

Mighty Multiples' tips for Learning times tables at the supermarket!

Give your children challenges to work out that will involve their tables. For example, there are 6 people in our family and to make this recipe we need to buy 2 carrots per person. How many do we need?

If every person in our family eats 2 apples a day, how many do we need to buy for the week?

Find a box of chocolates. Explain that the box has 20 chocolates in it. How many can everyone in the family have if we divide them equally?

Use your tables to count how many baskets there are in a pile, or how many trolleys there are in a row!

Ask your child word problems. For example, if we have 5 oranges, 5 lemons, 5 apples and 5 bananas, how many pieces of fruit do we have altogether?



Count in your tables to see how far you can get before all your shopping is packed into the car!

Ask your child to get you 12 apples, etc. Ask them to count them in 3s as they pick them. How many lots of 3 did they have to get before they had 12?

Give your child a list of items to get. Ask them to count in 2s (for example) until they have all those items. How far did they get?

Give your child a list of items to get – for each one they put in the basket they can have 2 points (could be any amount of points according to their table) They must use their times table to count how many points they have!

Mighty Multiples' tips for Learning times tables at the park!

Whilst on the swing, recite your tables, only counting on as you go forwards and back! How far can you get before you get stuck? Race with a friend on another swing. The faster you go, the quicker you'll get higher!

Choose a friend to go on the seesaw with. As you go up, say a number question and see if your friend can answer it before you get to the top. For example, if you say 1×10 , your friend will have to answer 10. When your friend goes up they ask you a question! Who can get the most correct?

If there are 2 swings and 8 children, how many times will the swings need to be used before everyone can have a go? Asking everyday questions like this will allow you to bring tables into real life situations!

Time how long your friend can run round the playground, counting in 2s, 3s, etc.

Speed counting. How far can you get up your tables before you reach the end of the slide? You can take it in turns. Try to beat your friends!

- Throw a ball to your partner and count in your chosen times table. Either both count on from each other or have a different times table each. If you drop the ball count back to zero.



Play football with a twist! Decide on a times table, eg 6 times table. For each goal you get 6 points. Imagine how impressed your family will be when you tell them you won your match 60-36!

Mighty Multiples' tips for Learning times tables on the way to school!

Ask your child questions such as:

- If we pass 3 post boxes on the way to school each day and 3 on the way home, how many post boxes do we see in a week?
- If the post man has to deliver 6 letters to every road we walk/drive down on our route to school, how many letters will he have to deliver altogether?

Speed test
See how many times table questions your child can answer, by that lamp post, before the end of the road etc. Mix them up a bit. Don't always do them in order!

Look at and recognize house numbers. Follow one side of the road and note they count in 2s. Count along with them!

See if you can match a question to each house number. For example, this house is number 20: what times 2 makes 20?

Play times table 'ping pong'. You start with a number. Your child gives the next number and you continue until you get stuck! Use any times table, eg 3, 6, 9, 12, etc. Start this on Monday and use the same table all week. How high can you get by Friday?



Give your child something to spot – for example red cars, for each red car they see they can count with their table number – give another child a different thing to spot and they can race – who can spot more and therefore gain the most points?!

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Top times table tips

Make learning times tables fun!

Remember there are rules that can help you!

Any number multiplied by 0 is always 0!



To multiply by 4, times by 2 and double it!



Silly rhymes and songs can help too! Try these ones or why not make up your own!

Aerobic Alan twirled and twirled then fell to the floor - 12 12s are 144.



High Jump Heather scores three and three in a line, 3×3 is number 9.

8×8 fell on the floor. Tracey picked it up, it was 64!



Be practical! Be active!

When you go up to bed, take the stairs in 2s!

Sing the times table in the voice you imagine your character would use, or mime their actions for each table!

Use chalk to draw stepping stones and hopscotch grids with your challenge in, eg 5, 10, 15, 20 ...

