Calculation

I do it my way!

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Adding What is the best way to add?

This way is easy. You partition the numbers and then add hundreds, tens and ones separately before adding them all together. It works for large numbers and decimals too.



Number lines are also easy to use. You can jump in any multiples of 1, 10, 100 or more, and it also works for decimals.

427 + 458 = 785



16.6 + 35.8 = 53.4





If you add vertically you have to be extremely careful. It's easier to make mistakes than with some other methods. You have to line up your numbers so that ones numbers are above each other, tens are above each other and so on. Decimal points must be above each other too.

Only do this if you are already really good with partitioning and number lines. This method isn't any better than those.

	3	6	9	
+	4	9	3	
	7	0	0	
	1	5	0	
		1	2	
	8	6	2	

The calculation, 36.9 + 49.3, shows the best way to do vertical addition. Start with the largest amounts, 30 + 40, and write 70 in line with the 30 and 40. Then do 6 + 9 to make 15 and make sure you line up the 15 under the 70. Then do 0.9 + 0.3 and write the total, 1.2, so that the 1 is under the 6 and 9, and 0.2 is under the 0.9 and 0.3. Then add together 70 + 15 + 1.2 to make 86.2

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Subtracting What is the best way to subtract?

Subtraction is either 'take-away', which means counting backwards, or counting on. We use counting on much more often then counting back. You only use counting back when the numbers to take away are small or very easy.



Counting on works for all subtraction calculations.

354 – 178 =

Put 0 and 354 on your number line. Now put in the 178 and cross out 0 to 188, because that is what has been subtracted. Count on. You could count on 22 to get to 200, then 154 to get to 354. That's 176 altogether.



Or you could do the same but count on in steps of 100, in 10s and in 1s.



354 - 178 = 176

Try one here

Counting on works for money and decimals as well.



Multiplying What is the best way to do multiplication?

Always use a grid when you multiply.

24 X 7

 X
 10
 10
 4
 or
 X
 20
 4

 7
 70
 70
 28
 7
 140
 28

24x7 = 140 + 28 = 168

Partition the 24 into 20 and 4, or 10, 10 and 4. Put them in your grid so you can multiply 20 by 7 and 4 by 7. Add together the 140 and 28 to make the product of 168.



If 30 x 60 is difficult do 3 x 6 = 18, 30 x 6 = 180, 30 x 60 = 1800

X	60	6	
30	1800	180	
4	240	24	
	= 2040	= 204	= 2244

You can add vertically...

X	60	6	
30	1800	180	= 1980
4	240	24	= 264
			= 2244

or horizontally to get the total.

Use the grid to multiply decimals as well.

3.5 x 9 = 24.5

X	3	0.5
9	27	4.5



My way to multiply

Dividing What is the best way to divide?



It's easier and quicker to jump 3 x 10 in one jump.



 $42 \div 3 = 14$

82 ÷ 5 means: 'How many 5s are there in 82?' Count on in 5s.
Ten 5s are 50 and six 5s are 30. On my number line that takes me to 80.
I only have 2 more, so I can't do a jump of 5.
I have 2 left, and I marked them with a X, not a jump.
That means I have done 16 jumps of 5, with 2 left.
I can call 2 left 'remainder 2'.





My way to divide

add	All these words mean add
sum	The sum of 64 and 20 is 84
total	1001 plus 2002 is 3003
plus	
subtract	These words both mean subtract, but you might find out the
minus	answer by counting on, not just by counting back. We do this
	140 subtract 90 is 50
	48 minus 18 is 30
difference	The difference between 17 and 7 is 10. You can also say the
	between them so it could be seen as addition or subtraction
	7 17
	when you use a calculator you find the difference by subtracting. You would do $17 - 7$ not $7 - 17$ of course - though
	this would be much too easy to do on a calculator!
multiply	10 multiplied by 4 means to have 10 four times.
product	The product of 10 and 4 is 40.
times	XXXXXXXXXX
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divide	Division is sharing or grouping.
quotient	I can share 36 pencils between 4 pupils and they will have 9
remainder	I can group 36 pencils into 12s, and I will make 3 groups of 12.
	Sometimes I make equal groups and have some left. This is a
	remainder.
equation	An equation contains an equals sign =
	$102 - 82 \pm 20$
	82 + 20 = 100 + 2 $82 + 20 = 51 \times 2$
ostimato	To estimate means to find and answer that is close enough 1
estimate	estimate that 458 + 469 is between 800 (400+400) and 1000
	(500+500)