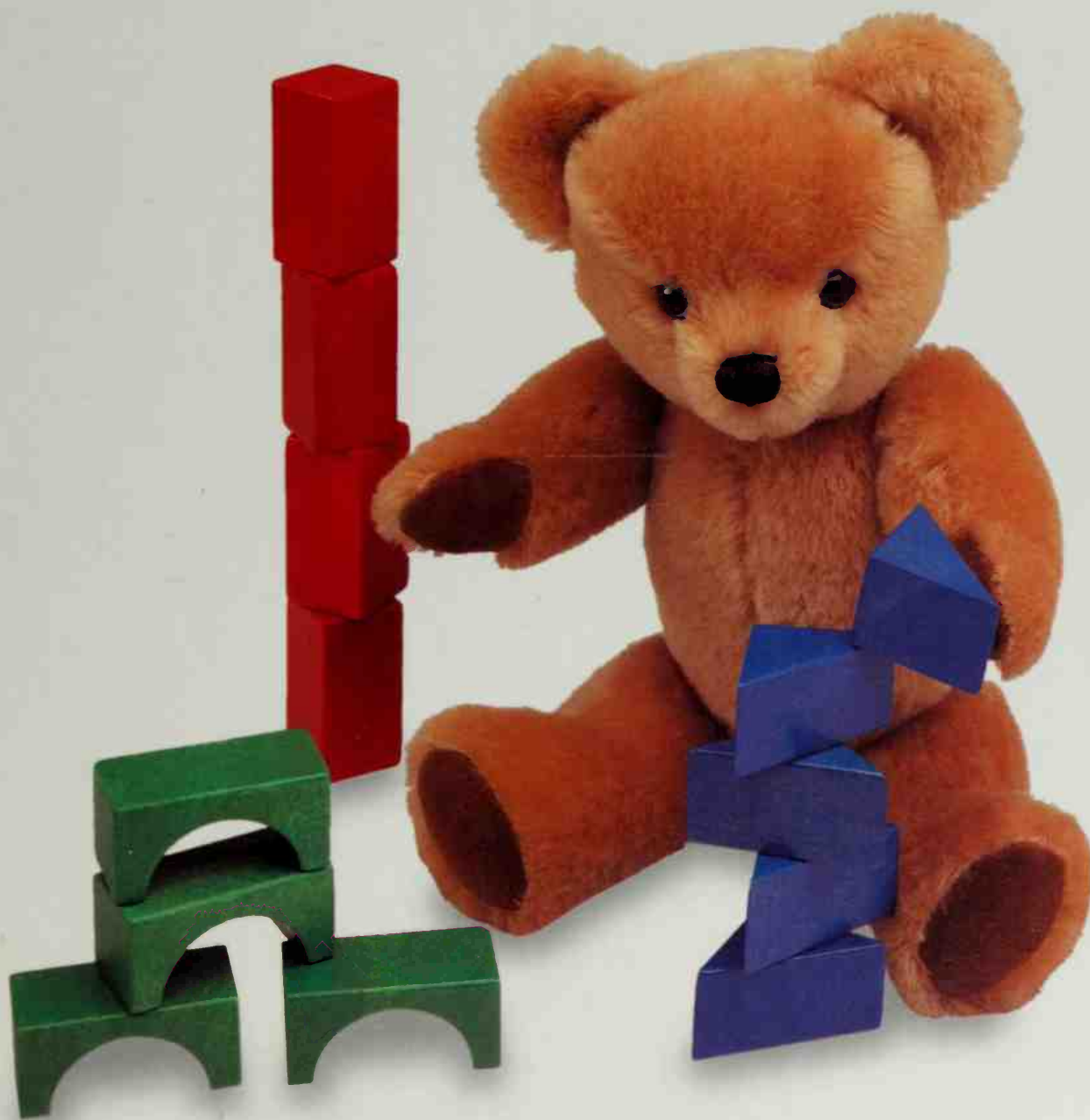




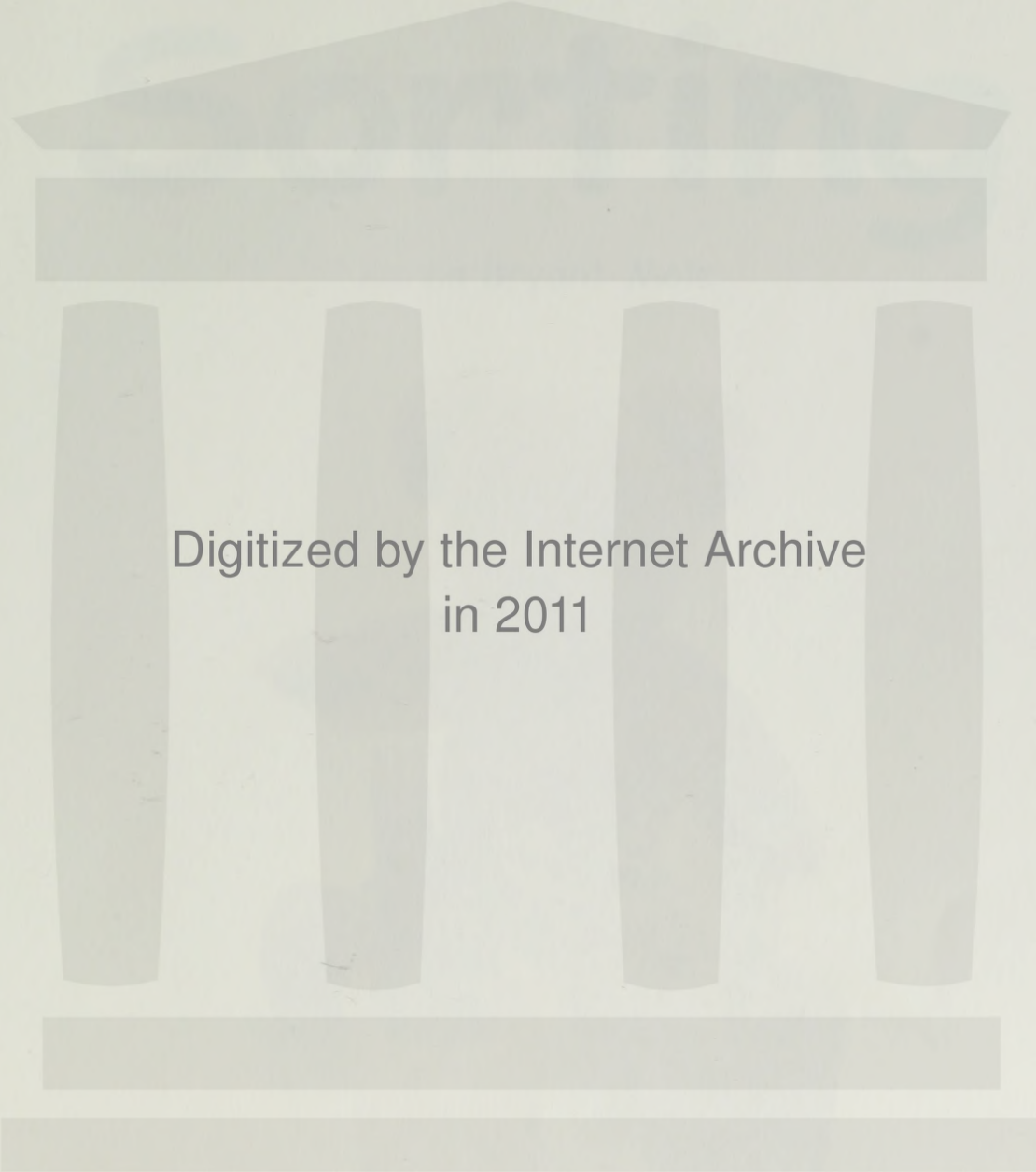
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sorting

Mortimer the bear is picking up his toys.
He is putting the animals into the red basket,
the cars into the yellow basket,
and the food into the blue basket.



I am making
a group of animals,
a group of cars, and
a group of food.



Putting things into groups is called sorting.
Help Mortimer finish sorting his toys.
Tell him where each toy belongs.

sets

Mortimer loves drawing and painting.

I have
a group of felt pens,
a group of pencils, and
a group of paintbrushes.



A group of objects
that belong together
is called a set.



a set of
paintbrushes



a set of colored pencils



a set of felt pens

color

Mortimer is sorting his clothespins into sets of different colors.



I am making
a green set,
a red set, and
a blue set.



Mortimer still has some clothespins to sort.
To which pile does each belong?

shape

Mortimer's blocks are different shapes.

I am sorting
my blocks
by shape.



Here are some buttons
that have been sorted
by shape.



a set of circles



a set of triangles



a set of squares

material

Mortimer's boat is made of plastic.
His car is made of metal.



Plastic
and metal
are different
kinds of
materials.



These things have been sorted by material.



a set of plastic objects



a set of metal objects

texture

Mortimer is ready
for a bath.

My towel
feels soft. The
soap and the soap
dish feel hard.



The way something feels
is called its texture.



Here are some more objects that
have been sorted by texture.



a set of soft objects



a set of hard objects

at home

You can sort things
any way you choose.

