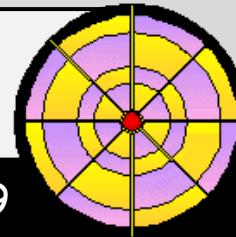


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## School trials of times tables check to begin in March

The on-screen test will be sat by eight and nine year olds in Year 4 and is designed to make sure primary school children know their times tables up to 12 by heart.

In February 2015 the government declared "war on innumeracy" yet on BBC Breakfast a previous Education minister refused to answer  $11 \times 12$  live on television!

A cool wee "trick" to multiply numbers by 11 is to split the number up, add the digits and put them in the middle, e.g.  $53 \times 11$  starts with a 5 and ends with a 3.  $5 + 3$  is 8 so the answer is 583.

Using this "trick" (and a wee bit of common sense!) work out...

- (a)  $72 \times 11$    (b)  $48 \times 11$    (c)  $123 \times 11$    (d)  $234\ 536 \times 11$



## Jeremy Clarkson is reported to be new host of 'Who wants to be a Millionaire?'

With the average person speaking 16,000 words a day, how many days would it take to speak the entire 560,000 word English version of "War and Peace"?

A: 17

B: 35

C: 52

D: 75

If you laid out the Library of Congress' 838 miles of bookshelves, you'd have to run about how many marathons to cover the same distance?

A: 8

B: 16

C: 32

D: 64

ENTERTAINMENT

Jeremy Clarkson has reportedly signed up to host a new incarnation of the game show *Who wants to be a Millionaire?*

The former Top Gear presenter is set to start work on a reboot of the classic game show, which originally ran from 1998 to 2014 with Chris Tarrant at the helm.

Can you answer these numeracy questions that appeared on past shows?

## You can now get married in Wetherspoons!

Wetherspoons have introduced an all-inclusive wedding package for the very reasonable price of £3000.



This offer includes a three course meal for 100 guests, sparkling wine, table decorations and a live DJ. It also costs 11.29 times LESS than the average cost of a UK wedding!

What is the average cost of a UK wedding?

## England's new football kit will be their most expensive ever

Earlier this week England finally released their kit for the 2018 World Cup.

If you want to buy the replica shirt, it will reportedly cost £65, with the shorts being priced at £30 and socks at £15.

- (a) What is the total cost of a new England football kit?

The current kit was sold for £101 when it was released two years ago.

- (b) Calculate the percentage increase.



Round your answer to 1 decimal place.

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