

MENTAL CALCULATIONS







Number bonds

Knowing (not working out) pairs of numbers which total to 10, 20 and 100

3+7, 13+7, 30+70...

Counting on and back

Counting in steps of 1, 10, 100, 1000...

86 + 52 = 138 by counting on in 10s then in 1s

Rounding and adjusting

Add the nearest multiple of 10, 100, 1000 and adjust

24 + 19 **>** 24 + 20 - 1 = 43

Relationships

Addition and subtraction are inverse operations so you can 'work backwards'

23 - 17 = 6 so we know 17 + 6 = 23

Doubles and near doubles

6 + 6 = 12. 6 + 7 = double 6 and 1 more = 13

Partitioning

Splitting a number up and then recombining it $34 + 45 \Rightarrow (30 + 40) + (4 + 5) = 70 + 9 = 79$

Bridging

Using number bonds to split numbers

 $17 + 7 \Rightarrow 17 + (3 + 4) = 20 + 4 = 24$

Using related facts

4 + 9 = 13 so we know 40 + 90 = 130

Subtraction

Number bonds

Using number facts we know 20 - 17 = 3, 100 - 70 = 30



Counting on and back

Counting on and back in repeated steps of 1, 10, 100...

86 - 32 = 54 by counting back in 10s and in 1s

Find a small difference by counting up

101 - 98 → from 98, we jump to 99, 100, 101... three jumps = 3

Rounding and adjusting

Subtract the nearest multiple of 10, 100... and adjust 74 - 19 = 74 - 20 and then add the 1 back on = 55

Relationships

Addition and subtraction are inverse operations so you can 'work backwards'

17 + 6 = 23 so we know 23 - 6 = 17

Partitioning

Splitting a number up then recombining it $89 - 36 \Rightarrow (80 - 30) + (9 - 6) = 50 + 3 = 53$

Bridging

Using number bonds to split numbers up

 $14 - 6 \Rightarrow 14 - 4 - 2 = 10 - 2 = 8$

Multiplication

Times tables

Knowing (not working out) multiplication facts

 $Y2 \rightarrow x2 \quad x5 \quad x10$

 $Y3 \rightarrow x3 \times 4 \times 8$

Y4 → recall all facts up to 12 x 12 quickly

Knowing the effect of xO and x1

Doubling... and doubling again

 $13 \times 2 = 26$, so $13 \times 4 = 52$ and $13 \times 8 = 104$

Using related facts



 8×6 is double 4×6 24 × 5 = (24 × 10) then half it = 120

 $12 \times 15 = 12 \times 5 \times 3 = 60 \times 3 = 180$

Multiplying by 10, 100, 1000...

 $63 \times 10 = 630$ (and $6.3 \times 10 = 63$ etc)

Partitioning

 $23 \times 6 \Rightarrow (20 \times 6) + (3 \times 6) = 120 + 18 = 138$ $13 \times 12 \Rightarrow (13 \times 10) + (13 \times 2) = 130 + 26 = 156$

Relationships

Multiplication is repeated addition

 $14 \times 3 = 14 + 14 + 14 = 42$

Multiplication and division are inverse operations so you can 'work backwards'

Division

Times tables

Multiplication and division are inverse operations so you can 'work backwards'

 $8 \times 7 = 56$ so we know $56 \div 8 = 7$

Halving

Halving is ÷2

Halving and halving again is $\div 4$ (and finding $\frac{1}{4}$ or 25%)

 $64 \div 4 = 64$ halved (32) and then halved again = 16

Dividing by 10, 100, 1000...

 $750 \div 10 = 75 \text{ (and } 750 \div 100 = 7.5)$

Relationships

Division can be seen as repeated subtraction

 $24 \div 6$ ⇒ starting at 24, we take off 6s ⇒ 18, 12, 6, 0 = 4 groups

Division can be worked out by repeatedly adding, too

 $24 \div 6$ → from 0, we jump to 6, 12, 18, 24...

4 jumps = 4

If I know $3 \times 7 = 21$, what else do I know?

 $30 \times 7 = 210$,

 $0.3 \times 7 = 2.1$ etc

