

To be able to multiply using efficient mental strategies



Starter:

What's the same? What's different?



Explain your answer.

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Activity 1:

Solve the following calculations mentally, then state which method you used.

a) $15 \times 8 =$

multiplying the nearest 10 and subtracting the difference method

b) $29 \times 5 =$

partitioning then multiplying method

c) $24 \times 5 =$

factorizing and multiplying method

d) $219 \times 5 =$

doubling then halving method

multiplying by 10 and subtracting the difference method

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Activity 2:

Yasmin, Ruth and Jamal each choose one of the following numbers: 24, 48 and 49. They each multiply their 2-digit number by 5.

Yasmin says, "I multiplied 50 by 5, then subtracted a 5 from my result."

Ruth says, "I multiplied my number by 10, then halved the number 480."

Jamal says, "I multiplied 20 by 5, then multiplied 4 by 5 and added the two products together to make 120."

Which 2-digit number did each person have?
Which mental method did they use?
Explain your answer.

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Activity 3:

Which is the most efficient method to multiply a 1-digit number by 99?
Explain your answer.

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Activity 4:

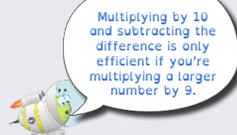
James says, "I have calculated 19×5 by multiplying twenty by ten and then halving the result. $19 \times 5 = 20 \times 10 \div 2 = 200 \div 2 = 100$."

Do you agree with James' strategy?
Explain your answer.

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Evaluation:



Do you agree?
Explain your answer.