**The Triangle Dots Task**

The figure below contains a drawing of a 5-dot triangle made by using 5 dots on each side of the triangle. The 5-dot triangle requires a total of 12 dots to construct.

How many dots will be used to make a 2-dot triangle?

 A 3-dot triangle?

* A 4-dot triangle?
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* A 10-dot triangle?

* A 100-dot triangle?
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* An n-dot triangle?

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