

The Magic Manual

Section 1

Multiplication

A guide for fabricators and users to stations from the Magic Mathworks Travelling Circus

1. MULTIPLICATION

The **commutative** nature of multiplication: $4 \times 3 = 3 \times 4$. 12 as a common multiple of 3 and 4: $4 \times 3 = 3 \times 4 = 12$.

1.1 **HUMAN SENTENCES**

Addition and multiplication as commutative operations: C their inverses, subtraction and division, as non-commutative.

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1.2 **MULTIPLICATION SQUARE JIGSAW**

The following features of the operation table for multiplication: C

1st jigsaw: alternative factorisations of a product: $24 = 4 \times 6 = 3 \times 8$.

2nd jigsaw: the commutative property represented by the diagonal symmetry.

p 1st jigsaw: the puzzle makes the experimenter aware of the above ambiguity,

which is resolved by examining surrounding cells and matching outlines: spatial

ability can therefore supplement an arithmetic deficiency. 2nd iigsaw: those who know their products need not use the hinged flap; those

who do not and who use the flap learn the commutative property by enactment.

1.3.1 TABLES TETRAHEDRA

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The small number of distinct products on the multiplication square resulting from

the 2 properties listed under 1.2.

The tetrahedral dice must bear only $9 \times 4 = 36$ products, yet the table contains p $9 \times 9 = 81$ cells.

1.3.2 TABLES RACE

As 1.3.

p

An expert racer knows that every tetrahedron bears a product s/he needs. Having found what may be, say, the 7th multiple, s/he slots it into place immediately, even though the preceding 6 slots may be empty.

SEESAW

1.4

Common multiples. p

Rule 2 of the game forces players to recognise that alternative factorisations of their opponents' products are possible.

1.5 TIMES CHIMES Common multiples. C To hear a chord is to have found a common multiple of the numbers the p constituent notes represent. **GEAR RATIOS** 1.6 Common multiples. C p Instead of hearing a chord we see the coincidence of the marker lines. The subjects are asked to predict when this will occur. 1.6.1 GEAR TRAINS The product of ratios. C The experimenter must recognise the experimental operation the gears perform. p 1.7 **TWIN TRAINS** Common multiples. Here we see rod-trains of equal length. This length must be predicted. p 1.8 A TABLE CLOCK Common multiples. Here, cubes of different colour are found on a radius. р MAGIC MASKS 1.9 Common multiples Here, numbers transmitted by a sequence of masks must be common multiples of p numbers printed on each. These must be predicted. 1.10 CUBOIDS Prime v. composite numbers. C The successful player gives his/her opponent a prime number of cubes. p

c On the multiplication square, cell pairs in corresponding positions yield equal ratios. p An investigation of what 'corresponding' means in the above context. (The

1.11 EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS

students are led to discover that the cell pairs must share the same rows or columns.)

1.12 TABLE WINDOWS

c Consider 4 cells defining a rectangle on the multiplication square. The product of those defining one diagonal is equal to the product of those defining the other. The same is true for the addition square if the word 'sum' is substituted for 'product'.

p The manipulatives employed give the merest hint of the above relation. The exercise therefore provides an opportunity to make conjectures and test them.

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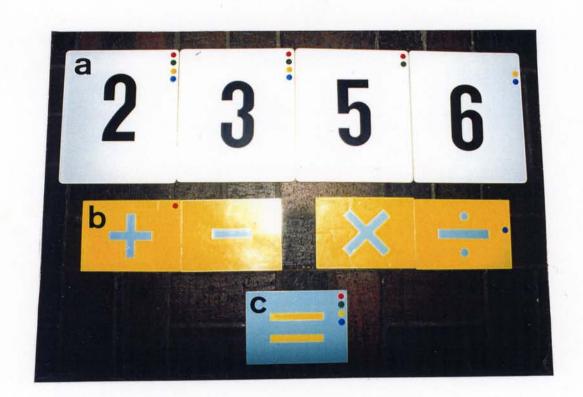
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.1	HUMAN SENTENCES	
TOPIC		The nature of all 4 binary arithmetic operations	

HUMAN SENTENCES

- This needs 6.
- 5 of you: choose a colour from , and ; each take a board with that colour on it.
- Number 6: line up the board people correctly:





PICTURE KEY	DESCRIPTION	TRADE NAME	U.K. SOURCE
a b	caption board as described home-made board, colour code = 'operation', size comparable to a		
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a	150 mm numerals, self-adhesive		local
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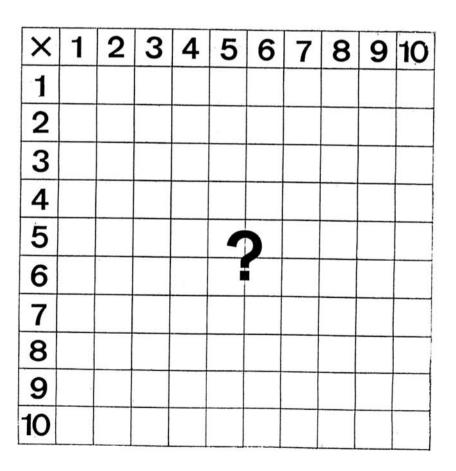
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STATION	1.2	2 MULTIPLICATION SQUARE JIGSAWS	000
TOPIC		The operation table for multiplication	

