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Teaching Tips for Grown-ups

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A few simple ways to help your child get the most from these sheets. Little and often works best, ten quiet minutes a day beats an hour once a week.

The fastest way into the times tables

Little cheat: skip counting is the shortcut. Practise counting out loud in steps, 2, 4, 6, 8... then 5, 10, 15... then 3, 6, 9... Once your child can rattle off a count, they already know that times table. The multiplication facts are just those same numbers.

And the order never matters: 3×8 is the same as 8×3 , so every fact teaches two.

Division is the times tables backwards

$24 \div 6$ just asks “how many 6s make 24?”. If they know $6 \times 4 = 24$, they already know $24 \div 6 = 4$.

The pairs that make 10

Learn 1 and 9, 2 and 8, 3 and 7, 4 and 6, 5 and 5 by heart. These few facts make bigger sums easier, and they grow up: $6 + 4 = 10$ means $60 + 40 = 100$.

Handwriting

Start every letter at the top and sit it on the baseline. With young children, say the letter's sound as you trace ('m' = mmm), not just its name. Sounds are what help reading.

Spelling

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check works because the child writes from memory, cover the word before they write. Break long words into chunks you can hear: 'be-cause', 'Sat-ur-day'. A few words a day beats a long list once a week.



Addition Practice

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Name: _____

Date: _____ Score: ____/30

1. $10 + 4 =$ _____

2. $12 + 20 =$ _____

3. $1 + 2 =$ _____

4. $17 + 3 =$ _____

5. $11 + 18 =$ _____

6. $1 + 16 =$ _____

7. $6 + 1 =$ _____

8. $2 + 13 =$ _____

9. $13 + 2 =$ _____

10. $7 + 2 =$ _____

11. $17 + 13 =$ _____

12. $1 + 18 =$ _____

13. $3 + 7 =$ _____

14. $20 + 20 =$ _____

15. $18 + 1 =$ _____

16. $18 + 18 =$ _____

17. $12 + 1 =$ _____

18. $7 + 1 =$ _____

19. $17 + 4 =$ _____

20. $9 + 13 =$ _____

21. $4 + 17 =$ _____

22. $3 + 18 =$ _____

23. $9 + 17 =$ _____

24. $5 + 3 =$ _____

25. $18 + 18 =$ _____

26. $20 + 6 =$ _____

27. $11 + 3 =$ _____

28. $17 + 2 =$ _____

29. $18 + 1 =$ _____

30. $19 + 6 =$ _____



Subtraction Practice

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Name: _____

Date: _____ Score: ____/30

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| 1. $31 - 27 =$ _____ | 2. $49 - 20 =$ _____ | 3. $29 - 18 =$ _____ |
| 4. $29 - 11 =$ _____ | 5. $19 - 7 =$ _____ | 6. $50 - 11 =$ _____ |
| 7. $44 - 15 =$ _____ | 8. $5 - 4 =$ _____ | 9. $19 - 16 =$ _____ |
| 10. $31 - 21 =$ _____ | 11. $46 - 28 =$ _____ | 12. $18 - 2 =$ _____ |
| 13. $7 - 6 =$ _____ | 14. $10 - 5 =$ _____ | 15. $9 - 7 =$ _____ |
| 16. $26 - 1 =$ _____ | 17. $42 - 4 =$ _____ | 18. $48 - 35 =$ _____ |
| 19. $36 - 20 =$ _____ | 20. $21 - 11 =$ _____ | 21. $38 - 31 =$ _____ |
| 22. $37 - 29 =$ _____ | 23. $4 - 0 =$ _____ | 24. $17 - 15 =$ _____ |
| 25. $44 - 42 =$ _____ | 26. $4 - 0 =$ _____ | 27. $46 - 44 =$ _____ |
| 28. $19 - 18 =$ _____ | 29. $43 - 28 =$ _____ | 30. $18 - 12 =$ _____ |



