



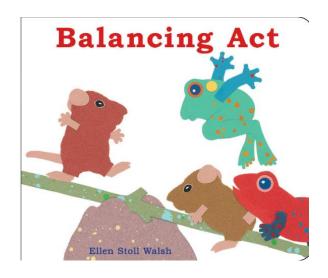
Activity Idea

Activity	The weighing station
Main Focus	Measures: weight

Resources	 Balance scales (these can be homemade using a coat hanger with empty containers suspended on each end) A large item, such as a teddy bear A range of items to balance the bear: either single items, including large light things and small heavy things such as large sponges, small rocks; or smaller items
	such as cubes, beads, pebbles, shells, pine cones

Activity Outline	The aim of the activity is for children to find things which balance or weigh the same as the
	bear.
	Challenge children to find things which balance the bear. As they experiment, discuss
	which items are heavier or lighter and how do they know?

Extension	✓ Investigate balancing objects on a seesaw, improvising with planks and logs or	
Opportunities	hung on string through a toilet roll over a fence (see photo)	
	✓ Read Balancing act by Ellen Stoll Walsh	
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih0Iw0zZRqU	





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