



Multiplication tables check

YEAR 4

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

- ▶ If so, they will take the optional multiplication tables check (MTC), in June 2021.
- ▶ The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.
- ▶ It will also help your child's school to identify pupils who may need additional support.

What is the MTC?

- ▶ The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions.
- ▶ The check is taken online (tablet or laptop)
- ▶ Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

What is the MTC?

- ▶ On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.
- ▶ Can be done one student at a time, in groups or as a class.
- ▶ There's no problem solving or division just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions

MTC

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$$6 \times 10 =$$

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Which times tables?

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

What if my child cannot access the check?

- ▶ There are several access arrangements available for schools to use, and teachers will be able to ensure that these are appropriate for your child prior to the check window in June.
- ▶ There are, however, some circumstances in which it may not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check. If you have any concerns about your child being able to access the MTC, you should contact the school.

How will we prepare pupils in school?

- ▶ In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, schools will have access to a 'try it out' area from 22 March.
- ▶ We will be able to use this to familiarise pupils with the check and try out any access arrangements that may be required

How can I help my child at home?

- ▶ Because maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:
- ▶ asking questions such as “What’s 7 x 8?”
- ▶ reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- ▶ using apps and games (see school website)
- ▶ singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

How will the results be used?

- ▶ Schools will be able to view their results once all participating pupils have taken the check.
- ▶ There is **no** pass or fail mark. The results are for us teachers to use so we can provide an even better education!
- ▶ Schools will then share each child's score with parents.
- ▶ Statistics from the MTC may be published on GOV.UK. This would be at a local authority and national level to help schools understand how they are performing. School and pupil-level data will not be published.

Do not worry if your child is not working at the expected standard.

- ▶ It is important to remember that these results will help teachers identify where your child may need extra help.
- ▶ If you have any questions about your child's results and what support they might need, you should speak to their teacher.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhAJMJUsAac&feature=youtu.be>