

How to Become an Expert at Times Tables

A Guide for Students and their Parents

Tip no. 1 Practise just one Table at a time. Example: "This week I will practise the 4 x tables."

Tip no. 2 Put aside 10 minutes each day, for a week, to learn a Table.

Tip no. 3 Practise the products. Then practise the quotients. Then practise both.

Tip no. 4 Practise with small cards. Carry them around with you. Test your friends.

Tip no. 5 Practise saying them out loud, looking in the mirror.

Tip no. 6 Practise whispering them, looking in the mirror.

Tip no. 7 Practise saying them out loud, with eyes closed.

Tip no. 8 Practise whispering them, with eyes closed.

Tip no. 9 Practise writing them. Slowly, then faster.

Tip no. 10 Practise writing them in the air, out loud. Slowly, then faster.

Tip no. 11 Practise writing them in the air, out loud, with eyes closed. Slowly, then faster.

Tip no. 12 Practise writing them in the air, silently. Slowly, then faster.

Tip no. 13 Practise writing them in the air, silently, with eyes closed. Slowly, then faster.

Tip no. 14 Practise writing them slowly on paper, with perfect number formations.

Tip no. 15 Practise writing them slowly in the air, with perfect number formations.

Tip no. 16 Listen to a Times Table tape, with catchy tunes.

Tip no. 17 Sit or lie in silence and 'see' (visualise) the numbers as you slowly practise the tables.

Tip no. 18 Affix a Times Tables chart to your desk, wall or bathroom door.

Tip no. 19 Ask a family member to test you on a random Table whenever you pass by them.

Tip no. 20 Write Tables out in words eg "Four times seven equals twenty eight".

Tip no. 21 Write hard-to-memorise Tables on a post-it sticker; affix to bathroom tap, door knobs etc.
