Grades 5 - 8

Duration: 20 min

Tools: one 16 pcs Set / 1 to 4

students

Individual / Pair / Group work

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Balance scale

Balancing Blocks



PHYSICS



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DESCRIPTION

Take some blocks and a balance scale. Try to create a balance with different blocks on each side. The challenge is to use more than one block on each side. Try to create a formula that correlates the heights of the blocks with their weights.

SOLUTIONS / EXAMPLES

One method is pairing the blocks in order to create prisms with similar heights. Eg. 113+331 equals 233+112. See the solution of exercise 603 - Pairing 16pcs for the possible pairing options of the blocks. For example, blocks 113 and 133 are placed in one pan, and blocks 112 and 233 are placed in the other pan.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

None

RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS

Exercise 603 - Pairing 16pcs is recommended before this exercise.