

# Reasoning and Problem Solving

## Step 1: Make Equal Parts

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 2: (2F1a) [Recognise, find, name and write fractions  \$\frac{1}{3}\$ ,  \$\frac{1}{4}\$ ,  \$\frac{2}{4}\$  and  \$\frac{3}{4}\$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain whether a statement is correct when dividing objects into equal and unequal groups. Includes dividing objects arranged in an array into 2 equal groups.

**Expected** Explain whether a statement is correct when dividing objects into equal and unequal groups. Includes dividing objects arranged in arrays and at random, into up to 4 equal or unequal groups.

**Greater Depth** Explain whether a statement is correct when dividing objects into equal and unequal groups. Includes dividing objects arranged in arrays and at random, into up to 4 equal or unequal groups.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Problem Solving)

**Developing** Divide the shapes into the correct number of equal or unequal parts, using squares and circles.

**Expected** Divide the shapes into the correct number of equal or unequal parts, using squares, rectangles and circles.

**Greater Depth** Divide the shapes into the correct number of equal or unequal parts, using various shapes.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain whether groups of shapes have been divided into equal groups. Shapes are divided into two parts only and are arranged in order

**Expected** Explain whether groups of shapes have been divided into equal groups. Shapes have been divided into three parts. Some shapes are arranged randomly.

**Greater Depth** Explain whether group of shapes have been divided into equal groups. Shapes have been divided into three or four groups. Shapes are arranged randomly.

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1a. Jack thinks that if he divides the stars into 2 equal groups, there will be 8 in each group.



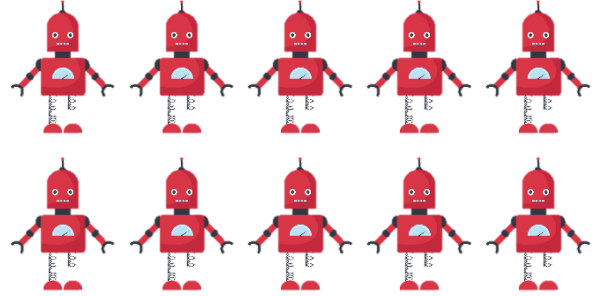
Is Jack correct? Explain why.



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1b. Sasha thinks that if she divides the robots into 2 equal groups, there will be 5 in each group.

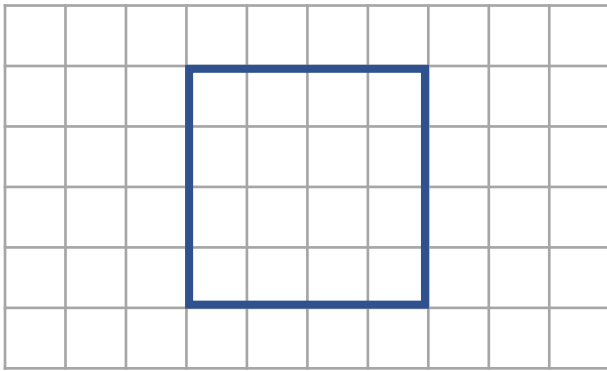


Is Sasha correct? Explain why.



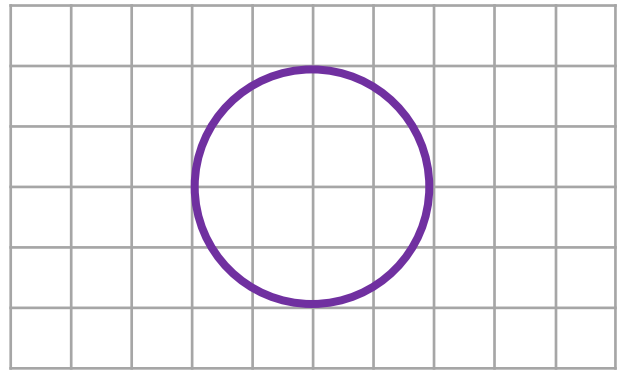
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2a. Divide the shape below into 2 equal parts.



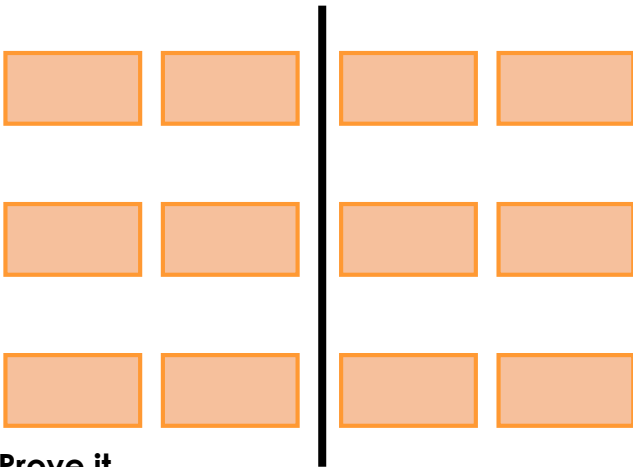
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2b. Divide the shape below into 2 unequal parts.