2 MULTIPLICATION SQUARE JIGSAWS

An ordinary one - HARD

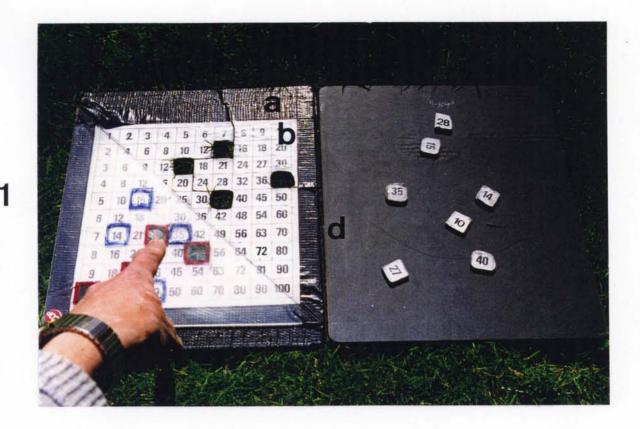
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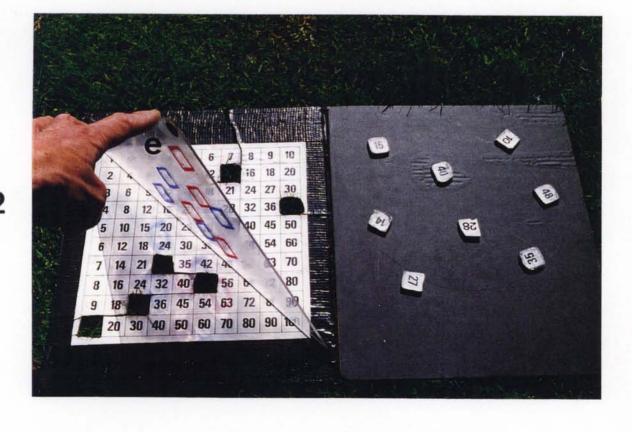


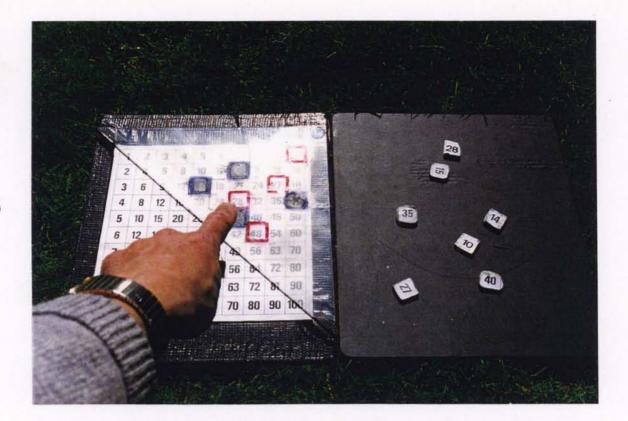


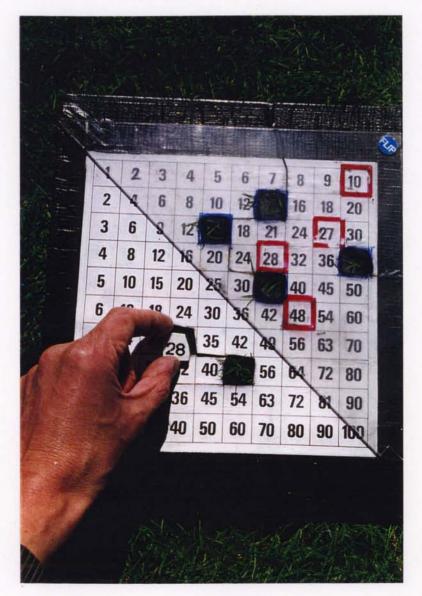












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a, b	caption board as described		
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d	v.s.	€	
a, b	multiplication square with 20 mm cells photocopied on to white card, stuck on black face of a/b; fretwork done; pieces varnished		
С	white face stuck to white face of a	:4	
d	board hinged with fibrous black tape so that, when closed for storage, board order is: a/b, c, d	F	E .
е	Glodex flap hinged to a with fibrous black tape		
1	product sought for selected square framed on flap in 'flop' position		18
2	flap pivoted into 'flip' position		77
3	product sought identified because now framed on b		
4	corresponding jigsaw piece found and located		
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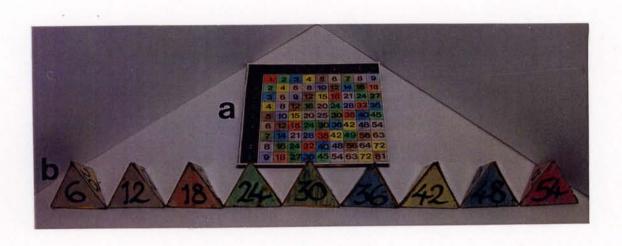
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.3.1	TABLES TETRAHEDRA	•
TOPIC		The multiplication table: how few different products	

TABLES TETRAHEDRA

Make all the tables up to 9 x 9.



