Simultaneous Equations

1 Work out the masses of the light and dark boxes in each of the following cases. Explain briefly how you got your answers.



- **2** Solve the following pairs of simultaneous equations. Show all your working.
 - (a) 2x + y = 3.9x + y = 2.5
 - (b) x + 3y = 12.7x + y = 7.1
 - (c) x + 2y = 6.32x + y = 3.9
 - (d) x + 3y = 11.93x + y = 10.1
 - (e) 2x + 3y = 14.73x + 2y = 18.3
- 3 I have twenty sweets. Some of these are gobstoppers and the rest are mints. Gobstoppers are 11p each, and mints are 7p each. If the sweets cost me £1.88 in total, how many gobstoppers and how many mints do I have?
- **4** Work out the masses of the light, medium, and dark boxes in the following example. Explain how you got your answer.



5 Can you make up more puzzles like this? Can you solve them?