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3a. True or false? Both groups are equal.

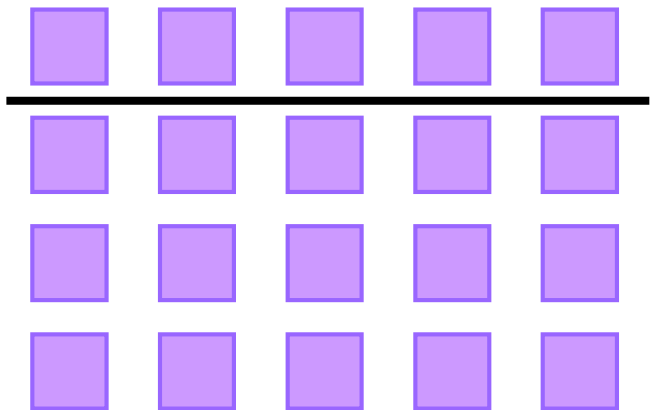


Prove it.



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3b. True or false? Both groups are unequal.



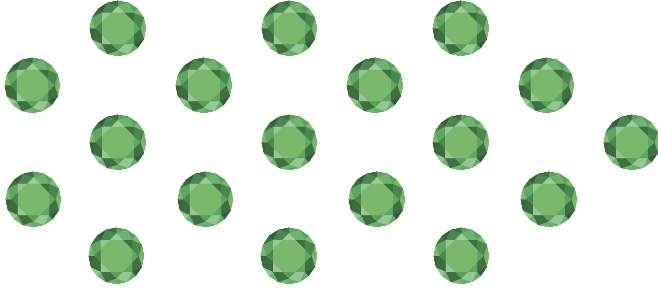
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4a. Daisy thinks that if she divides the jewels into 3 equal groups, there will be 7 in each group.



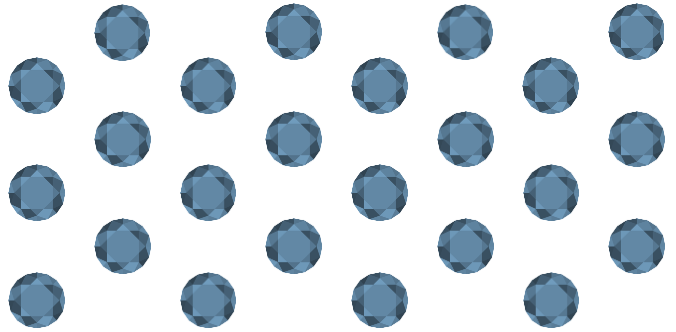
Is Daisy correct? Explain why.



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4b. Mo thinks that if he divides the jewels into 4 equal groups, there will be 6 in each group.

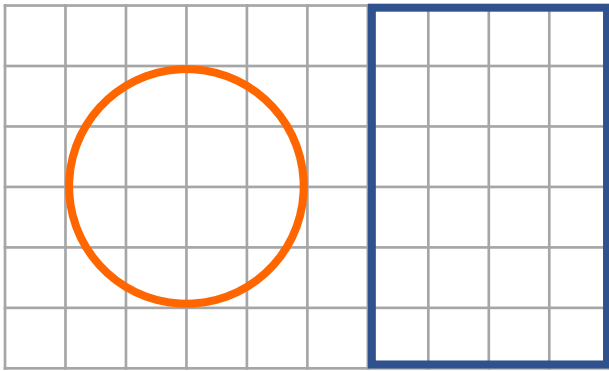


Is Mo correct? Explain why.



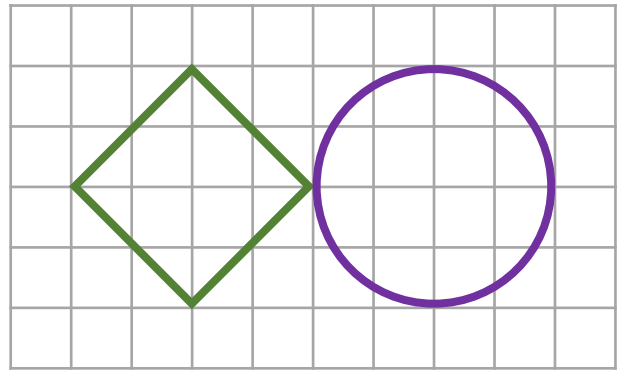
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5a. Divide the shapes below into 4 unequal parts.



