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Activity 1 Click on the Basics icon. While exploring the Sim, answer the following questions:

| Compare the weight of <br> the red ball to the blue <br> block. |
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| Draw a picture to show <br> the scale balanced with <br> several red balls and <br> blue blocks |
| Draw a picture to show <br> the scale tiled to the left <br> with several red balls <br> and blue blocks (you <br> need to have objects on <br> both sides) |
| If I had a balance like the <br> one below, what can you <br> add to the right side to <br> make it balanced? |
| Write three comparison <br> statements about your <br> observations on the <br> apples, oranges, and <br> lemons. |
| Write three comparison <br> statements about your <br> observations on the <br> turtle, cat, and dog |

## Activity 2 - DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET

## Partner Challenge

Part 1: Please pick up your partner questions from me. Each of you have 3 problems that I have given you.

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3 x=6
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Operations

## Click on the Operations icon

Use the following steps to set up each problem for your partner.

1. Add variables and numbers to both sides of your balance to set up your problem
2. Set the value of $x$ on the top right by clicking
 on the up/down arrow, till the scale balances.
3. Collapse the box that shows the $x$ value by clicking on the $\square$ so that the $x$ value is not visible.
4. Click on the lock. (Your screen should look like the example in the first problem)
5. Have your partner solve for $x$ by adding or removing items to both sides of the balance.
6. Check your partner's answer.
7. Now your partner will set up a problem for you to solve.
8. Repeat steps till you and your partner have solved all the problems I have given you.

| Partner A | Partner B |
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| $5 x-8=32+x$ | $-11+6 x=11 x+4$ |
| $12 x+5=4 x+9$ | $10-2 x=2 x-10$ |

## Solving Multi-Step Equations

Name: $\qquad$
Part 2: You will create 2 problems using the Sim, for your partner to solve.
You may use any method to create problems for your partner to solve. Make sure that your problems have variables on both sides.


Write down your problems below and describe, in your own words, the steps you took to create them.

|  | Problem | Steps I took to create my Problem |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 |  |  |
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| 2 |  |  |

## Activity 3: Time for games!



Class Challenge: Who can collect the most stars?
You may play this game individually or with a partner.

Click on the Solve it! Icon. Click on Level $4 x$. Solve as many as you can in 20 minutes. If this level seems too challenging, please move to a lower level till you get comfortable with how the game works.

