Ones and twos

Holly has six numbers, three 1s and three 2s. She also has lots of + signs, x signs and = signs.

1 2 1 2 1 2

She is trying to make the biggest number possible. Here are some she tried.

First try Second try

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$
 $1 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 2 = 9$

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 = 6$$

Can you beat Holly's score?

What if Holly had three 2s and three 3s?

Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles. Use known number facts to add mentally. Carry out simple multiplication. 20