

Maths Challenge Cards

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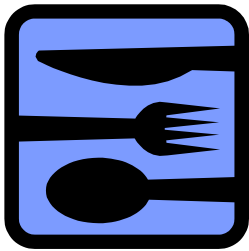
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Maths Challenge

Can you sort the cutlery in your house into different sets?

How did you do it?



SSM78

1

Maths Challenge

Can you add up the numbers on a car registration plate?



Practise writing the numbers at home. CA6

2

Maths Challenge

Can you find 4 different sized shoes in your house and put them in order of size?

What else can you find to order by length?



SSM68

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Maths Challenge

Find a pattern in your house, e.g. wallpaper, tiles, on the duvet.

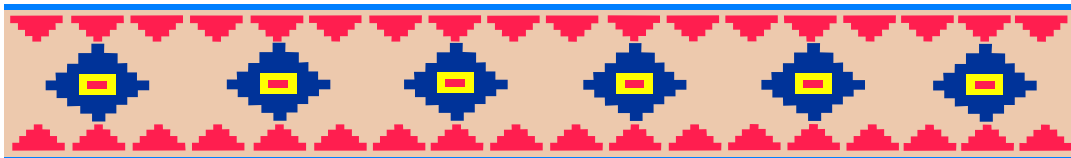
Can you describe it?

(It could be squares/circles....)

See if you can draw your own pattern.

SSM4

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Maths Challenge

Can you make a repeating pattern using forks and spoons?



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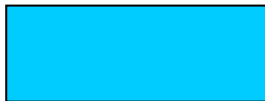
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Maths Challenge

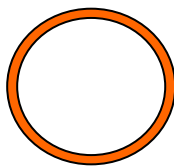
Can you find something that is a square shape in your house?



Can you find something that is a rectangular shape in your house?



Can you find something that is a circular shape in your house?



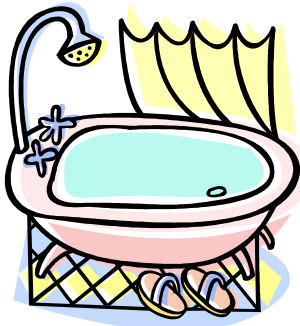
SSM6

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Maths Challenge

How long does it take to have a bath?

How did you work it out?



SSM8

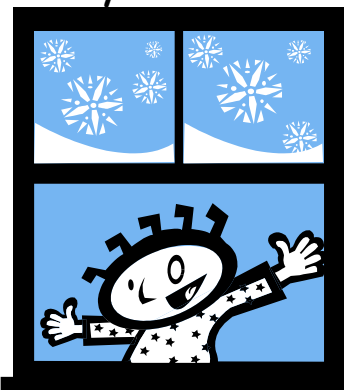
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Maths Challenge

Are you taller or shorter than a door?

Are you taller or shorter than an armchair?

Are you taller or shorter than a window sill?



SSM67

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Maths Challenge

Who has the biggest hands in your family?

How can you tell?



SSM7

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Maths Challenge

How wide is your bed?

How long is your bed?

How can you find out?



SSM8

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Maths Challenge

Who is the tallest person in your house?

Who is the shortest person in your house?

How did you measure them?



SSM46

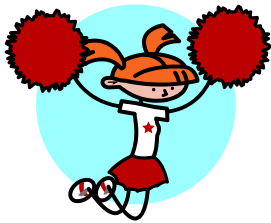
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Maths Challenge

Do 10 jumps in each room of your house.

Count each jump to make sure you do 10.

Practise writing number 10 at home.



N6

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Maths Challenge

Ask your grown up if you can count the coins they have got?

How many are 10p coins?



N8

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Maths Challenge

What numbers can you see in the registration plate of your car?

Which is the smallest number? Which is the largest number?

Practise writing these numbers at home.



N6

14

Maths Challenge

Do you have an analogue clock in your house?
What is the biggest number you can read on the clock?
What would be the next number?

Practise writing all the numbers that are on the clock.



N587

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Maths Challenge

Can you find any numbers in your house?

Practise writing these numbers at home.



N59

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Maths Challenge

Count how many drawers there are in your whole house.

Practise writing these numbers at home.



N6

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Maths Challenge

How many windows are in your house?

How many are upstairs?

How many are downstairs?



N68

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Maths Challenge

How many footsteps from;
Your house to the bottom of your garden?
Your front door to your bedroom?
Your kitchen to your bathroom?

What happens to the number if you take bigger steps?



