

Activity Idea

Activity	The weighing station
Main Focus	Measures: weight

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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
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Activity Outline	<p>The aim of the activity is for children to find things which balance or weigh <i>the same as</i> the bear.</p> <p>Challenge children to find things which balance the bear. As they experiment, discuss which items are heavier or lighter and how do they know?</p>
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Extension Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Investigate balancing objects on a seesaw, improvising with planks and logs or hung on string through a toilet roll over a fence (see photo) ✓ Read <i>Balancing Act</i> by Ellen Stoll Walsh https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih0lw0zRqU
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