How many different numbers are there?



caption board as described with multiplication square - but only up to 9 x 9 added as above 9 tetrahedra, each coded with a colour corresponding to that used for its 9 cells on a: (= Mathematical Activity tetrahedra made from triangles of MAT 58 mm edge, in 1.1 mm card; Tile) ATM code: triangles used double-thickness, Association of Teachers MAT 003 pairs stuck with white faces of Mathematics outwards then bevelled; 7 Shaftesbury Street numbers added in transfer lettering; Derby DE23 8YB colours added in pencil crayon; T +44 1332 346599 tetrahedra assembled from same F +44 1332 204357 and varnished; tetrahedra numbered thus: 5 6 1 2 3 24 15 12 20 16 21 10 14 18 42 27 25 28 32 45 36 56 63 48 35 49 40 72 81 64 30 54

	NUMBER	TITLE	
GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.3.2	TABLES RACE	
TOPIC		As 1.3	A Military and Annual Control of the

TABLES RACE

- Sit opposite each other.
 - Each of you has 9 blocks. Arrange them in the right order in the 9 grooves and you can make each of the 'times tables' up to 9 x 9.
- Flick the spinner:
- Make that 'times table'.



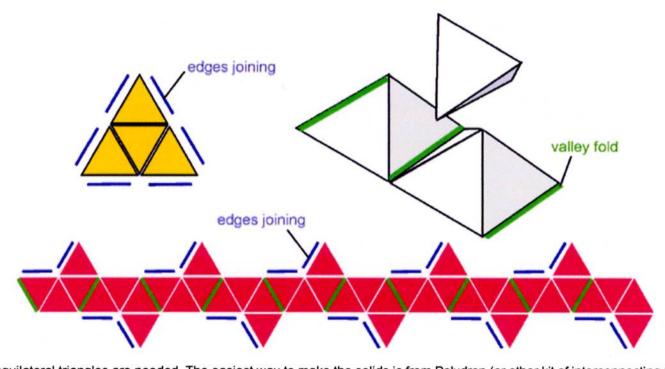


Tables Race

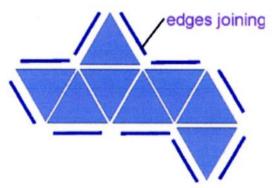
A 9 x 9 multiplication square has 81 cells. But these contain only 36 different numbers. A maths teacher called Jon Millington found that these could be shared between 9 objects in such a way that, by putting them in the correct order and setting them in a row, you could make each row of the 9×9 multiplication square - that is to say, each of the 'times tables' up to 9×9 .

Making Tables Tetrahedra

To set up a tables race on a standard school double desk, use tetrahedra (triangular pyramids) and the spaces between 10 square-based pyramids:



Only equilateral triangles are needed. The easiest way to make the solids is from Polydron (or other kit of interconnecting tiles). Use yellow for the tetrahedra so that the numbers show up. Use red (say) for the pyramid chain. Make 2 sets so that, instead of racing against the clock, you can race against an opponent. Sit at the long sides of the desk, facing each other across it. You each make your times table so that it faces you. In place of the spinner, make a die with 8 faces. The die is a regular octahedron, needing 8 more triangles - blue (say). Sellotape the edges so that it doesn't break up when thrown:



Altogether therefore you will need:

 $2 \times 9 \times 4 = 72$ yellow triangles,

 $2 \times 10 \times 4 = 80$ red triangles, $1 \times 8 = 8$ blue triangles.

Use dri-wipe pen for the numbers.

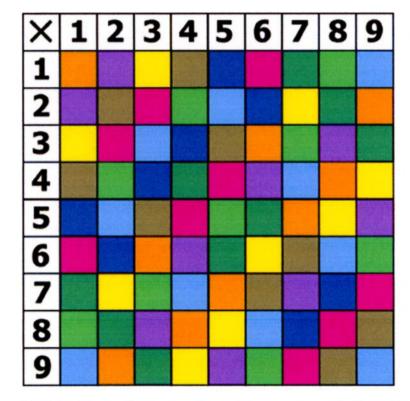
Here is one way to distribute the numbers between the tetrahedra:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
18	24	14	15	12	20	16	21	10
32	45	36	42	56	63	27	25	28
35	49	40	72	81	64	30	54	48

Designing Tables Tetrahedra

How can the 36 numbers be allocated to their 9 tetrahedra? What conditions must be satisfied?

Give each tetrahedron a colour:

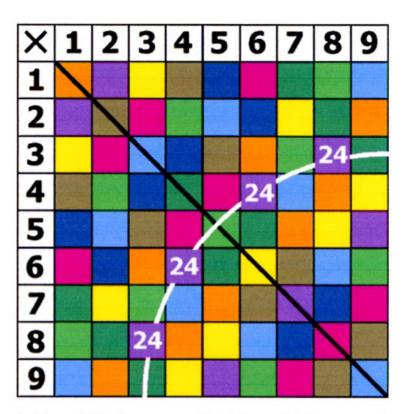


On the multiplication square each tetrahedron must occur exactly once in every row and column: in other words, the coloured cells must form a 'Latin' square. As a consequence, each tetrahedron is represented 9 times on the square. The 4 distinct face account for 4 of these cells. The remaining 5 are accounted for in two ways:

- 1. the commutative property means that every cell is reflected in the main diagonal: 4 x 6 = 6 x 4.
- some numbers factorise in more than one way: 4 x 6 = 3 x 8.

