

Equal shares — fair shares?

Explain different ideas of fairness.



A balanced scale with smooth stones illustrates questions about fairness. · AI-generated illustration

Equality can mean giving everyone the same amount. Distribution according to need takes different needs into account. The suitable rule depends on a justified goal and the particular situation.

Now try it

1. Four fictional groups share twelve learning materials. Write a rule giving each group the same amount.
2. One group has twice as many members. Develop a second rule and explain which goal it serves better.

Fictional demo material. Adapt to the learners and the school's teaching before use.

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Your notes and findings

Think it through

Is an equal share always the only fair solution?

See a suggested answer

No. Depending on the situation, equal shares, different needs or other justified criteria may matter. The reasoning should remain understandable.

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