

For the love of Maths300

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Warm Up – Multo



Multo is either:
4 in a row horizontally
4 in a row vertically
4 in a row diagonally
all four corners



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Why Maths300?

The lessons are the stimulus to generate professional discussions about:

- open-ended inquiry
- investigative, problem-based approaches
- the role of context to give meaning and purpose
- genuine understanding
- thinking, reasoning and communication
- developing mathematical interconnections
- broadening teachers' pedagogical repertoire
- differentiation and equity
- enriching teachers' assessment repertoire
- the role of technology
- non-threatening learning environments
- a level of success for all



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Working like a mathematician





When mathematicians become interested in a problem they:

- Play with the problem to collect & organise data about it.
- Discuss & record notes and diagrams.
- Seek & see patterns or connections in the organised data.
- Make & test hypotheses based on the patterns or connections.
- Look in their strategy toolbox for problem solving strategies which could help.
- Look in their skill toolbox for mathematical skills which could help.
- Check their answer and think about what else they can learn from it.
- Publish their results.

Questions which help mathematicians learn more are:

- Can I check this another way?
- What happens if ...?
- How many solutions are there?
- How will I know when I have found them all?





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When mathematicians have a problem they:

- Read & understand the problem.
- Plan a strategy to start the problem.
- Carry out their plan.
- Check the result.





A mathematician's strategy toolbox includes:

- Do I know a similar problem?
- Guess, check and improve
- Try a simpler problem
- Write an equation
- Make a list or table
- Work backwards
- Break the problem into smaller parts
- Act it out

- Draw a picture or graph
- Make a model
- Look for a pattern
- Try all possibilities
- Seek an exception



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One task for all....



Enabling prompts

- Start with the numbers 1 5
- Start with 5 in the middle
- Share one correct with two cards missing.

Extending prompts

- Why can't an even number be in the middle?
- Prove to me you have all the possible combinations
- Can you show an algebra analysis?
- What if we use the numbers 0 8?







One task for all...



Enabling prompts

- Start with smaller number eg add three two digit numbers
- Share one solution with two numbers missing
- Break it into parts eg explain the ones column must equal 19

Extending prompts

- Prove to me you have all the possible combinations
- Can you show an algebraic modelling to solve the problem?
- Can you create a similar problem?

Find a task for you!



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3: Things you learnt from this workshop

- 2: Connections with what you do at school
- 1: Question you still have





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