The number 24, then, occurs 4 times in different guises: as 4 x 6, 6 x 4, 3 x 8, 8 x 3.

And these cells lie on a hyperbola:



Squares lie on the main diagonal of the multiplication square, which is to say that the commutative property reflects a square on to itself. This has an important consequence:

each non-square occurs an **even** number of times; each square occurs an **odd** number of times.

Because each tetrahedron is repeated 9 times - an odd number - and only squares can contribute odd numbers, there must be exactly one square on each tetrahedron.

The squares fall into 2 sets: those with just 1 entry on the multiplication square and those with 3.

For those with 1 entry, the remaining 3 faces of the tetrahedron must account for 9 - 1 = 8 entries, each of which must be an even number. The only solution in positive integers to that equation is: 8 = 2 + 2 + 4. 2 numbers must therefore occur twice but one 4 times.

For those with 3 entries, the remaining 3 faces account for 9 - 3 = 6 entries, splitting 2-2-2.

The numbers which occur 4 times are: 6, 8, 12, 18, 24. These must be paired in some order with the corresponding squares: 1, 25, 49, 64, 81. Some pairings fail: the numbers lie in the same row or column and must therefore be given different colours: 1-6, 1-8, 8-64, 24-64, 18-81. Even so, many possibilities remain open at this stage. But every pair of numbers you put on a tetrahedron must pass the 'colour' test. So, the more numbers you add to each, the harder the task becomes. This difficulty is compounded by the fact that you have fewer left to choose from.

The problem is so difficult you may decide to program a computer to find the 9 sets of numbers for you. This is what Jon Millington did.

If you want to tackle it by hand, write each number on a separate card and make a 9 x 4 grid to put them on. You can fix one number on each tetrahedron by choosing one of the 9 tables - say the 1s: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 - or the set of squares.

Surprisingly, there is more than one solution. One has been chosen for the Tables Race. Can you find another?

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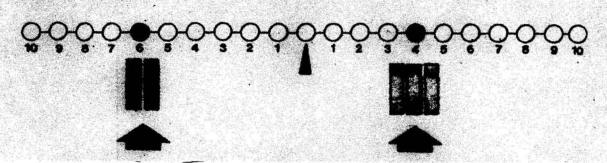
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	ومال المحالف المالية المالية
STATION	1.4	SEE-SAW	
TOPIC		Identifying common multiples revealed by 1.3	

SEE-SAW

- ► This is a game for 2: BLUE on the left,
- YELLOW on the right.

An example:



BLUE's challenge

YELLOW's reply

The beam balances.

YELLOW wins a point.

Now YELLOW issues a challenge ...

- Suggested rules:
 - 1. The challenger must use 2,3 or 4 hangers, 1 peg.
 - 2. Her opponent must use a different peg.
 - 3. She only has 1 chance to balance the beam!

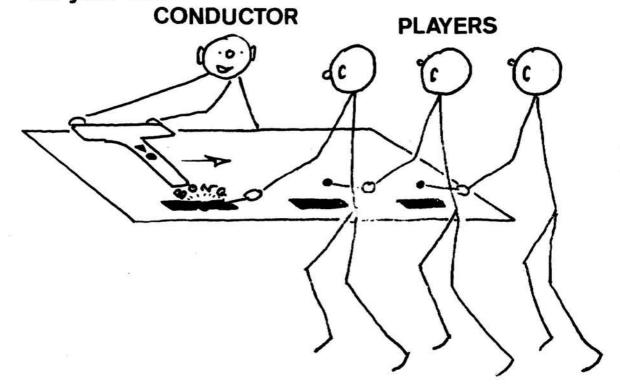


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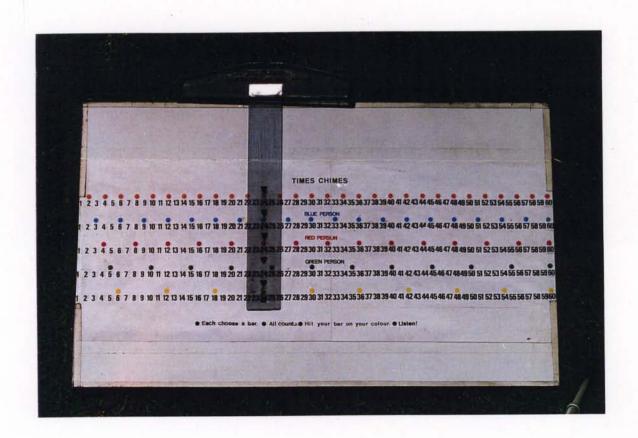
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STATION	1.5	TIMES CHIMES		
TOPIC		As 1.4		

