

Homemade Scale

Learning Goals

Explore and compare the weight of different objects.



What You'll Need

- Ruler
- 2 paper cups
- Tape
- Marker
- Small toys like marbles, toy cars, duckies or feathers

Steps

- 1. Make a balance! Place the marker at the midpoint of the ruler (around the 6-inch mark) so it makes a cross. Tape the marker to the ruler to secure it.
- 2. Make a scale! On the side without the marker, tape the bottom of each cup to each end of the ruler. Now it's a scale!
- 3. Weigh the toys! Put a different number of marbles in each cup and observe what happens. Then compare two different toys, like a marble and a feather or a duckie and a toy car.

Watch Video



Talk Together

- Before we add items to the cup, which one do you think will weigh more? Why?
- Does the bigger object always weigh more?

Book Suggestion

Lia & Luís: ¿Quién tiene más?/Lia & Luis: Who Has More?,

by Ana Crespo and illustrated by Giovana Medeiros

Online Game

Peg + Cat: Happy Camel

pbskids.org/peg/games/ happy-camel/