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As we've seen, if you have three jars with 1, 2, and 3 cookies, then you can take all the cookies in only two rounds. What if, instead, the jars have 1, 3, and 5 cookies? Can you still take all the cookies in only two rounds?

If you have three jars with 1, 3, and 5 cookies, there are 9 cookies total. Can you find a way to put fewer than 9 cookies in three jars so it still takes three rounds to remove them all?

Can you find a way to put cookies in four jars so it takes four rounds to remove them all? If so, how many cookies did you use?

What is the smallest number of cookies you can use so it still takes four rounds?

For each number of jars, try to find a way to put cookies in the jars using as few cookies as possible so that it's not possible to take all the cookies in fewer rounds than the number of jars.

# of jars	How many cookies in each jar?
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	