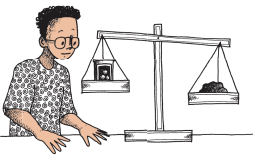


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Balancing Masses

Use the information in the Mass of Objects table below to answer the questions. Remember to use labels in your explanations.



Mass of Objects	
Object	Mass (in g)
Bolt	10 g
Washer	1 g
Hex nut	8 g

- Levi has a rock with a mass of 87 grams in one pan of his balance and a can with a mass of 59 grams in the other pan. How much mass does he need to add to the pan with the can to make the balance level? Write a number sentence.
- Kim is using bolts and washers for standard masses. How many bolts and washers would it take to balance a box with a mass of 53 g? Write a number sentence to explain your answer.
 Number of bolts _____
 Number of washers _____
 Number sentence _____
 - Is there another possible answer for Question 2A? If so, give another answer. Write a number sentence.

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Questions 1–4

- 28 grams ($87\text{ g} - 59\text{ g} = 28\text{ g}$)
- 5 bolts and 3 washers; 5 bolts have a mass of 50 grams ($5 \times 10 = 50$); 3 washers have a mass of 3 grams. $50\text{g} + 3\text{g} = 53\text{g}$
 - Yes. One of many possible solutions is: 4 bolts (40 grams) and 13 washers (13 grams). $40\text{ g} + 13\text{ g} = 53\text{ g}$
- 6 hex nuts (48 grams) and 5 washers (5 grams); ($6 \times 8\text{ g} = 48\text{ g}$ and $5 \times 1\text{ g} = 5\text{ g}$, $48\text{ g} + 5\text{ g} = 53\text{ g}$)
- Answers will vary. Possible answer: Kim's is easier. It is based on ten. It is usually easier to count by tens.



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Questions 1–4

- 1–4. Answers will vary. Encourage students to share their work with a partner.

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- Josh is using hex nuts and washers for standard masses. How many hex nuts and how many washers would it take to balance a box with a mass of 53 g? Write a number sentence to explain your answer.
 Number of hex nuts _____
 Number of washers _____
 Number sentence _____
- Kim used bolts and washers and Josh used hex nuts and washers to measure the mass of an object. Which set of standard masses do you think is easier to use, Kim's or Josh's? Explain.

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Mass at the Grocery Store

Homework

Dear Family Member:

Your child is learning about mass, the amount of matter in an object. As homework, your child will find the number of grams of mass in various food packages. If there are not enough items in your home, take your child with you to the supermarket. Your child should record the information he or she gathers in a two-column data table.

Thank you.

Look at the labels on eight food containers at home or in the store. Find the mass of the contents in grams. Put your data in the first table on the back of this page.

Mass of Packaged Foods

<i>B</i> Brand Name	<i>M</i> Mass (in g)
100% Bran Cereal	482
Chunk White Tuna	173

- What is the largest mass you found? _____
- What is the smallest mass you found? _____
- Which two items' masses are closest together? How did you figure this out?

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