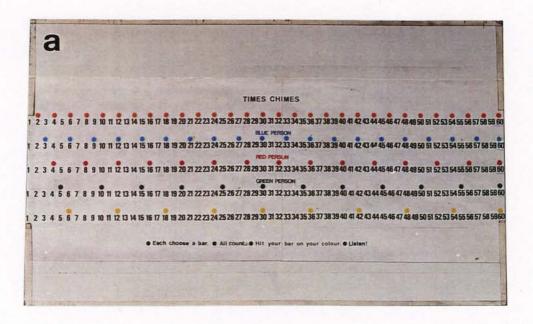
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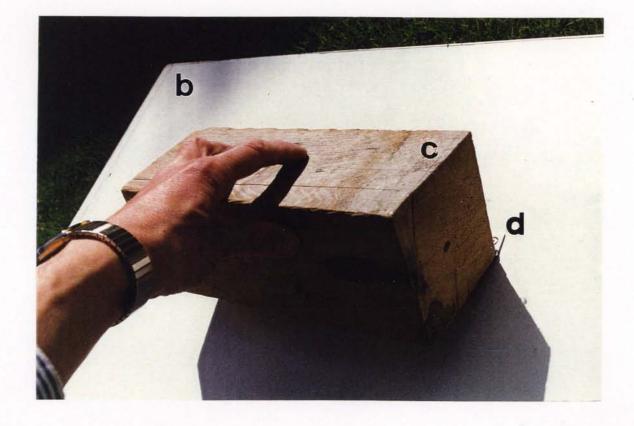
- CONDUCTOR, drag the counting stick from 1 to 60, counting aloud.
- PLAYERS, when the stick points to your colour, hit your bar.



















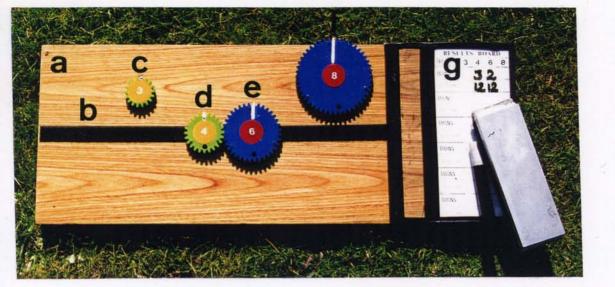


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a	1			
b		back of a		
		a, b: 2 sheets of white-faced hardboard stuck back-to-back, 600 mm x 450 mm,		local
		marked with number lines 1 to 60 as shown		
С		wooden block		local
d		1 of 2 hinges in corresponding positions at opposite ends of block		local
	1	c/d removed from b for transport	×	1
e -	- h	chime bars, painted/marked as shown;		NES Arnold Ltd
		suggested pitches:	NES Arnold catalogue:	(address above)
		e: C	PP 932/8	
		f: E		12
		g: G		
		h: C'		
i		T-square, marked as shown: the arrows are positioned to point to the coloured dots on a; the circles, to ring the		local
		corresponding numbers.		
		<pre>c/d supports a/b at a shallow angle (around 30°), thus:</pre>	n	
		 improving visibility of a for 'players', 		
		enabling the 'conductor' to rest i on the upper edge as s/he drags it along.		
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.6	GEAR RATIOS	
TOPIC		As 1.4	

GEAR RATIOS

- Choose 2 wheels.
- Mesh them on the velcro with their white lines pointing upwards.
- How many turns will each make before both white lines point upwards again?
- Test your guess.
- Choose another pair.
- Use the RESULTS table to help you.



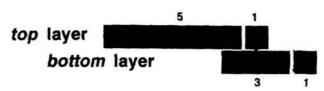
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a	baseboard (veneered 18 mm Contiboard = reconstituted wood), 450 mm x 200 mm		local
b	'loop' velcro		local
c - f	gears: outer part pivots about hub backed with 'hook' velcro; markings as shown; numbers of teeth as follows:		from toy no longer available in the U.K. designed by Israeli Ivan Moscovich; it is available, however, from:
	c: 18 (= 6 x 3) d: 24 (= 6 x 4) e: 36 (= 6 x 6) f: 48 (= 6 x 8)	*	Regev Games Kibbutz Regavim D N Menashe 37820 Israel
g	Glodex-covered sheet, marked as shown		T +972 6 307826 F +972 6 389929
			under the name 'Gob's Gears',
			Only bulk orders are taken.
			The Magic Mathworks has a few sets from this source which it is prepared to sell at the purchase price + p & p.
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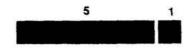
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.6.1	GEAR TRAINS	
TOPIC		Application of 1.6	

GEAR TRAINS

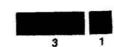
Look at the gear train from the side:



The gears in the top layer work like the gears in 'GEAR RATIOS':

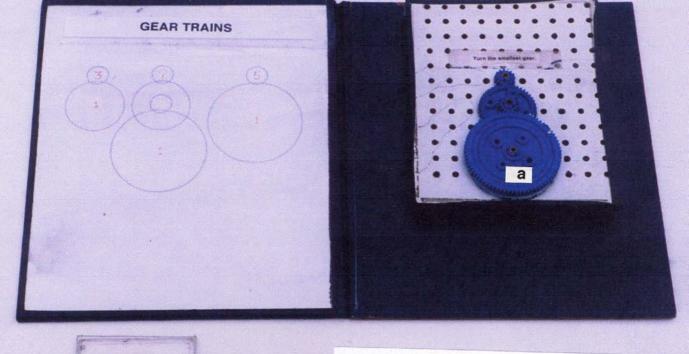


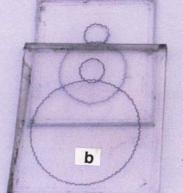
the gears in the bottom layer work like the gears in 'GEAR RATIOS'.