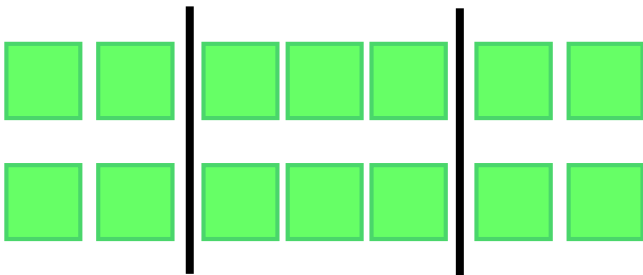
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5b. Divide the shapes below into 4 equal parts.



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6a. True or false? All the groups are equal.

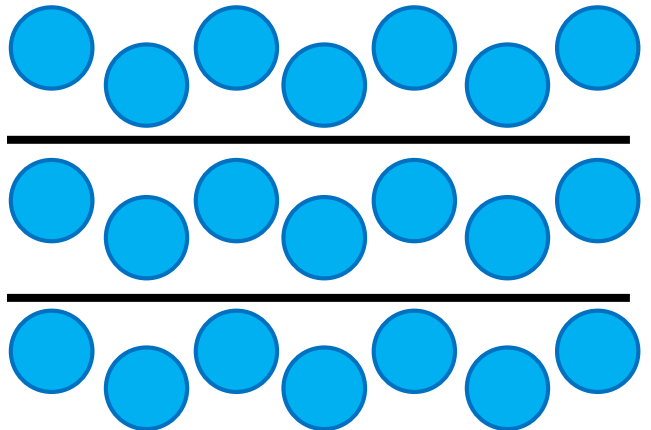


Prove it.



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6b. True or false? All the groups are equal.



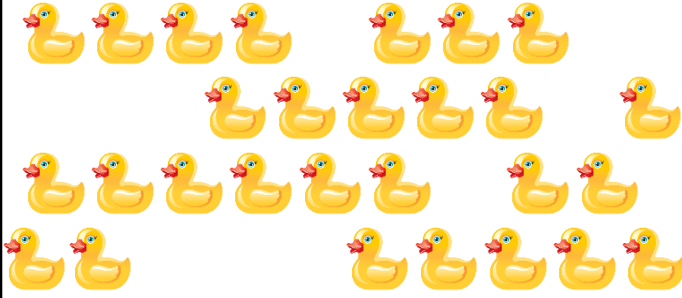
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7a. Omar thinks that if he divides the ducks into 4 equal groups, there will be 6 in each group.



Is Omar correct? Explain why.



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7b. Jill thinks that if she divides the basketballs into 4 equal groups, there will be 4 in each group.

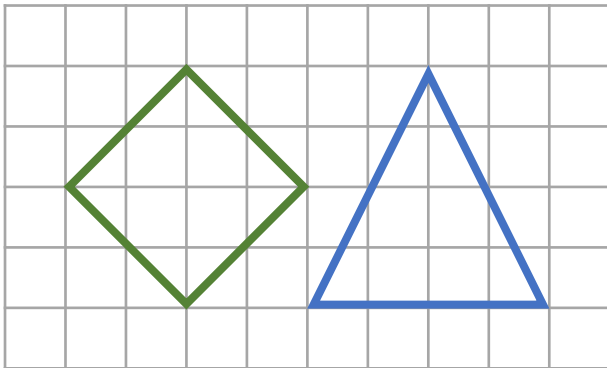


Is Jill correct? Explain why.



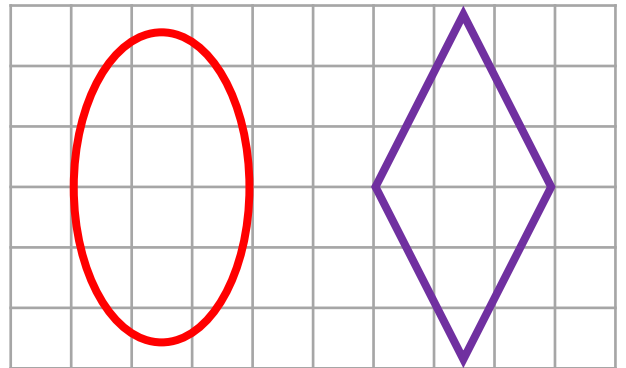
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8a. Divide the shapes below into 3 unequal parts.



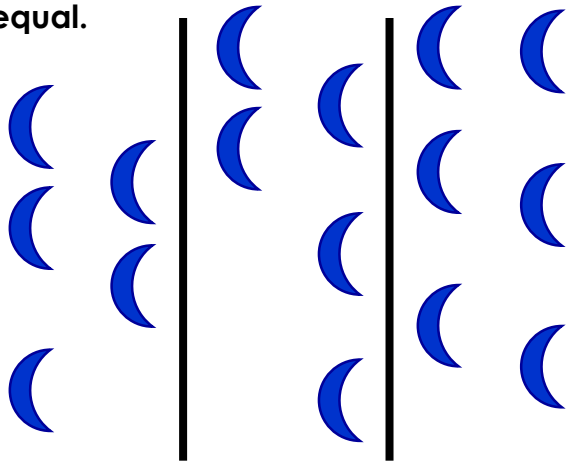
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8b. Divide the shapes below into 4 equal parts.



