

Busy Teacher Resources

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The graphic includes an illustration of a man in a blue winter coat and hat walking in a snowy landscape with trees under a sunset sky. To the right, the word 'MarcoGram' is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below the name, the text 'For educators, principals and teacher-trainers' is written in a smaller, italicized font, followed by the website URL 'http://www.marcopolo-education.org'.

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Understanding Patterns

Patterns are created when items are organized in a coherent fashion. Patterns are found not only in art, poetry and clothing, but also in the way people play the stock market, travel to work or get ready for school. This month, the MarcoGram features lessons that explore the development of patterns, whether it's combining sounds to create pleasing music, or providing scientists with an explanation of the past to prepare for the future. Use the warm-up activities below to encourage your students to locate and identify patterns, then scroll down for links to more lessons and resources to use in your classroom.