

# MEASURING MASS USING A TRIPLE BEAM BALANCE



**KEY OPENING QUESTION: What Are The Masses Of Different Items?**

**MATERIALS:** Triple beam balance  
Sand  
Rice  
Puffed rice  
Unpopped corn  
Popped corn  
Pencil  
Marker  
5 small zip-lock baggies

## **PROCEDURE:**

1. Fill one bag with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of sand.
2. Repeat step one with rice, puffed rice, unpopped corn, and popped corn.
3. Make sure the balance pointer is on the zero point.
4. Place the bag of sand on the balance pan.
5. Find the mass of the sand (to the nearest 0.1g).
6. Now look at the 0.1g mass column in the data table and write down the number your mass is showing in the correct box under “Mass Placement”.
7. Look at the 10g mass and write down the number it is showing.
8. Look at the 100g mass and write down the number where it is located.
9. Add all the mass placements, and you will come up with your “Mass in Grams” total.
10. Record the total mass of the sand on the chart under “Mass in Grams”.
11. Finish balancing each of the other items on the list and record their masses.

## **OBSERVATIONS AND DATA:**

Fill in data table sheet.

Explain the differences in masses

**CONCLUSION:** (Answer the question)