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Equal groups

Find the equal groups in a times story.

1 Learn



In a times story, look for **equal groups**. Ask: **how many groups?** And **how many in each?**



3 plates, 5 cakes on each
3 groups of 5
3 × 5 = 15

Mia has 4 bags. There are 2 apples in each bag.



1. How many groups? **4 bags.**

2. How many in each? **2 apples.**

3. Count in twos: 2, 4, 6, 8. **4 × 2 = 8**

Flip's tip: groups must be **equal**. If one plate has 3 cakes and another has 5, it isn't a times story.

Warm up: fill the gaps.



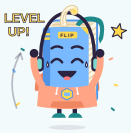
_____ groups of _____

_____ × _____ = _____

Grown-ups: read the story aloud and point to each group. Ask "How many groups? How many in each?" before working anything out. If your child adds the two numbers (4 + 2), draw the groups and count them.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Teddy picnic

You need: 2 to 5 soft toys (or cups), and a bowl of small things such as dry pasta or buttons.

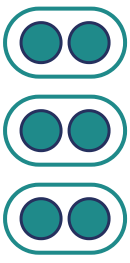
1. Sit the toys in a row. Each toy is **one group**.
2. Give each toy the **same number** of pasta pieces: 2, 5 or 10.
3. Say it: "**4 groups of 5**". Count in 2s, 5s or 10s to find how many altogether.
4. Fill in the table.
5. Now give one toy an extra piece. Are the groups still equal?

Groups (toys)	In each	Times sentence	Altogether
		____ × ____	
		____ × ____	
		____ × ____	

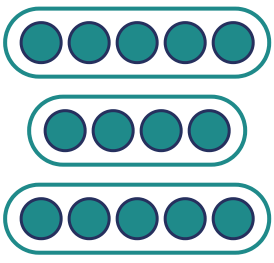
Grown-ups: ask "Which number tells us the groups? Which tells us how many in each?" When one toy has more, it's not a times story any more.

3 Practise

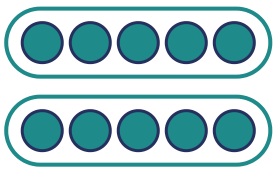
A. Look at the groups. Draw a ring round **equal** or **not equal**.



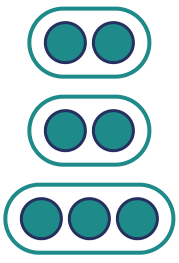
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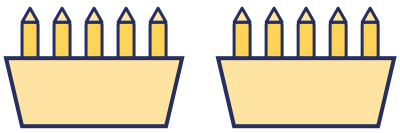


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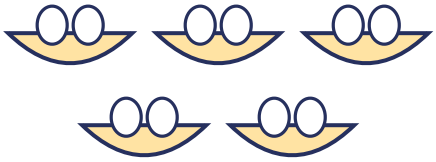
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B. How many groups? How many in each? Write the times sentence.



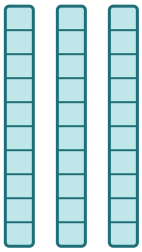
____ pots, ____ in each

____ × ____ = ____



____ nests, ____ in each

____ × ____ = ____



____ towers, ____ in each

____ × ____ = ____

C. Read the story. Fill the gaps.

Sam has **5** packs of stickers. There are **10** stickers in each pack.

____ groups of ____

____ × ____ = ____

Ava has **3** bowls. There are **2** oranges in each bowl.

____ groups of ____

____ × ____ = ____

D. Draw **2** plates with **5** grapes on each. Write the times sentence.

____ × ____ = ____

Challenge

Ava says **4 bags of 2 apples** make **6** apples. Is she right? How many apples are there?

I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ I can find how many groups.
- ☐ I can find how many in each group.
- ☐ I can write a times sentence.