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9a. True or false? All the groups are unequal.

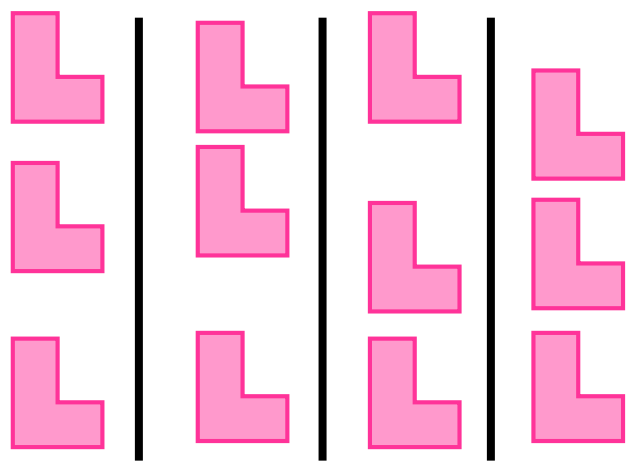


Prove it.



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9b. True or false? All the groups are equal.



Prove it.



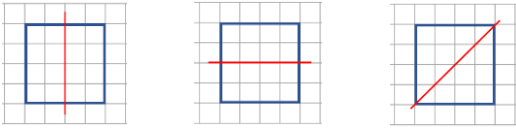
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### Developing

1a. Jack is incorrect because  $12 \div 2 = 6$  so there will be 6 stars in each equal group.

2a. Various answers, for example:

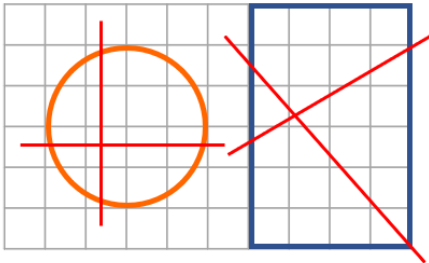


3a. True because there are 6 rectangles in each equal group.

### Expected

4a. Daisy is incorrect because  $18 \div 3 = 6$  so there will be 6 jewels in each equal group.

5a. Various answers, for example:

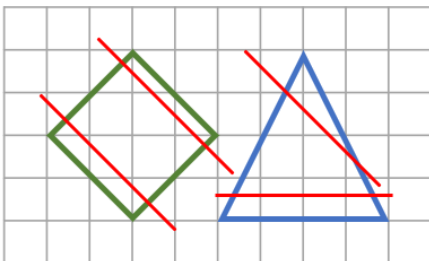


6a. False because the middle group has 6 squares and the other two groups have 4 squares each.

### Greater Depth

7a. Omar is incorrect because  $28 \div 4 = 7$  so there will be 7 ducks in each equal group.

8a. Various answers, for example:



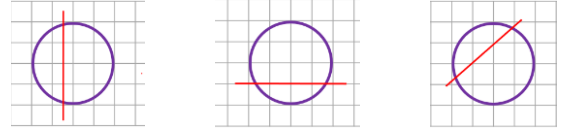
9a. False because two groups are equal with 5 moons in each group. The third group has 6 moons.

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### Developing

1b. Sasha is correct because  $10 \div 2 = 5$  so there will be 5 robots in each group.

2b. Various answers, for example:

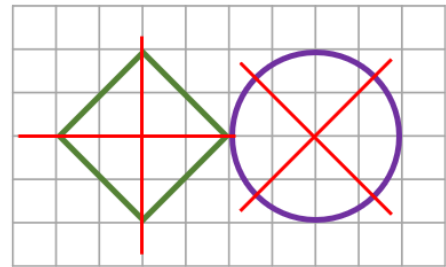


3b. True because unequal parts are not the same and there are 5 squares in one group and 15 squares in the other group.

### Expected

4b. Mo is correct because  $24 \div 4 = 6$  so there will be 6 jewels in each group.

5b. Various answers, for example:

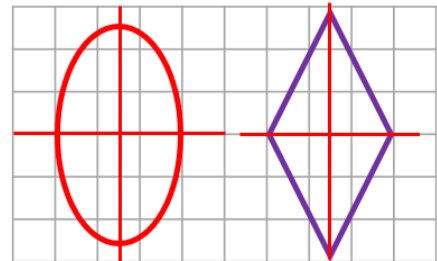


6b. True because each group contains 7 circles.

### Greater Depth

7b. Jill is incorrect because  $20 \div 4 = 5$  so there will be 5 basketballs in each equal group.

8b. Various answers, for example:



9b. True because each group contains 3 L-shapes so each group is equal.