



Calculators:

To use or not

to use?

That is the question

SIX KEYS

A Maths Starter Of The Day

The challenge is to make 20 on your calculator using only six keys.

$$4 \quad 7 \quad - \quad 2 \quad 7 \quad = \quad 20$$

$$5 \quad + \quad 7 \quad + \quad 8 \quad = \quad 20$$

$$1 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad \div \quad 6 \quad = \quad 20$$

$$\quad \quad = \quad 20$$

How many different ways can you do this? You could try making a different total. Is there a limit to the possible totals? What if you could use seven keys or five keys?



DO CALCULATORS HAVE A
PLACE IN THE ELEMENTARY
CLASSROOM?

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do calculator investigations **enhance** my classroom instruction and **improve** student achievement through exploration?

Let's talk!





How are calculators
currently used in your
classroom?



How can we repurpose
its use as a tool of
inquiry?

Four Gone!

The four button has dropped off!

How can you do these calculations using this calculator?

$$59994 + 8003$$

$$559 - 254$$

$$255 \times 34$$

$$25\% \text{ of } 540$$

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$0.14 \times 23.44$$

$$244^4$$



Mathematical Practices

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

“They make conjectures about the **form and meaning** of the solution and plan a solution pathway rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt.”



Number Sense

Mathematical Practices

5. Use appropriate tools strategically

Mathematically proficient students
mathematical problems

“These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a **calculator**, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software.”

to explore and deepen their understanding of
pose or solve problems. They are
such as digital



Using
appropriate
tool

Mathematical Practices

6. Attention to Detail

Mathematical practices are essential for students to communicate precisely and to attend to detail. Students should be able to communicate precisely with others, using clear definitions and consistent symbols and units, and to use appropriate representations. They should also be able to attend to detail, giving carefully formulated answers and examining claims and making explicit use of definitions.

They state the meaning of the symbols they choose, including using the **equal sign consistently and appropriately.**

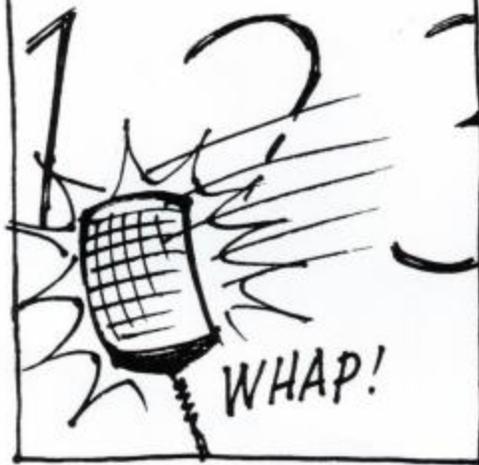
Equivalence



1 2 3

1 2 3

1 2 3



WHAP!

1.2 3

BLAIR



Number Sense

Calculator Challenges

Some of the keys on the calculator do not work. Can you make all the numbers from **1 to 20** using the following keys:

2, 3, +, -, = and the clear button?

Calculator Challenges

The **0** key is out of bounds. Can you make:

260, 206, 2062 and 20602

using the other keys?

Calculator Challenges

Using only the **3, 7, +, - and =**
keys can you make

20, 57, 93 and 109?

Calculator Challenges

Can you make the answers **1 to 20**
using only

2, 4 and the +, -, x and ÷

keys?

Knowing your Place



- Enter three hundred sixty-nine
- In one operation, remove the “6” from the number without changing any of the other digits.

Knowing your Place



- Enter four hundred, two
- In one operation, remove the change the 4 to a 6 without changing any of the other digits.

> Inbetweens >

FIND AS MANY DIFFERENT FRACTIONS AS
POSSIBLE WHICH HAVE A VALUE BETWEEN

FOUR TENTHS AND FIVE TENTHS.

THIS IS HOW LONG YOU HAVE:

3 minutes ▾

Start Timer

YOU MAY USE A CALCULATOR.

