



Rearrange these statements to form a proof about triangular and square numbers.

Then  $T = \frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)$  for some whole number  $n$ .

Expanding,  $8T + 1 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1$

Let  $T$  be a triangular number

Therefore, if  $T$  is triangular,  $8T + 1$  is square

We wish to prove that if  $T$  is a triangular number then  $8T + 1$  is a square number.

Simplifying,  $8T + 1 = 4n(n + 1) + 1$

Factorising the right hand side,  $8T + 1 = (2n + 1)^2$

Therefore  $8T + 1 = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)\right) + 1$