

#17 WRITE SOME LINES

Writing out the times tables allows your child extra time to think about each question and answer as they are writing it.

If you have an artistic child, they can decorate their times tables work and use it as a home made poster.

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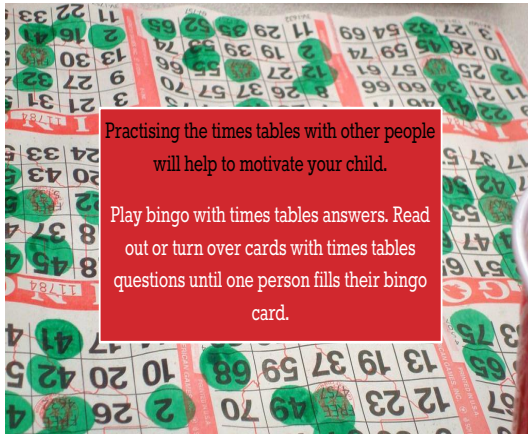
#22 SHOW YOUR HANDS



Show your child how to do the nine times tables on their hands.

1. Hold their hands in front of them with their fingers spread out.
2. For 9×3 bend their third finger down. (9×4 would be the fourth finger etc.)
3. They have 2 fingers in front of the bent finger and 7 after the bent finger.
4. So the answer must be 27.
5. This works for the 9 times tables up to 9×10 .

#26 PLAY BINGO



Practising the times tables with other people will help to motivate your child.

Play bingo with times tables answers. Read out or turn over cards with times tables questions until one person fills their bingo card.

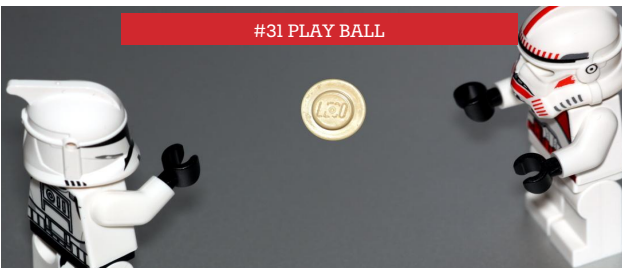
#27 RUN A RACE

Mixing the times tables with exercise and some competition will make times tables practice more fun.

Your child can race back and forth either against the clock or against someone else, while answering times tables questions at each end.



#31 PLAY BALL



This game will test your child's reflexes as well as their times tables.

Two players stand a distance apart and throw a ball between each other. The thrower asks a questions and the catcher has to answer before catching the ball.

#18 CHANTING



If you've ever memorized a poem, you'll know that reciting or chanting is an effective way rote learning method.

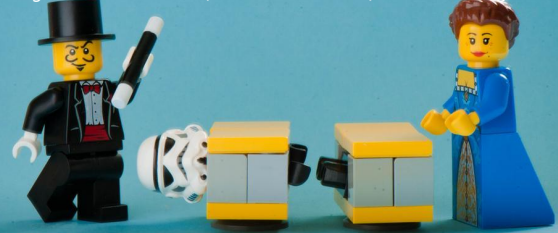
Help your child to chant a set of times tables, firstly forwards, and then, to make it a little more challenging, try reciting them Backwards!

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#20 LEARN A MAGIC TRICK

There are lots of shortcuts to learning the times tables, point out some of the times tables tricks if your child is having problems.

e.g. for the 2's: double; for the 4's: double, then double again



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#11 REVERSE THE QUESTION

The next step after learning the times tables, is to use them for division questions.

Reverse the questions on the times table that your child is working on e.g. $6 \times \text{what} = 18$?



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#5 THROW SOME DICE

This basic equipment can be used to quickly and easily practice questions up to the 6 X times tables (or higher if you have 10 or 12 sided dice)

Get your child to throw 2 dice and multiply the results together. Grab 3 dice to make this game more challenging!



#6 GRAB SOME PLAYING CARDS

Playing cards are another simple piece of equipment that can be used in many ways to practise the times tables.

Take turns with your child to pick 2 cards from a pile and multiply them together. To make the game harder, check to see if one card can be divided by the other.



#9 PLAY TRIANGLE SOLITAIRE



Rules: Each turn, the upper card is the target card. You start with two cards in your hand, and take cards from the deck. Your goal is to take two that add, subtract, multiply, or divide to make the target value. Do as many rows as possible.

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#10 SKIP COUNT



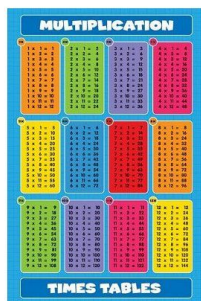
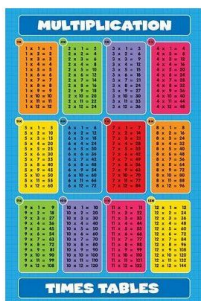
Exercise your child's mind and body at the same time.

Exercising while studying increases the blood supply to your child's brain, helping them to retain facts.

For skip counting, your child can choose a times table e.g 2's and then count as he skips; 2, 4, 6, 8 etc

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#12 DECORATE THE ROOM



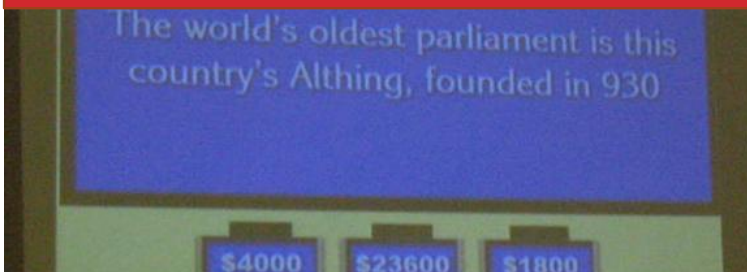
Put a times tables poster up on the wall in a place where your where your child is likely to spend time.

Looking at the poster will give your child the chance to notice patterns in the times tables as well as helping to keep the multiplication facts fresh in their memory.

#15 PLAY TIMES TABLE JEOPARDY

Doing something a little unusual with the times tables is a good way to keep your child interested.

Take turns picking a number between 0 and 100. See how many times tables questions you can find that will give that number as the answer.



#16 FLASH THOSE CARDS



Flash cards are a well loved tool for memorisation.

Create a set of flash cards of difficult times tables questions. As your child memorises each question, remove it from the pile, giving a visual reminder of the progress they've made.