Equivalence





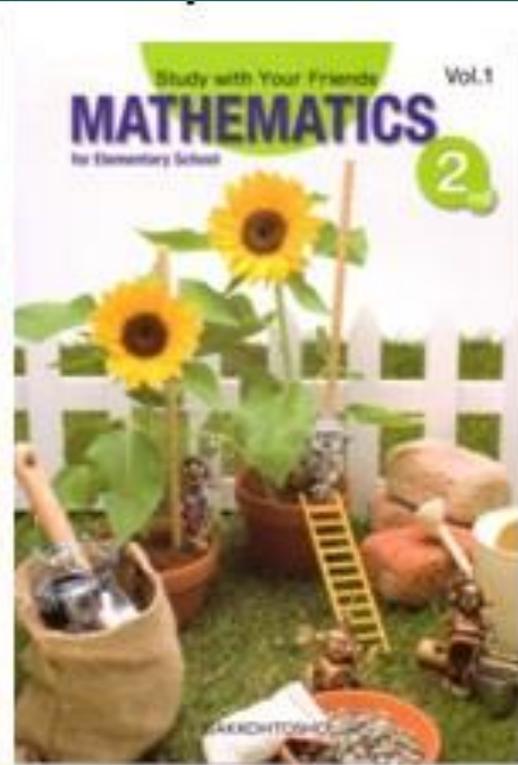
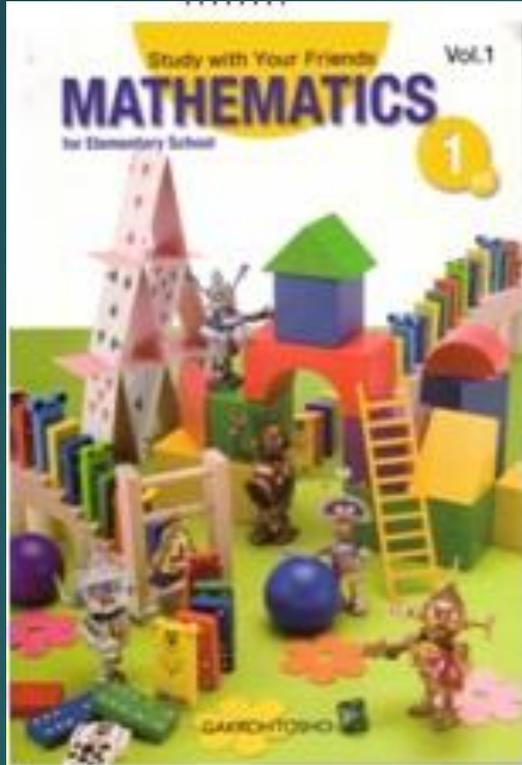
$$8 \times 4$$

$$16 + 16$$

$$30 + 2$$

$$40 - 8$$

$$15 \times 2 + 2$$



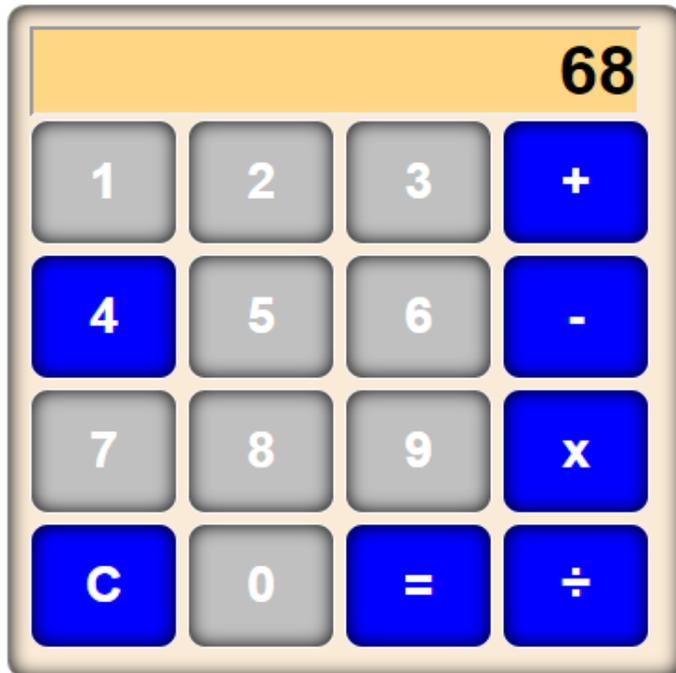
Equivalence

$$3 + 4 = 7$$

$$3 + 4 = 5 + 2$$



Only One Number



68 can be reduced to 1 by using only the number four key and any of the operation keys.

For example:

$$68 - 4 = 64$$

$$64 \div 4 = 16$$

$$16 \div 4 = 4$$

$$4 \div 4 = 1$$

How many other numbers can be reduced to 1 using only the four key and any of the operation keys?

