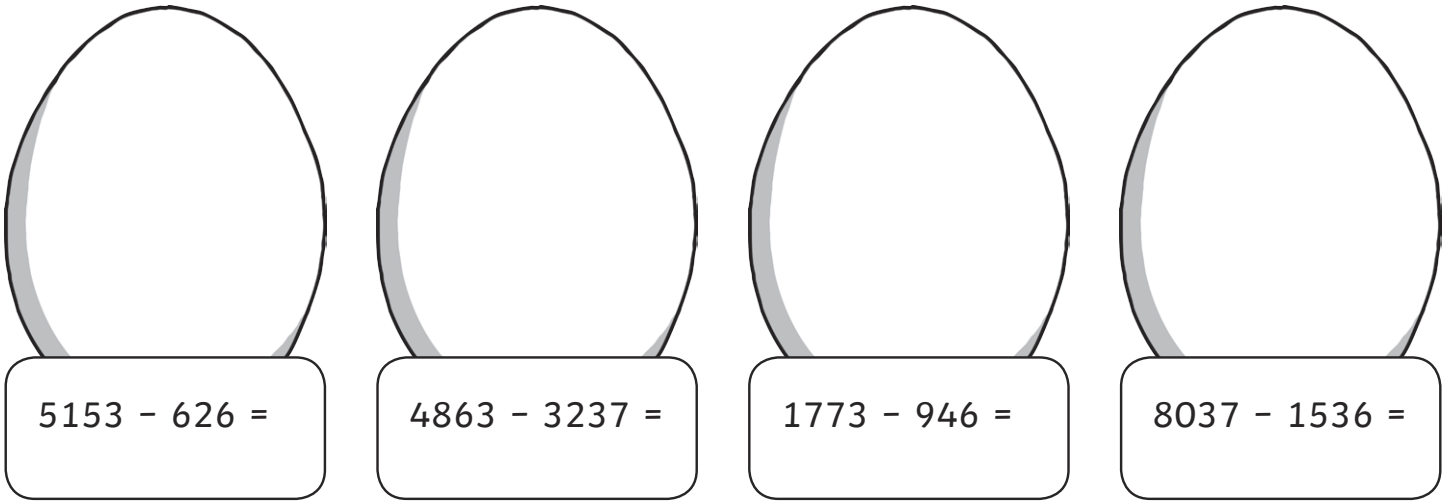


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3422 – 655 =