Times Tables Practice

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Name: _____

Date: _____ Score: ____/30

1. $1 \times 7 =$ _____

2. $3 \times 7 =$ _____

3. $9 \times 1 =$ _____

4. $3 \times 6 =$ _____

5. $7 \times 8 =$ _____

6. $9 \times 2 =$ _____

7. $8 \times 9 =$ _____

8. $7 \times 4 =$ _____

9. $6 \times 12 =$ _____

10. $11 \times 7 =$ _____

11. $5 \times 3 =$ _____

12. $4 \times 4 =$ _____

13. $8 \times 2 =$ _____

14. $4 \times 5 =$ _____

15. $7 \times 4 =$ _____

16. $3 \times 7 =$ _____

17. $10 \times 10 =$ _____

18. $8 \times 2 =$ _____

19. $10 \times 7 =$ _____

20. $8 \times 2 =$ _____

21. $8 \times 1 =$ _____

22. $5 \times 8 =$ _____

23. $7 \times 10 =$ _____

24. $2 \times 10 =$ _____

25. $6 \times 3 =$ _____

26. $4 \times 3 =$ _____

27. $4 \times 11 =$ _____

28. $7 \times 10 =$ _____

29. $2 \times 3 =$ _____

30. $9 \times 8 =$ _____



Division Practice

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Name: _____

Date: _____ Score: ____/30

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. $9 \div 3 =$ _____ | 2. $36 \div 3 =$ _____ | 3. $84 \div 7 =$ _____ |
| 4. $48 \div 6 =$ _____ | 5. $36 \div 4 =$ _____ | 6. $8 \div 2 =$ _____ |
| 7. $60 \div 10 =$ _____ | 8. $48 \div 4 =$ _____ | 9. $10 \div 10 =$ _____ |
| 10. $50 \div 10 =$ _____ | 11. $36 \div 3 =$ _____ | 12. $54 \div 6 =$ _____ |
| 13. $21 \div 7 =$ _____ | 14. $28 \div 7 =$ _____ | 15. $90 \div 10 =$ _____ |
| 16. $60 \div 10 =$ _____ | 17. $50 \div 5 =$ _____ | 18. $20 \div 5 =$ _____ |
| 19. $96 \div 8 =$ _____ | 20. $20 \div 5 =$ _____ | 21. $80 \div 10 =$ _____ |
| 22. $84 \div 7 =$ _____ | 23. $2 \div 2 =$ _____ | 24. $48 \div 6 =$ _____ |
| 25. $24 \div 6 =$ _____ | 26. $56 \div 7 =$ _____ | 27. $42 \div 7 =$ _____ |
| 28. $12 \div 3 =$ _____ | 29. $12 \div 3 =$ _____ | 30. $36 \div 9 =$ _____ |



Alphabet Handwriting (A to Z)

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Trace each capital letter along the line. Take your time and keep the letters sitting on the baseline.

A A A A

B B B B

C C C C

D D D D

E E E E

F F F F

G G G G

H H H H

I I I I

J J J J

K K K K

L L L L

M M M M

N N N N

O O O O

P P P P

Q Q Q Q

R R R R

S S S S

T T T T

U U U U

V V V V

W W W W

X X X X

Y Y Y Y

Z Z Z Z



Spelling Practice

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Look at the word, say it, cover it, write it three times, then check.

WORD	WRITE IT	WRITE IT	WRITE IT	CHECK
cat				
hat				
sat				
map				
tap				
pan				
man				
bag				
rat				
nap				



For grown-ups. Tear this page off before you hand the sheets over.

Addition (numbers to 20)

1. 14	2. 32	3. 3	4. 20	5. 29	6. 17
7. 7	8. 15	9. 15	10. 9	11. 30	12. 19
13. 10	14. 40	15. 19	16. 36	17. 13	18. 8
19. 21	20. 22	21. 21	22. 21	23. 26	24. 8
25. 36	26. 26	27. 14	28. 19	29. 19	30. 25

Subtraction (numbers to 50)

1. 4	2. 29	3. 11	4. 18	5. 12	6. 39
7. 29	8. 1	9. 3	10. 10	11. 18	12. 16
13. 1	14. 5	15. 2	16. 25	17. 38	18. 13
19. 16	20. 10	21. 7	22. 8	23. 4	24. 2
25. 2	26. 4	27. 2	28. 1	29. 15	30. 6

Times tables (to 10)

1. 7	2. 21	3. 9	4. 18	5. 56	6. 18
7. 72	8. 28	9. 72	10. 77	11. 15	12. 16
13. 16	14. 20	15. 28	16. 21	17. 100	18. 16
19. 70	20. 16	21. 8	22. 40	23. 70	24. 20
25. 18	26. 12	27. 44	28. 70	29. 6	30. 72

Division (to 10)

1. 3	2. 12	3. 12	4. 8	5. 9	6. 4
7. 6	8. 12	9. 1	10. 5	11. 12	12. 9
13. 3	14. 4	15. 9	16. 6	17. 10	18. 4
19. 12	20. 4	21. 8	22. 12	23. 1	24. 8
25. 4	26. 8	27. 6	28. 4	29. 4	30. 4