

# THE SIMPLEST WAYS TO GET YOUR CHILD TO MEMORISE THEIR MULTIPLICATION TABLES

As a primary-school parent you'll spend more time than you ever thought possible looking for ways to help your child learn times tables. Read our report before you get started!

It's important to master times tables for maths success, and we all want our children to learn them without losing enthusiasm. Read these five tips for success.



## 1. COLOUR IT IN: Let your child get creative with a 100 numbers square

A grid square with 100 numbers on (<http://www.theschoolrun.com/number-square-1-100>) is a handy times table tool. If your child is learning the five times table, for example, encourage them to count along the grid in fives, and colour each five-square block in a different colour. It will help them to see the pattern to the multiplication table and also give them a headstart in helping them to memorise the numbers.

### FIND OUT MORE:

[Teachers' tricks for learning times tables](http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-learning-times-tables) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-learning-times-tables>

[Times tables: 10 things every parent needs to know](http://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables>

## 2. LEARN BY ROTE: Encourage your child to say their times tables out loud

Reciting times tables may sound old-fashioned but it's still the best way to learn them, according to Andrew Brodie, former primary school headteacher and author of the *Let's Do Mental Maths* series. "If they know a multiplication table really well by rote, they don't even have to think about it," says Andrew. "But it's really important that your child uses whole number sentences, so '1 times 2 is 2', for example. If they just say the endings – the '2, 4, 6, 8' number sequence – they won't be able to apply their knowledge in the classroom."

### FIND OUT MORE:

[Teachers' tricks for multiplication](http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-multiplication) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-multiplication>

[Times tables: the best ways to learn](http://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables-the-best-ways-to-learn) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables-the-best-ways-to-learn>

## 3. DAILY PRACTICE: Spend a minute every day for a week on one set of times tables

If your child isn't keen, remind them that there are a lot of minutes in the day so this will only take up a miniscule proportion of their time! "By the end of the week, get a stopwatch and time your child saying their times table," says Andrew. "Help them with any mistakes, and then ask them to try to beat their last time."

### FIND OUT MORE:

[2 times table speed grid](http://www.theschoolrun.com/2-times-table-speed-grids) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/2-times-table-speed-grids>

[3 times tables practice drill](http://www.theschoolrun.com/3-times-table-practice-drill) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/3-times-table-practice-drill>

## 4. INTRIGUE YOUR CHILD: Make sure times tables are fascinating!

Here's a great way to pique your child's interest in times tables. Once they know a particular multiplication table really well, for example the 2s, put forward a more challenging question. "For example, you could try  $14 \times 2$ ," says Andrew. "At first, your child may say they can't do it. But they can work this out by knowing that  $10 \times 2$  is 20 and  $4 \times 2$  is 8, and adding the totals together. "Kids enjoy doing something beyond the ordinary and applying their knowledge, and they find it really interesting."

### FIND OUT MORE:

[Best times tables learning tools](http://www.theschoolrun.com/best-times-tables-learning-tools) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/best-times-tables-learning-tools>

[Top times tables games](http://www.theschoolrun.com/top-times-tables-games) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/top-times-tables-games>

## 5. SPOT THE PATTERN: Ask your child to write out and study the endings

The 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 times tables have a particular pattern to their endings so writing them down is a great tool to help decode and demystify them. "The more you look, the more you learn, so stick up the complete times table on the wall in a spot where your child can't miss it," says Andrew.

### FIND OUT MORE:

[Tips and tricks for the 2 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/2-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/2-times-table-learning>

[Tips and tricks for the 3 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/3-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/3-times-table-learning>

[Tips and tricks for the 4 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/4-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/4-times-table-learning>

[Tips and tricks for the 5, 10, 11, 12 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/5-10-11-12-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/5-10-11-12-times-table-learning>

[Tips and tricks for the 6, 8, 9 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/6-8-9-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/6-8-9-times-table-learning>

[Tips and tricks for the 7 times table](http://www.theschoolrun.com/7-times-table-learning) <http://www.theschoolrun.com/7-times-table-learning>