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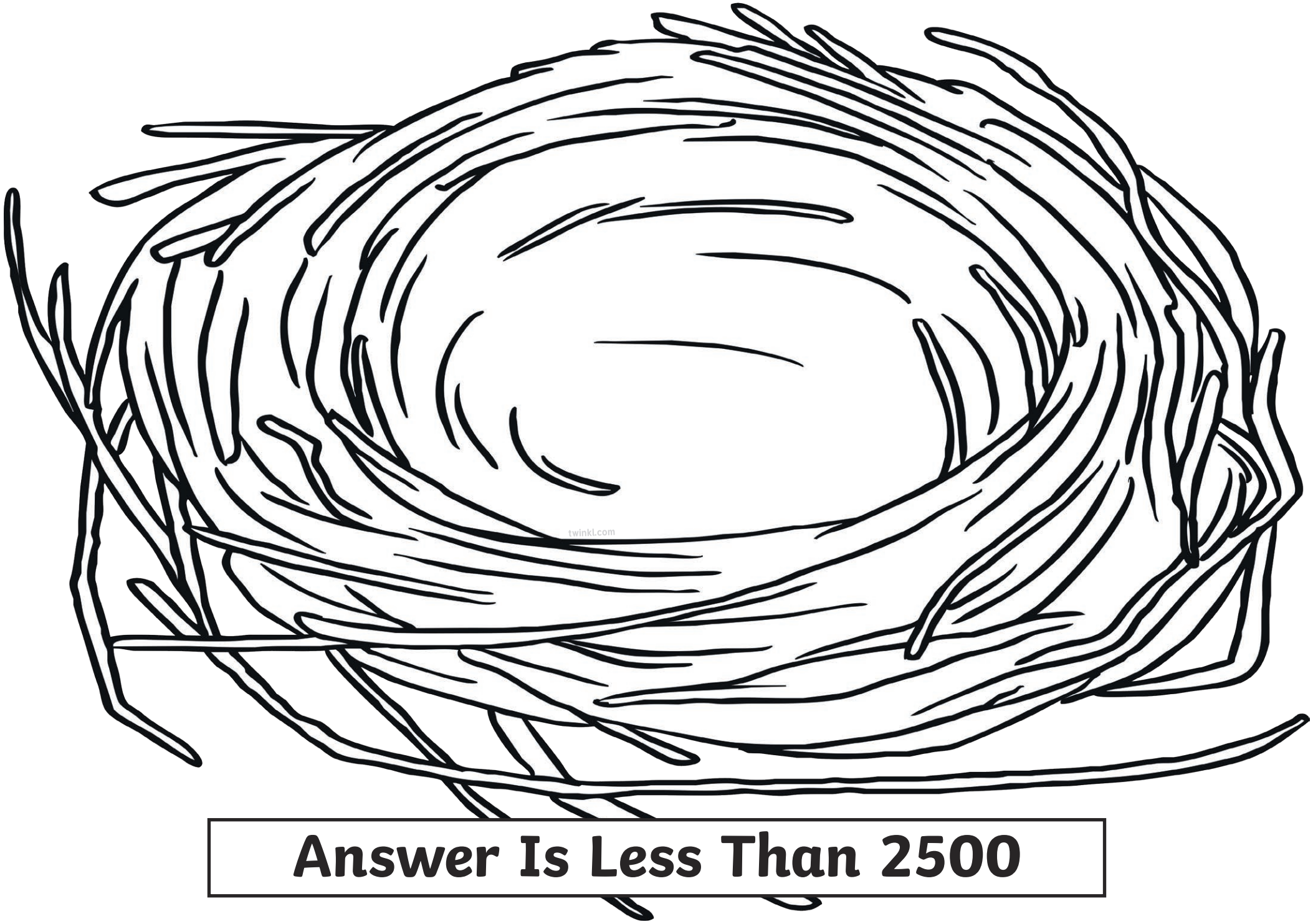


