

Activities to Practice Multiplication Facts

Practicing multiplication facts doesn't have to be a chore! There are lots of fun and practical ways to incorporate multiplication facts into your daily lives. Here are a few examples of how you can have fun practicing multiplication at home:

Multiplication Card Games: For these fun and competitive games, all you need is a deck of cards and some eager competitors!

- **WAR:** Split the deck of cards between two people. Both players simultaneously flip a card from their pile. The first player to multiply the cards and say the product wins the round!
- **Salute:** This game is played with three players. One player acts as 'referee' and holds the deck of cards. The referee hands the other two players a card, and they place it on their forehead without looking. The referee multiplies the cards and gives the product. The other players must then try to use their knowledge of multiplication facts to guess their card number. The first player to correctly guess their card wins the round and now acts as referee.
 - **Example:** The referee says the product is 56. Player 1 sees that Player 2 has an 8 card on their forehead. Therefore, they think: $8 \times \underline{\quad} = 56$? Player 1 determines their card must be a 7!

Multiplication Math Sites and Apps: For children who love playing on the computer or iPad, there are many fun and educational sites available. Here are a few examples:

- <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>
- <http://www.multiplication.com>
- <http://www.math-play.com/multiplication-games.html>

Use Real-World Opportunities: For students to value their learning, it is important for them to see and understand how the skills they are building can be used in daily. Here are a few examples of using multiplication facts in everyday life:

- We're buying 6 jars of spaghetti sauce. Each jar costs approximately \$4. How much approximately will the 6 jars cost?
- There are 12 eggs in a carton and we have 4 people in our family. How many cartons of eggs do we need to buy if each person wanted to eat 2 eggs for breakfast everyday this week?
- There are 8 weeks until we leave for a trip! How can we calculate the number of days using multiplication?