N489

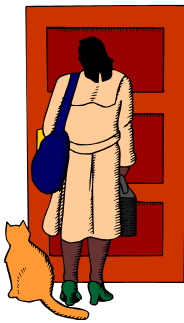
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Maths Challenge

What is your house number?

Can you think of a smaller number than this?

What number are the numbers of the houses next door?



N9

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Maths Challenge

What numbers are in your phone number?

Which is the biggest number?

Can you put them in order from smallest to biggest?



N9

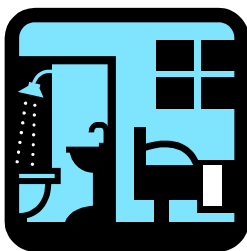
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Maths Challenge

How many stairs are in your house?

How many windows are in your house?

How many rooms in your house?



N456

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Maths Challenge

How many strides is it to walk all the way around your garden?

Is it the same number for a grown up?



N489

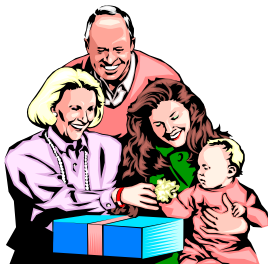
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Maths Challenge

Who are the oldest and youngest people in your family?

How old are they?

Practise writing their numbers at home.



N149

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Maths Challenge

How many chairs are in your house?

How many televisions are in your house?

Can you add the two numbers together?



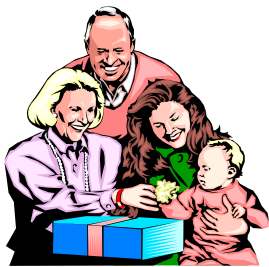
C14

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Maths Challenge

Ask your grown up for their keys. Count the keys on the key ring.

Practise writing these numbers at home.



N29

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Maths Challenge

Find a pair of socks for everyone in your house?

How many socks do you have altogether?

Is it the same number as the people in your house?



N69

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Maths Challenge

Find 5 pairs of socks hide 4 socks how many are left?



C59

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Maths Challenge

Look at one of your books. Can you find and read the numbers that are on each page?
Which is the biggest number?
Which is the smallest number?



N97

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Maths Challenge

Hide your teddy. Use words to describe where teddy is hidden, e.g. behind, on top, underneath, in between.



SSM5

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Maths Challenge

Ask your grown up to blind fold you. Listen to their instructions and see where you end up!



SSM5

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Maths Challenge

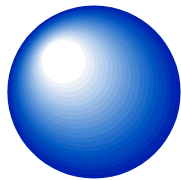
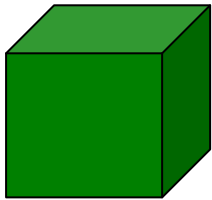
Walk around your house. How many shapes can you see?

Can you find a cube?

Can you find a sphere?

Can you find a cuboid?

Can you find a cylinder?



SSM9

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Maths Challenge

Look in your food cupboard.

What is the heaviest food?

Which is the lightest?

How do you know?



SSM7

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Maths Challenge

Which is heavier?

A teddy or a can of food?

A chair or a toothbrush?

A cushion or a bike?



SSM7

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Maths Challenge

Which is lighter?

A spoon or table?

A handful of grass or a bunch of bananas?

Your biggest toy or your smallest toy?



SSM7

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Maths Challenge

Count how many doors are on your street.

Count how many cars are on your street.

Can you add these two numbers together?



SSM89

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Maths Challenge

What is the biggest number you can think of?

What is the smallest number you can think of?

Can you write these numbers?



SSM7

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Maths Challenge

On your way to school what numbers do you see?

How many of the numbers can you write down?



N59

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Maths Challenge

Can you write numbers from 0 to 10?

How many sets of 10 things can you find to count in your house?



N59

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Maths Challenge

Can you write numbers from 0 to 20?

How many sets of 20 things can you find to count in your house?



N59

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Maths Challenge

Can you find?

1 toothbrush

2 spoons

3 pegs

4 socks

5 shoes



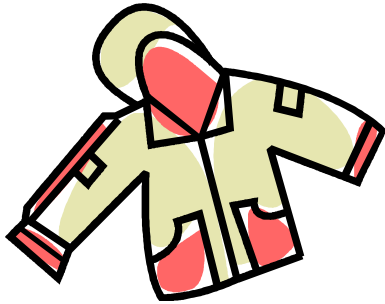
N3

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Maths Challenge

Can you get dressed before your grown up counts to 20?

Can you do your coat up before your grown up counts to 10?



N4

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