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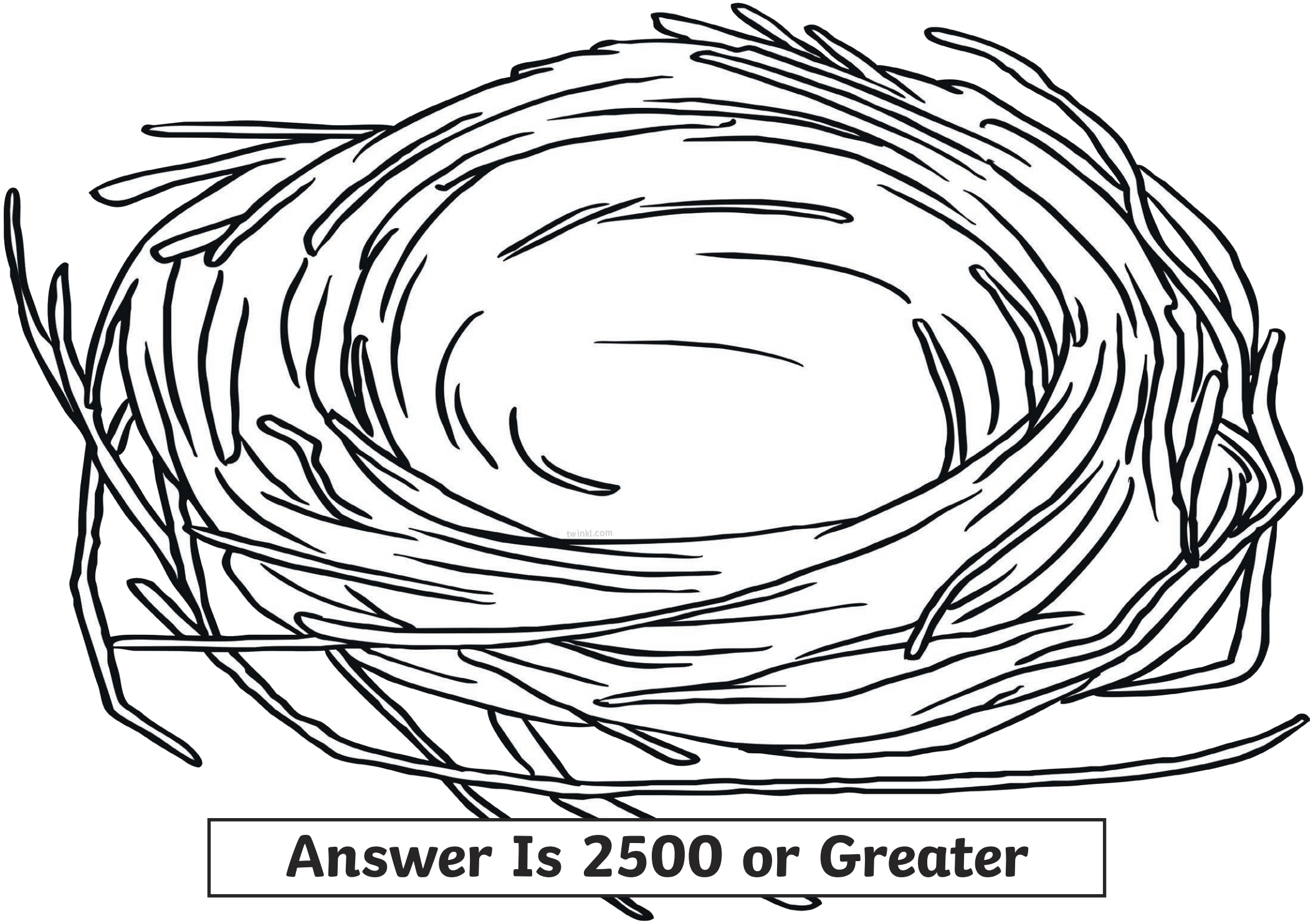
4863 – 3237 =

1773 – 946 =

8037 – 1536 =



Answer Is Less Than 2500

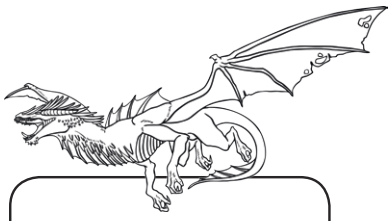


Answer Is 2500 or Greater

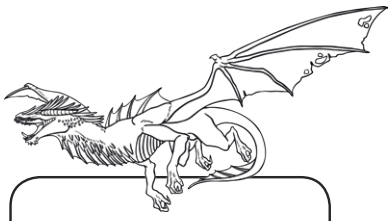
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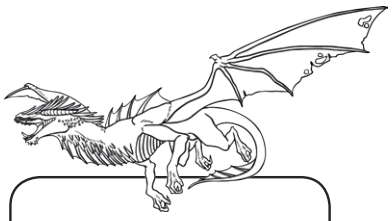
Cut out and attach a paperclip to each dragon. Use a magnet to select a dragon. Complete the calculation.