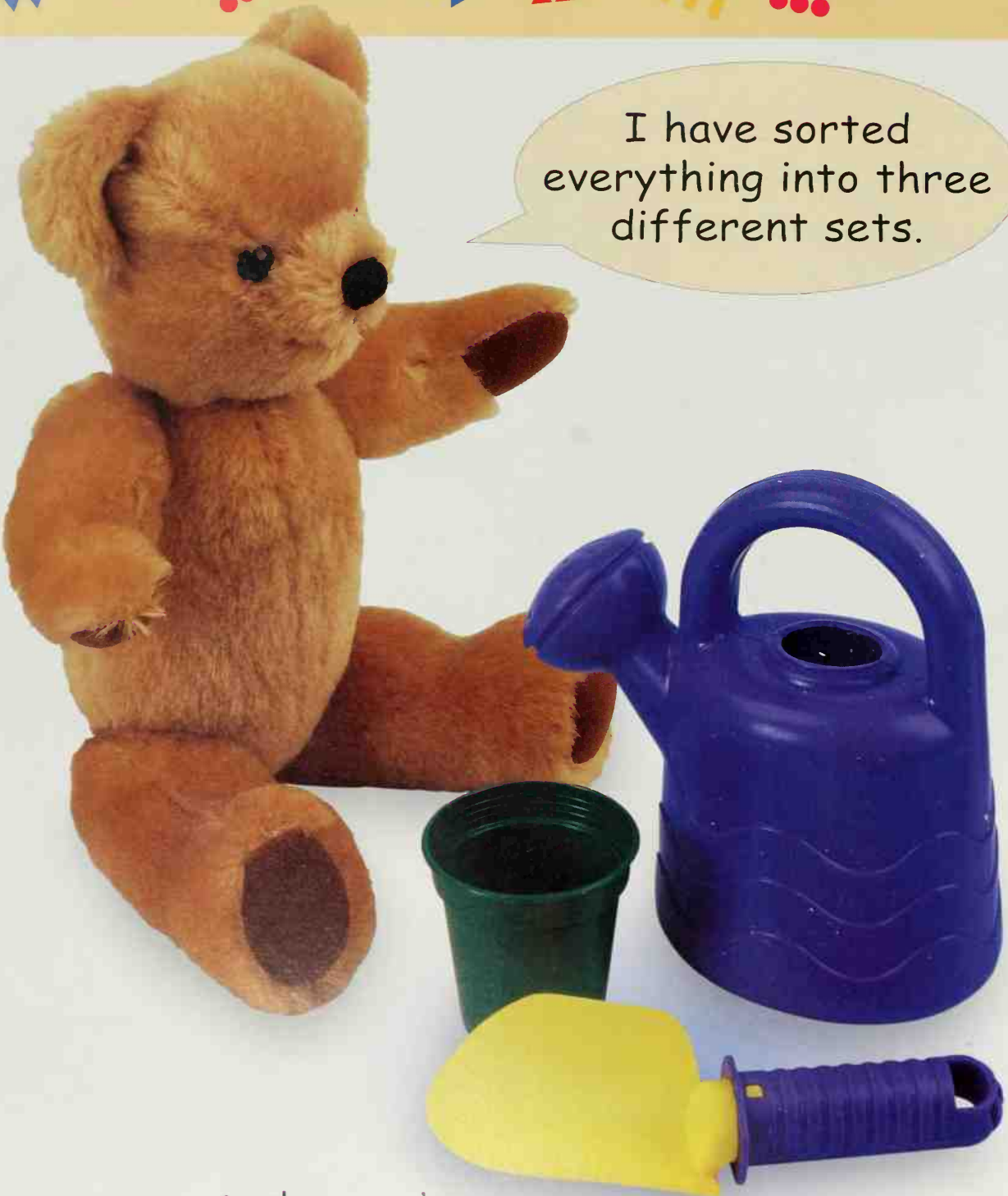
All these
things belong in
my bedroom.



Some of these objects are used
in the garden, some are used in
the kitchen, and some are used
in the bathroom.



Which things belong together?

A teddy bear is sitting on a white surface. To its right are three objects: a blue watering can, a green cup, and a yellow shovel with a blue handle. The background is white, and the entire page is framed by a yellow border with colorful geometric patterns.

