Mass

Math

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Is the mass of your pencil case less than, more than or about the same as one kilogram? Hold the pencil case in one hand and the 1 kg mass in the other to compare. Write the results in the table.

YOU NEED:
- 1 kilogram mass

Item measured	Less than 1 kg, about the same as 1 kg or more than 1 kg?
Pencil case	
Tape dispenser	
Telephone book	
Dictionary	
Basketball	
School bag	
Brick or large rock	

How do you know when the buckets of an equal arm balance contain the same mass?

Use the balance and a 1 kg mass to measure a ball of modeling clay with a mass of one kilogram. Use the items to find the missing information in these sentences.

This ball of modeling clay has a mass of _____.
When it is rolled into a thin snake it has a mass of _____.
When it is squashed flat it has a mass of _____.
When it is broken up into bits, it has a mass of _____.
No matter how the shape is changed, a one kilogram ball of modeling clay still has a mass of _____.

Use the modeling clay to make two equal balls. How can you check that they have an equal mass?

What is the mass of each ball? _____
What would be the mass of four of these balls? _____

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ANSWER KEY

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The arms are horizontal.

Use the balance and a 1 kg mass to measure a ball of modeling clay with a mass of one kilogram. Use the items to find the missing information in these sentences.

This ball of modeling clay has a mass of 1kg.
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When it is squashed flat it has a mass of 1kg.
When it is broken up into bits, it has a mass of 1kg.
No matter how the shape is changed, a one kilogram ball of modeling clay still has a mass of 1kg.

Use the modeling clay to make two equal balls. How can you check that they have an equal mass?
I measure them with a balance and the 2 balls have equal mass if the balance hands are horizontal.

What is the mass of each ball? 0,5kg
What would be the mass of four of these balls? 0,25kg