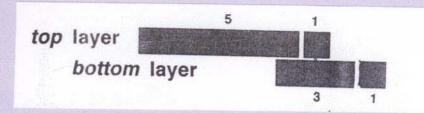
But in a gear train a gear in the *top* layer is fixed to a gear in the *bottom* layer. In this one, the '1' gear in the top layer is fixed to the '3' gear in the bottom layer.

Experiment with the gears, experiment with the perspex overlays with diagrams of the gears and decide what number should be written in place of the '?', i.e. what the overall gear ratio is.





the gear train from the side:



PICTURE	DESCRIPTION	TRADE NAME	U.K. SOURCE
а	gears (ratios as fig.) from kit (designed specially for the Mechanics in Action project)		Unilab (address above)
b	overlays matching respectively the upper, right gear pair and the lower, left gear pair		

	NUMBER	TITLE
GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION
STATION	1.7	TWIN TRAINS
TOPIC		As 1.4

TWIN TRAINS

Here is an example to show you what to do.

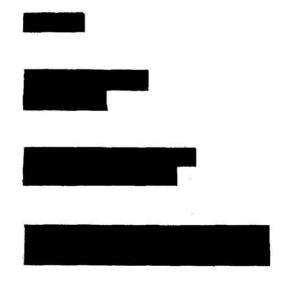
Your partner:

"A pale green and a purple train are the same length but their coaches are not. How many coaches long must each be?"

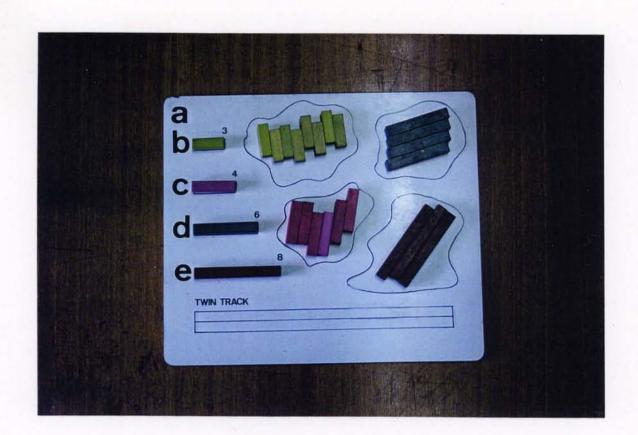
You:

"Pale green: 4. Purple: 3".

The TWIN TRACK test:



- Now try other colour pairs.
- (How many are possible?)

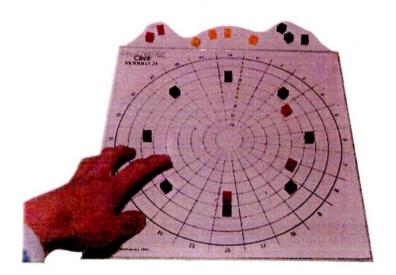


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a	caption board as described, marked as shown		
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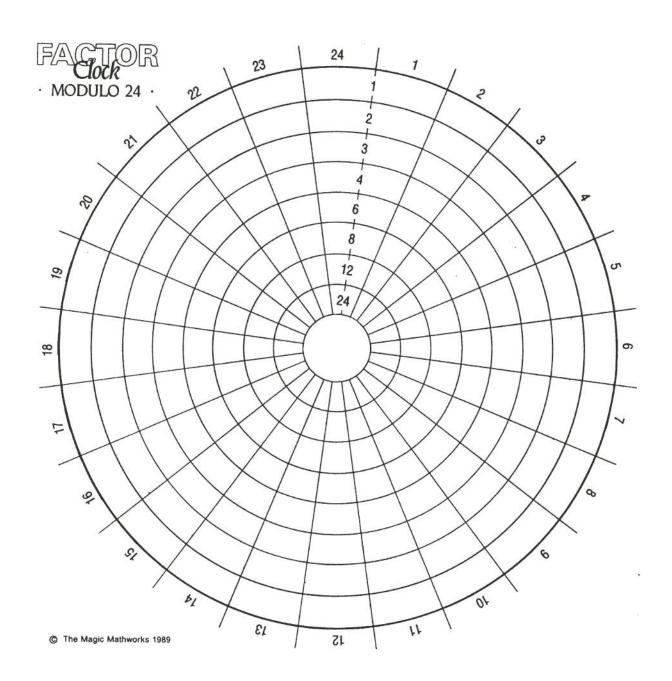
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GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.8	A TABLE CLOCK	
TOPIC		As 1.4	

A TABLE CLOCK

- Place:
 - a blue cube every 3rd box in the '3' ring,
 - a red cube every 4th box in the '4' ring,
 - a yellow cube every 6th box in the '6' ring,
 - a green cube every 8th box in the '8' ring:



- Where do they line up:
 - in 2s?
 - in 3s?
 - in 4s?