I have sorted
everything into three
different sets.

in the garden



in the kitchen



in the bathroom

different sets

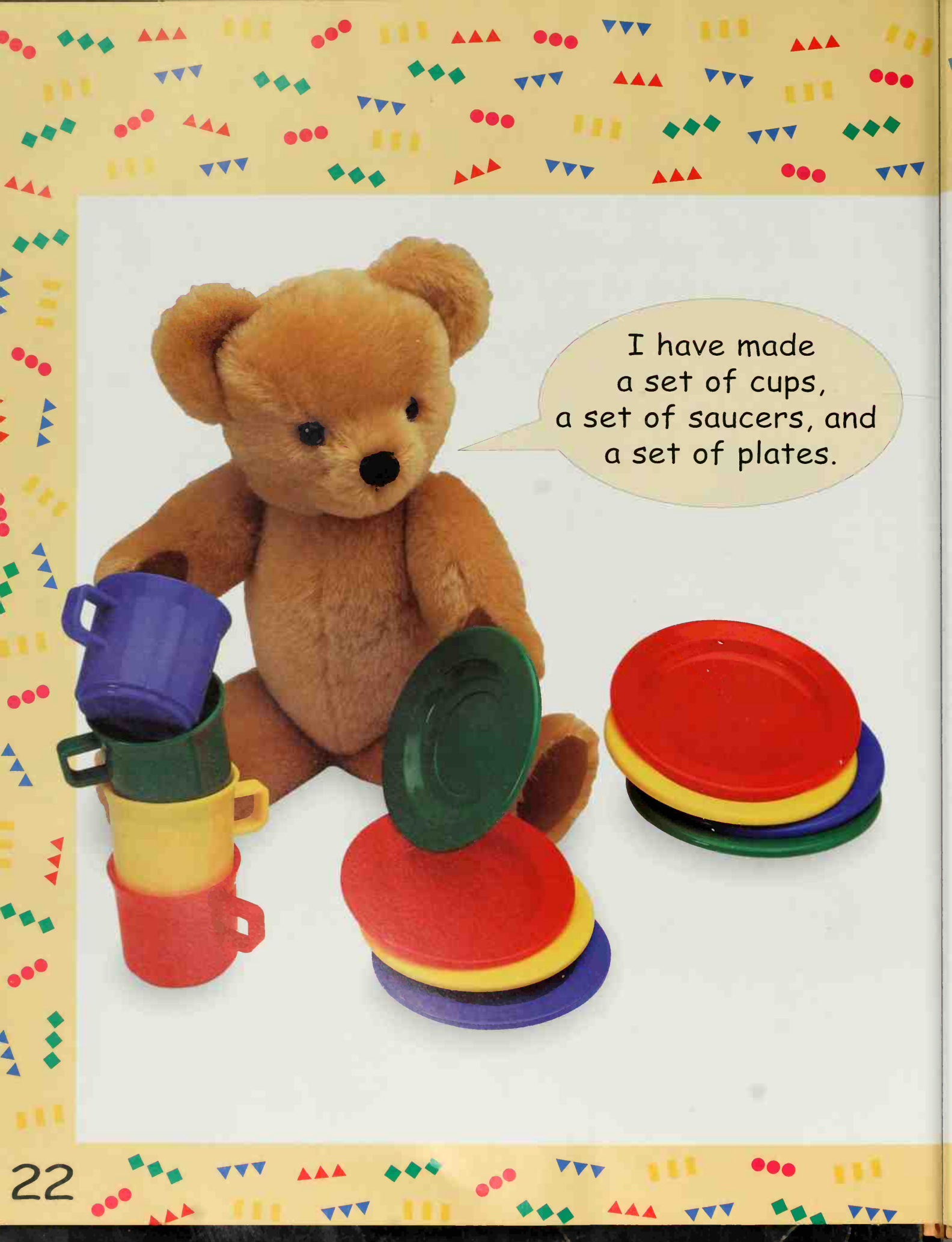
Mortimer is getting ready to drink tea.

I can sort my
dishes in more
than one way.



Look at everything very carefully.
Can you think of two different
ways to sort the dishes?





I have made
a set of cups,
a set of saucers, and
a set of plates.



I can also
sort my dishes
by color.

Find some of your own toys and see how
many different ways you can sort them.

glossary/index

group — a collection of things or people gathered together
5, 6, 7

material — what something is made of, such as metal,
plastic, cloth, or wood 12-13

metal — a material, such as gold or silver, that is usually
shiny and hard 12, 13

plastic — a strong yet lightweight material made from
chemicals in factories 12, 13

set — a group of things that are alike in some way or are
used together 6-7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 22

sorting — putting things that are alike in some way, such
as color or size, into groups 4-5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13,
15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23

texture — the way something feels, like bumpy tree bark
or the smooth skin of an apple 14-15

videos

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Color sets, shape sets, texture sets — learning to sort objects is fun. Can you help Mortimer sort things into sets?



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