

Check the Rock



Max sits under a big
oak tree. He has a
rock and a feather, and
he can drop them both.

But he stops. He thinks
and thinks.





A rock is hard and solid. An elephant grips it in a big trunk, but it can not crush it. It is hot out, but a rock keeps cool and strong.

Max prods at an
elephant, but it
can not shift. It
sits and blinks.
Max pants and
gasps. A big lump
is a big lump!





A rock is a hard lump. A feather is soft, and it can drift and float. Max lifts them both up and thinks.

Max lifts a rock up
and squints at it.
Is it six kilograms?
Is it ten? He can
not check, and he
needs a tool.





Max needs help,
and Dad comes.
Dad has a tool
to check heft,
and he grins.
Max peeks out
and is glad.

Dad lifts up a
flask and grins.
It has rain in it,
up to the brim.
It is a kilogram,
spot on.



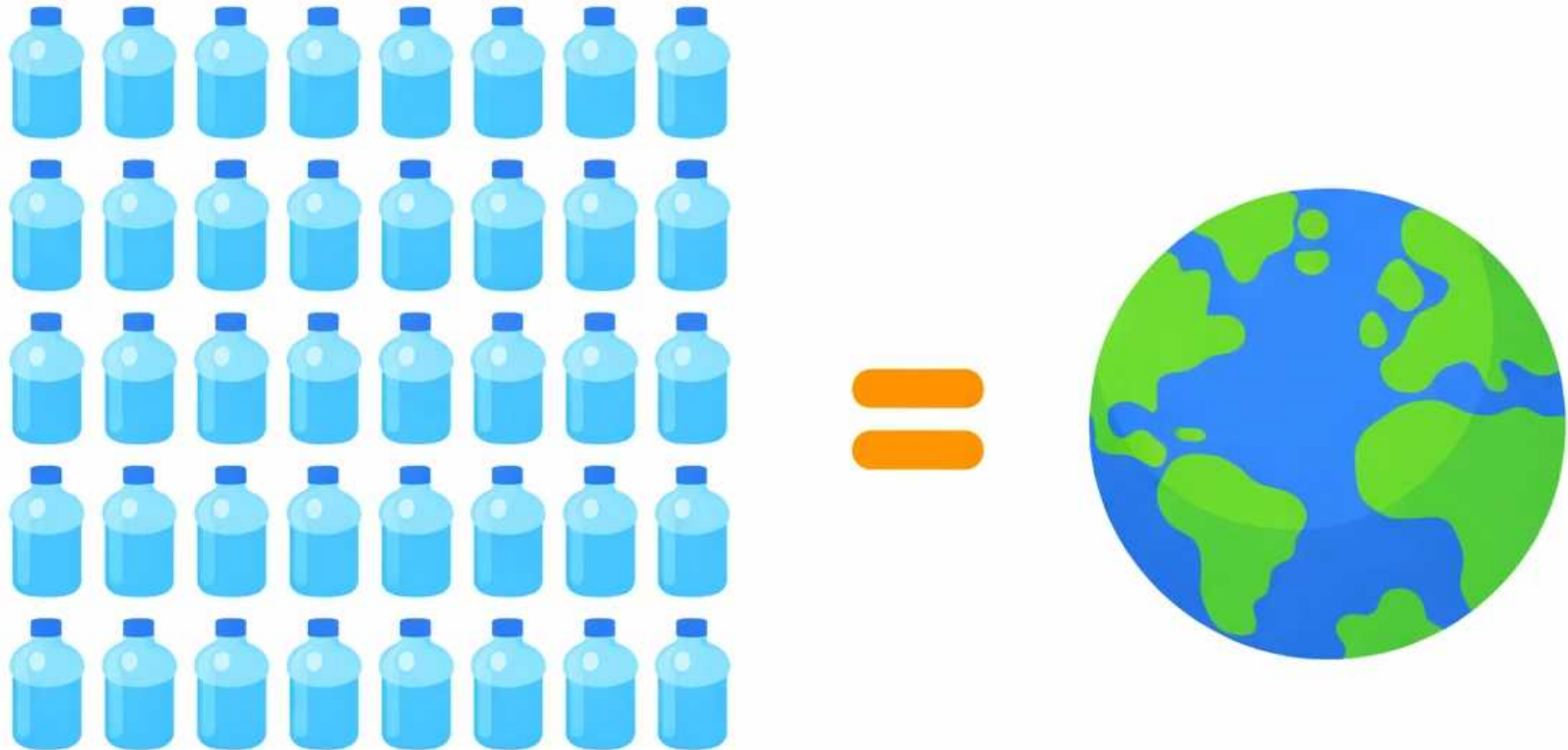


A herd stands on
a pan. Dogs
cram in on that
pan. Thud! A herd
sinks down. A big
count can not
win, but big bulk
can.

Max thinks big,
big, big. Can he
check a vast
orb, all land and
rock? It can not
fit on a pan, but
maths can do it!



Jugs and jugs and jugs match a
vast orb. It is a vast, vast
number, and Max can not count it.



A flask sits on a pan, and feathers stack up on that pan. Up and up, a vast soft stack! Both pans match, spot on.



An illustration on the left side of the page shows a light blue sky with soft, white, fluffy clouds. Several large, blue, teardrop-shaped raindrops are falling from the clouds. The raindrops have a glossy, 3D appearance with highlights and shadows. The background of the entire page is a light teal color.

Drip, drop! Rain drips
from a cloud. A drop
is soft and thin, but
drop plus drop plus
drop is a lot. Bit by
bit, it is a big, big
sum.

Max hops on a pan
and grins. He is ten
plus ten plus ten
kilograms, not as
much as an elephant!

He lifts a rock and a
feather. Drop them
both! Bam!





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Max sits with a rock and a feather, sure the rock will win the drop. But when Dad shows up with a strange balance tool, Max starts to wonder: is a big lump always heavier than a big pile of little ones? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practises words like 'rock', 'lump', 'sits', 'grins', 'thinks'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

an, and, as, at, bam, big, bit, brim, bulk, but, can, cram, dad, drift, drop, elephant, fit, gasps, glad, grins, has, heft, help, hops, hot, in, is, it, jugs, land, lifts, lot, lump, match, not, number, pan, pants, plus, prods, rock, shift, sinks, sits, six, soft, solid, spot, squints, stack, stops, strong, sum, ten, them, thin, thinks, trunk, under, up, vast, win

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