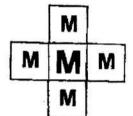
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KEY		NAME	SOURCE
a	same enlarged to 300 mm x 300 mm and sandwiched between Glodex squares of same size Shown on caption only: 1 cm cubes	Centicube Economatics catalogue: 08200 (formerly Osmiroid catalogue: 8200)	Economatics Ltd Epic House Darnall Road Attercliffe Sheffield S13 9NP T +44 1142 813344

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GROUP	1 .	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.9	MAGIC MASKS	
TOPIC		As 1.4	

MAGIC MASKS

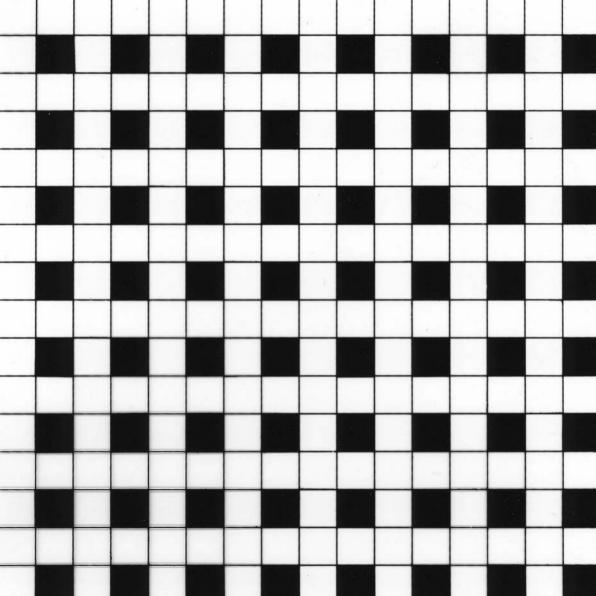
Start with all the flaps folded out:

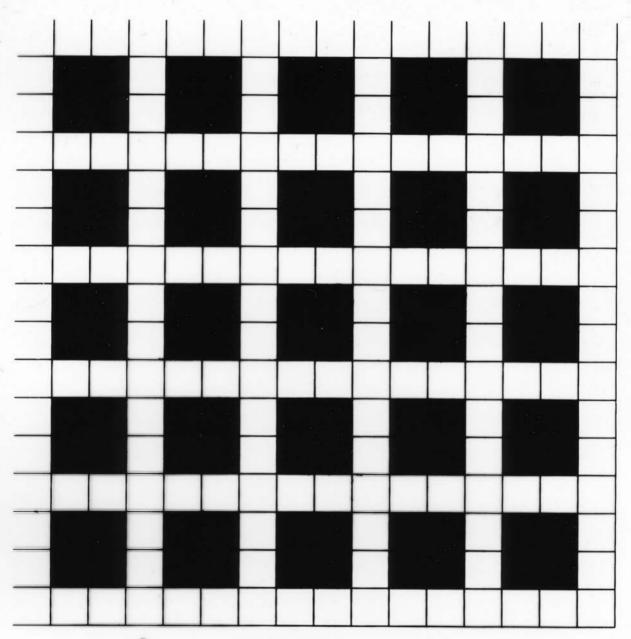
M multiplication square M multiple mask

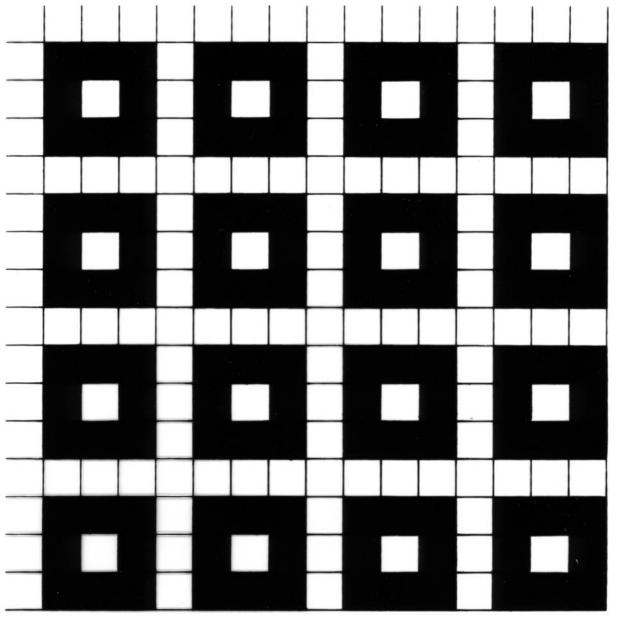


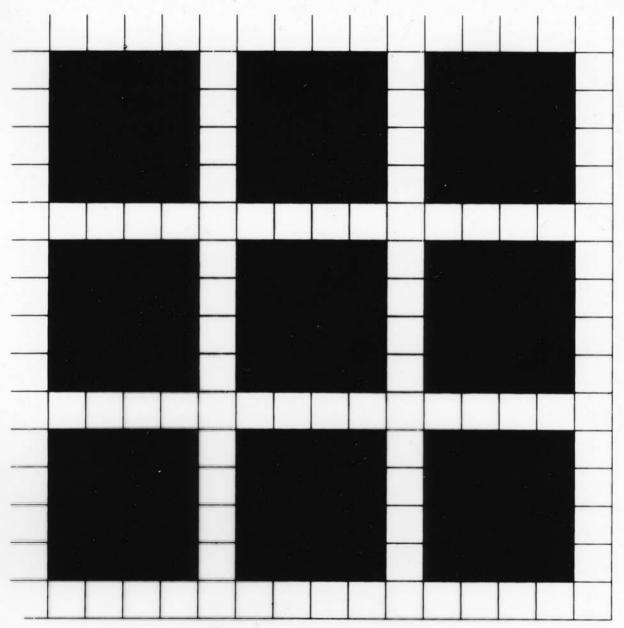
- Fold the flaps in one at a time.
- Notice the number on each.
- What do you see through the windows?
- Fold the flaps in two at a time.
- (How many pairs can you try?)
- Predict what you will see through the windows.
- Fold the flaps in three at a time.
- (How many threes can you try?)
- Predict what you will see through the windows.
- Fold all four flaps in.
- What will you see through the windows?

