

Math can be fun – basic math definitions

Worksheet 1

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MATHS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'mathematics'?
- 2) Do you like 'maths' – the British English pronunciation and spelling, or 'math' the American versions?
- 3) Were you good at maths at school?
- 4) Did you like maths at school?
- 5) Are you good at mental arithmetic now?
- 6) What is maths useful for nowadays if we have computers and calculators?
- 7) Would you like to study maths again?
- 8) Why is maths so important at schools?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Are all intelligent people good at maths?
- 2) How often do you use maths of some kind in a normal day?
- 3) Can you remember what your first real kiss was like?
- 4) Do you know your times tables up to 12 times 12?
- 5) Are girls or boys better at maths?
- 6) How many different branches of mathematics do you know of?
- 7) What do you know about the history of maths?
- 8) What is the philosophy of mathematics?