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Thinking Outside the Box

Children between 4 and 6 years old can often solve this problem in less than 5 minutes. Can you?

The answer is 2. For each number sequence, count the number of circles present. Adult brains tend see what is "expected"—that the numbers represent an equation—so they look for a mathematical solution. Those not yet trained to recognize the sequence as an equation do not limit their search for a solution and begin to evaluate the pattern visually (and, hence, "see" the invisible gorilla).
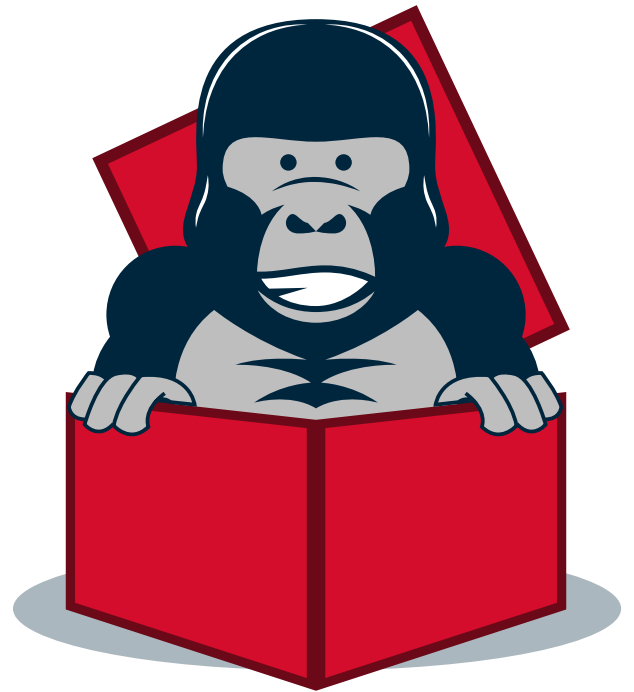
$$8898 = 7 \qquad 7774 = 0$$

$$1203 = 1 \qquad 1003 = 2$$

$$4566 = 2 \qquad 9856 = 4$$

$$5464 = 1 \qquad 8764 = 3$$

$$4500 = 2$$

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