6 footballs should be circled.
The whole is 12. Half of 12 is 6.

5 stars should be circled.
The whole is 10. Half of 10 is 5.

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 20 = 10

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 4 = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 40 = 20

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 60 = 30

Emily started with 18 crayons. Explanations may focus on adding another equal group/doubling the starting number.

Children may choose to represent this as:

9 + 9 = 18

2 x 9 = 18

18 ÷ 2 = 9

Possible answers are 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38.