The column method helps to make easier a multiplication that involves a tricky 2 or 3 digit number. Here is the column method:

126

 6 x 3 = 18 so we write 8 in the ones column and exchange the 10 ones.

x 3

2. 3 x 2 tens = 6 tens but we now have the exchanged 10 so we write 7 in the tens column.

3 7 8

- 3 x 1 hundred = 3 hundreds so we write 3 in the hundreds column.
- 4. 126 x 3 and 3 x 126 = 378

126

1. 6 x 3 = 18 so we write 1 in the tens column and 8 in the ones column.

x 3

2. 3 x 2 tens = 6 tens so on a new line we write 6 in the tens column and 0 in the ones column.

60

3. 3 x 1 hundred = 3 hundreds so on a new line we write 3 in the hundreds column.

300

4. We add up our 1s column, 10s column and finally the 100s column to reach the final answer, 378.

Here is the grid method:

$$3 \times 126 = 378$$

$$100 \quad 20 \quad 6$$

$$00 \quad 1010 \quad 001010 \quad 0010100$$

$$100 \quad 20 \quad 6$$

$$00 \quad 1010 \quad 0010100$$

$$3 \times 1 = 3 \quad 3 \times 2 = 6 \quad 6 \times 3 = 18$$

$$3 \times 100 = 300 \quad 3 \times 20 = 60$$

$$300 + 60 + 18 = 378$$

- 1. 3 x 254 =
- 2. 4 x 132 =
- 3. 8 x 345 =
- 4. 467 x 2 =
- 5. 384 x 8 =
- 6. 693 x 5 =
- 7. Louis buys 4 jars of sweets. There are 356 sweets in each jar. How many sweets did Louis buy altogether?
- 8. Joel goes into his garden 5 times a week. He completes 248 kick-ups each time. How many kick-ups does he complete altogether?
- 9. Evie has 137 pairs of teddy bears. How many teddy bears are there in total?

Challenges are on the next page.

Challenge 1:

Lola and Ellis are trying to work out 524 x 3.

Lola says that $524 \times 3 = 15612$

Ellis says that $524 \times 3 = 1572$

Explain who is correct.

Challenge 2:

Always? Sometimes? Never?

When you multiply a 3 digit number and a 1 digit number, you get a 3 digit answer.

Explain your answer.