## Problem Solving: Act It Out and Use Reasoning

In Mackenzie's class there are 23 students. 14 students have brown hair. 2 times as many students have blonde hair as have red hair. How many students have each color hair?

Draw a diagram to show what you know.

There are 9 students left. You know that two times as many have blonde hair as have red hair. Make a table to try different numbers and see which pair fits the problem.

red		blonde	Do numbers add up to 9?
1	1 × 2 =	2	does not equal 9
2	2 × 2 =	4	does not equal 9
3	3 × 2 =	6	equals 9

23 students total							
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14 students with brown hair

Since  $6 = 2 \times 3$  and 6 + 3 = 9, this is the correct answer.

So, in Mackenzie's class, there are 14 students with brown hair, 6 with blonde hair, and 3 with red hair.

In 1 and 2, solve. Draw a picture and/or table to help find the answer.

- 1. Jacobson Animal Shelter has half as many cats as dogs. The shelter has 30 dogs. How many total animals does the shelter have?
- 2. Summer's mother gave Summer \$20 to share with her 3 brothers equally. How much did each person get?