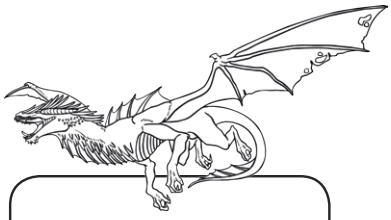
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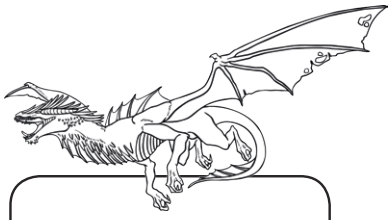
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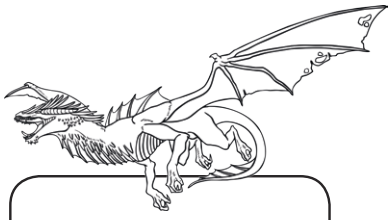
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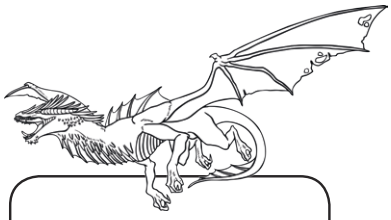
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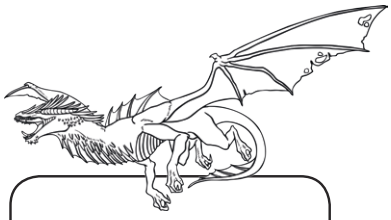
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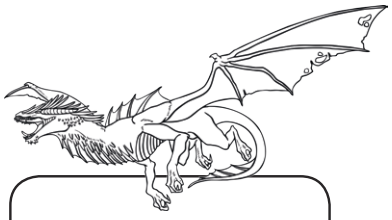
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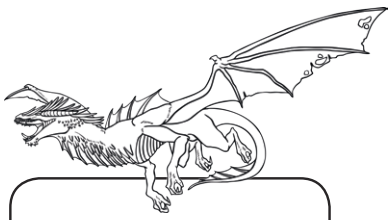
4657 – 2475 =



8752 – 3476 =



3826 – 1039 =



5663 – 844 =

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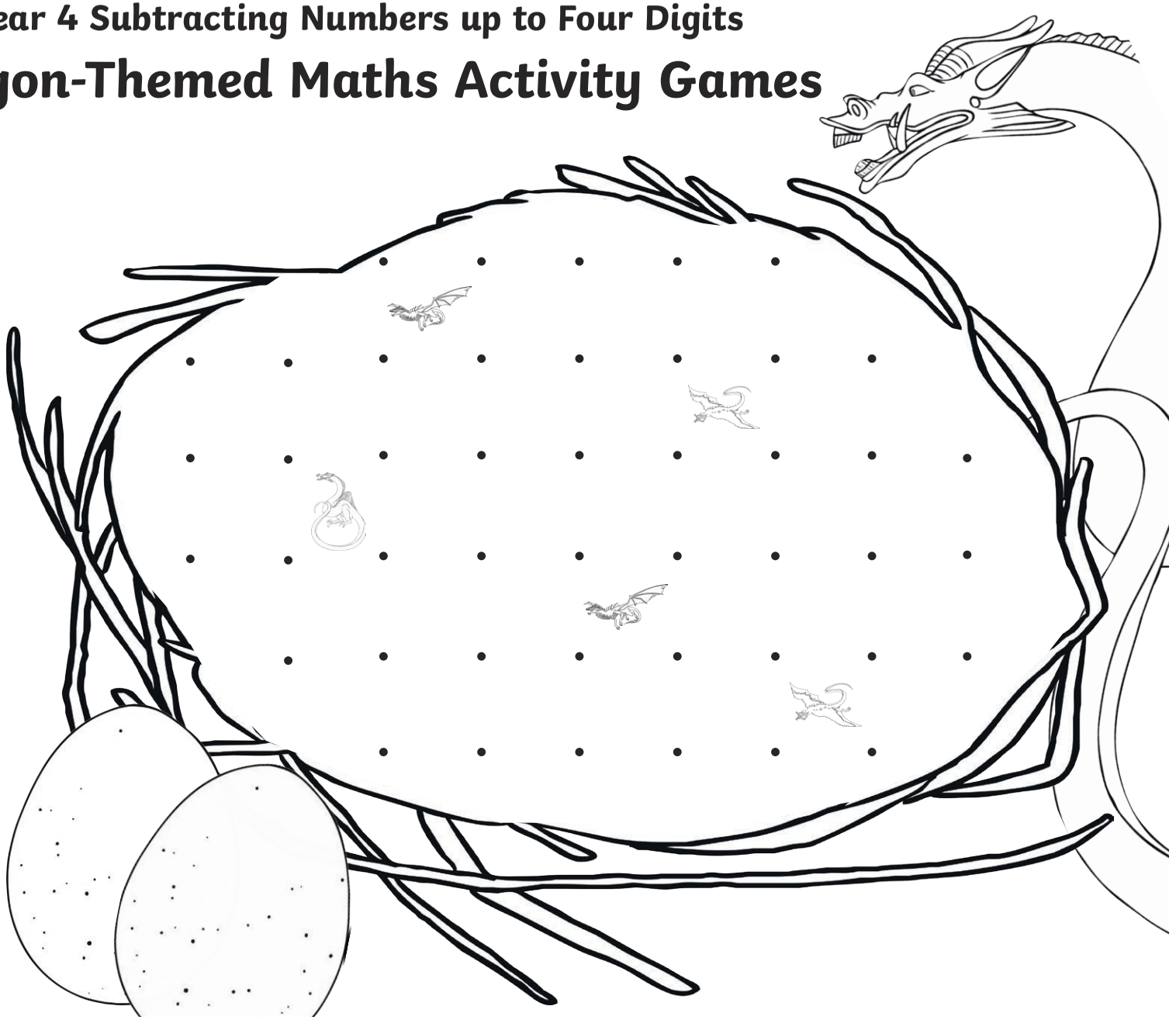
Two player game