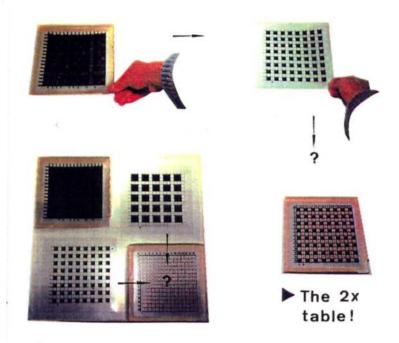
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4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
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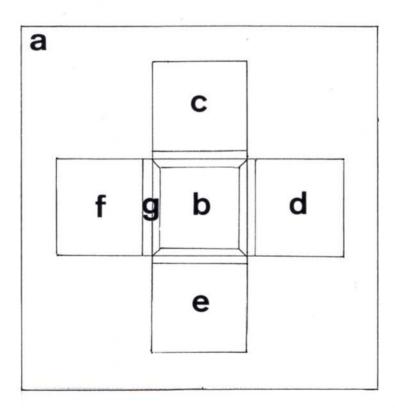












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	Ff. enclosed: multiplication square		The Magic Mathworks (address above)
an era	(= multiple mask 1), multiple masks 2, 3, 4, 5	æ	(444.555 355.5)
1, 2	alternative arrangements but caption refers to 2		
a	as 1.5 a/b but 750 mm x 750 mm	*	
b	multiplication square, stuck to a by edges		
c d e f	2 mask 3 mask 4 mask 5 mask		
g	Transpaseal strip, 30 mm wide, hinges upper edges of b to those of c, d, e, f as shown;		
	c - f so orientated that, when folded on to b, the mask numbers appear in bottom right-hand corner		
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	NUMBER	TITLE	
GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.10	CUBOIDS	
TOPIC		Prime v. composite numbers	

CUBOIDS





- B, make as many cuboids*
 as you can
 using all the cubes for each.
 - You earn that number of points (here: 4).
- B, give A a different number.
- * A cube counts.



- Continue for several rounds, say 5.
- The better you get, the more rounds you play and the bigger the numbers become!



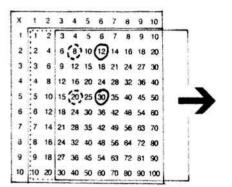


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a	expanded polyethylene cubes, 28 mm	DIME cube	Tarquin Publications Stradbroke Diss Norfolk IP21 5JP T +44 1379 384218 F +44 1379 384289
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	NUMBER	TITLE	
GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION	
STATION	1.11	EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS	
TOPIC	1	The multiplication square as a source of ratios	

EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS

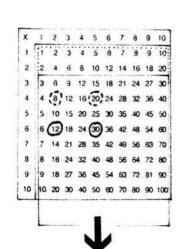
- Choose a column.
- Ring 2 numbers on the clear board.
 Read them as a fraction, e.g. 8/20.

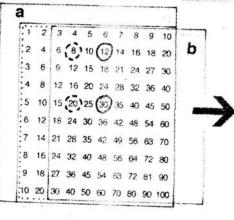


Slide the board sideways.

Read another fraction the rings choose, e.g. 12/30.

- Are these 2 fractions the same or not?
- Slide the board downwards. What happens this time?
- Slide the board diagonally.
 What happens?
- Mark the board this way and slide it downwards:
- What rule must you follow to produce 'equivalent' fractions? Why does it work?



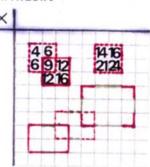


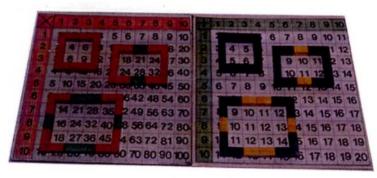
PICTURE KEY	DESCRIPTION	TRADE NAME	U.K. SOURCE
а	10 x 10 multiplication square, cells 20 mm, on 12 mm MDF, 220 mm x 220 mm, faced with Glodex as b		local
b	Glodex, 3 mm, 200 mm x 220 mm		local
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	NUMBER	TITLE		
GROUP	1	MULTIPLICATION		
STATION	1.12	TABLE WINDOWS		
TOPIC	A property of the multiplication square			

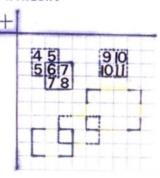
TABLE WINDOWS

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PICTURE KEY	DESCRIPTION	TRADE NAME	U.K. SOURCE
а	multiplication square as 1.11		
b	addition square, 10 + 10, on base as 1.11	U.	
С	square and rectangular frames as shown, Multilink cubes, colour-coded to draw attention to the corner cells		NES Arnold (address above)
d	as c		