

Master 31a

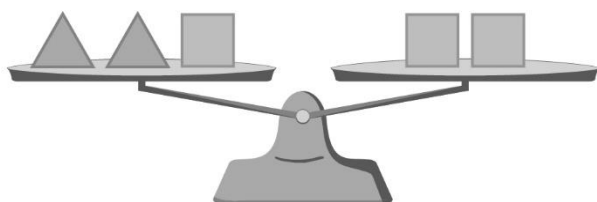
# Connections: Balance Puzzles

Do you like to do puzzles?

Have you ever tried a balance puzzle?

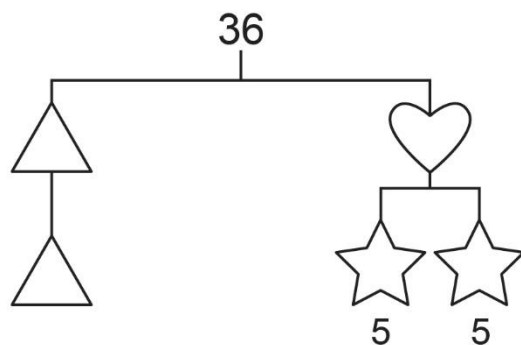
When things are balanced, the quantities on both sides are equal.

What do you know about the shapes on this pan balance?



A triangle has a mass equal to one-half the mass of a square.

What do you know about the shapes on this balance mobile?



The whole mobile represents 36.

What does each side represent?

Find what each shape represents, given that a star is 5.

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Solve this puzzle.

$$\text{soccer ball} + \text{soccer ball} + \text{soccer ball} = 15$$

$$\text{soccer ball} + \text{basketball} + \text{basketball} = 21$$

$$\text{basketball} + \text{football} = 20$$

$$\text{soccer ball} + \text{basketball} + \text{football} = ?$$

Try making a balance puzzle of your own.  
Then trade puzzles with a classmate and solve each other's puzzles.