This is a game for two players.

Take turns to select a card. Complete the calculation. Once you have completed the calculation, check your answer. If your calculation is correct, join two of the dots on the nest with a horizontal or vertical line and the turn is passed. If the answer is incorrect, the turn is passed to the next player without drawing a line.

During the game, boxes will be made by joining four lines together. The player who draws a line that finishes a four-sided box writes their initials in the box. Each box is worth a point. If a box is made around a dragon, the player receives five points.

The person with the most points by the end of the game wins.



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6526 – 3865 =	5574 – 3534 =	5719 – 2558 =	7358 – 4253 =
7585 – 4835 =	1020 – 804 =	7353 – 5367 =	7553 – 1537 =
1253 – 544 =	5314 – 4647 =	5675 – 2865 =	2417 – 1256 =
5142 – 3757 =	8100 – 4545 =	8124 – 2445 =	3465 – 1943 =
9153 – 5035 =	8460 – 5212 =	3163 – 1135 =	5412 – 2477 =

Dragon-Themed Maths Activity Games **Answers**

Dragon egg game

5633 - 2745 = 2888	7145 - 4552 = 2593	3422 - 655 = 2767	5342 - 3842 = 1500
5153 - 626 = 4527	4863 - 3237 = 1626	1773 - 946 = 827	8037 - 1536 = 6501

Magnet game

6404 - 2753 = 3651	1637 - 329 = 1308	9153 - 7925 = 1228	5052 - 1257 = 3795
6252 - 2352 = 3900	6052 - 757 = 5295	4657 - 2475 = 2182	8752 - 3476 = 5276
	3826 - 1039 = 2787	5663 - 844 = 4819	

Two player game

6526 - 3865 = 2661	5574 - 3534 = 2040	5719 - 2558 = 3161	7358 - 4253 = 3105
7585 - 4835 = 2750	1020 - 804 = 216	7353 - 5367 = 1986	7553 - 1537 = 6016
1253 - 544 = 709	5314 - 4647 = 667	5675 - 2865 = 2810	2417 - 1256 = 1161
5142 - 3757 = 1385	8100 - 4545 = 3555	8124 - 2445 = 5679	3465 - 1943 = 1522
9153 - 5035 = 4118	8460 - 5212 = 3248	3163 - 1135 = 2028	5412 - 2477 = 2935

My Calculation Record

I can subtract numbers with up to 4 digits.