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Oh, hello there! Does this tune sound familiar? If it does, you probably recognised the pattern of different notes!

Lingokids Characters: oh, the pattern? What is a pattern?

Presenter:

Welcome to Storytime by Lingokids - where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of Playlearning. Join us while we learn about patterns and make some of our own!

Zii-i-i-g-za-a-a-g, do-o-o-ot, ano-o-other dot...

Elliot: What are you doing?

Presenter: I am drawing. Actually, I am decorating Easter Eggs and I am using this pattern - ziiig-zaag, dot, dot, zig-zag.. Do you want to join me, Cowy?

Cowy: Sure! Zig-zag, dot, dot, zig-zag, dot, dot....

Presenter: Lingokids Listeners—you can join us too! Just ask a grown up to download the Coloring template so you can colour along!

Presenter: Now, Do you know what a pattern is?

Cowy: When you pat someone a lot?

Presenter: ha-ha Cowy. I think I should explain it first! A pattern is simply a combination of things that repeat over and over. You can find and create patterns with colors, shapes, music and more.

Cowy: wow!

Presenter: Using combinations of colors that repeat is a great way to create a pattern! For example the Flag of the United States of America has a very recognizable pattern—do you know what colors it uses in its pattern?

Lisa: Red, white, and blue!

Presenter: That's Correct Lisa! What are you going to do for your drawing, Cowy?

Cowy: I'm going to draw polka dots and triangles!

Presenter: That's a great idea, Cowy! Using shapes is another way to make a pattern. Polka dots, stripes, checkered patterns—there are so many possibilities!

Billy: Chirp, chirp!

Presenter: Yes Billy, you can also use different kinds of lines to make patterns; the trick is to repeat your pattern!

Elliot: What do you mean?

Presenter: Well Elliot, for example, you could draw a straight line, then a wavy line below, and then a zig-zag line below that, and repeat! Say it with me, Lingokids Listeners! Straight, wavy, zig-zag—straight, wavy, zig-zag—straight, wavy, zig-zag—straight, zig-zag—

Elliot: Wait! You forgot to say wavy before zig-zag!

Presenter: Great catch, Elliot! Patterns are important because they help create a sense of order, so when that order changes, it usually stands out, as you can see!

Elliot: How fun!

Presenter: Patterns can even be found in nature. Can you think of any animals with patterns?

Elliot: A zebra with black and white stripes!

Cowy: A ladybug with polka dots!

Lisa: A spotted cheetah!

Presenter: Those are all great examples! I'm sure we could think of so many more!

Billy: Chirp, chirp, chirp!

Presenter: Ah yes, you're right Billy! Patterns aren't just found in things that we see. They can also be found in things that we hear. Birds sing different patterns of notes all the time, right Billy?!

Billy: Chirp, chirp, chirp!

Lingokids Characters: wow!

Presenter: Do you remember the tune I was humming earlier? I'll hum it again and see if you can name the song!

Elliot: It's Twinkle Twinkle!

Presenter: Yes, Elliot, it's Twinkle Twinkle Little Star! Here's another song. Can you guess what it is?

Billy: Chirp Chirp!

Presenter: That's right Billy, it's Frere Jacques, or Brother John! The reason you can recognize the songs so easily is because they have patterns of notes that repeat and are easy to remember!

Elliot: I love those songs!

Presenter: Let's do one more, together. I'm sure you know the Happy Birthday song, right?

Lingokids Characters: Yess!!

Presenter: Well, this time, I will clap and you need to pay attention and listen to the familiar pattern of my claps!

Did you catch this? How about we do it together?

Elliot: ... ummm not sure.

Presenter: Don't worry Elliot, it only seems difficult. Lingokids Listeners, join us too - let's clap the Happy Birthday Song together! On the count of three, ready? 1, 2, 3!

Great job everyone! The next time you listen to a song, see if you can hear patterns of repeating notes!

Now you know that patterns are everywhere, in music, clothes, animals, plants, paintings, and so many other places! It's fun to look for patterns and use them to make things nice and ordered! Alright Lingokids Friends let's see how those Easter egg patterns are looking!

Wow, they look wonderful! Full of colorful patterns! How about we hang them up on the wall?

Lingokids Characters: Hurray!

Presenter: I had a great time, Lingokids listeners! Thank you for your company and I hope you enjoyed it too! In our next episode we will continue playlearning together.

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