Parent answer key

Balance Both Sides

Keep this page with the grown-up.

1 6. Nine plus six makes fifteen.

2 13. Taking 5 away from 13 leaves 8.

3 8. Both sides equal 12.

4 7 in each bag. Accept sharing the blocks evenly or checking 7 + 7 = 14.

5 5. Both sides equal 20. A valid explanation can also compare the gap from 15 to 18 and then add 2.

What did you notice?

Tried alone, tried with help, or skipped? Pointing, building and explaining all count.

Next time

If the blank feels tricky, let your child build both sides. If it feels easy, ask them to make a new equation with equal sides.