Starting number:

Calculator button:

Equivalence

A teacher gave a box of crayons to each of her 9 students. Each box had two dozen crayons in it. How many crayons did they have in all?

Equivalence

9 students, two dozen crayons per box

$$2 \times 12 = 24 \times 9 = 216$$

Misconception!!!

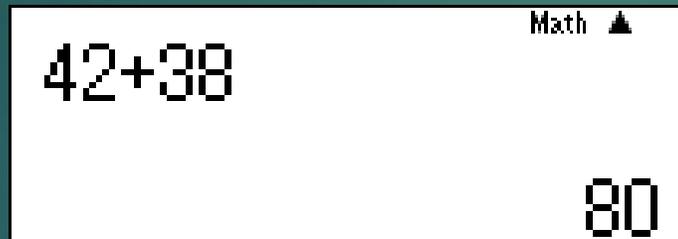
Equivalence

How is adding $42+38$ like
adding $52+28$?

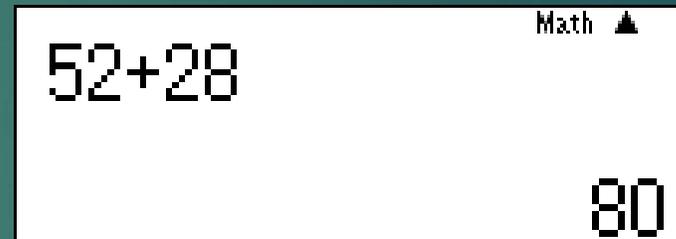
How is it different?

Equivalence

$$42 + 38 = 52 + 28$$



A calculator display showing the equation $42+38$ and the result 80 . The display has a white background with black text. In the top right corner, it says "Math" followed by a small upward-pointing triangle icon.



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Equivalence

How can you represent
342 another way?

Equivalence

$$342 = 300 + 40 + 2$$

Equivalence

Subtract 32 from 227.

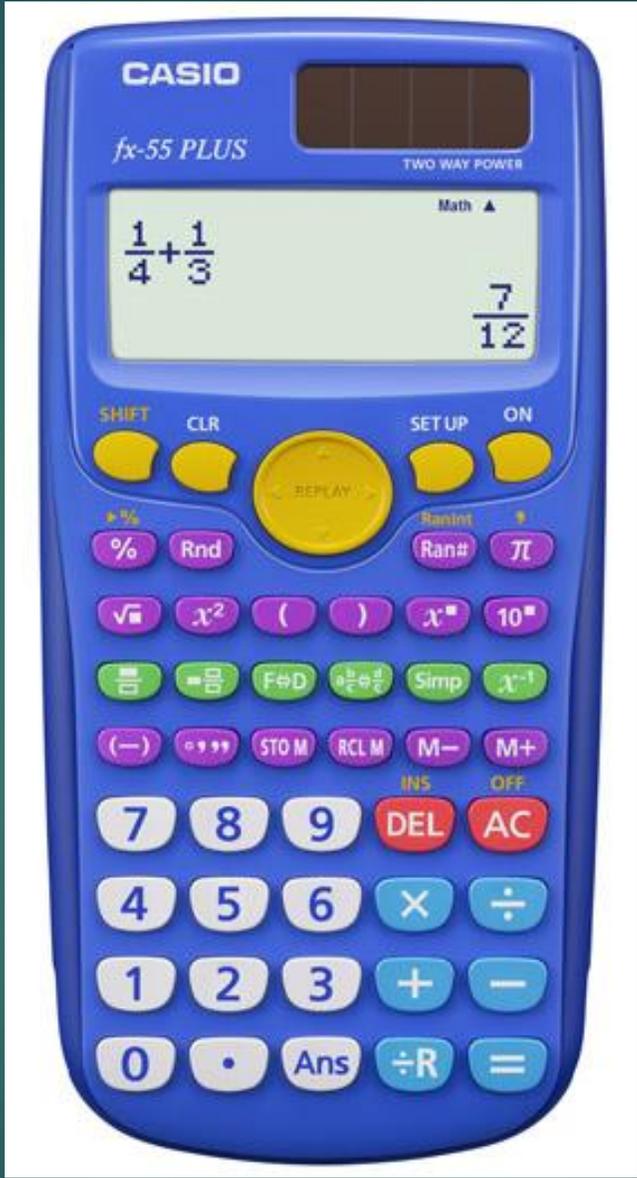
Equivalence

What is $227 - 32$?

$$227 = 200 + 20 + 7$$

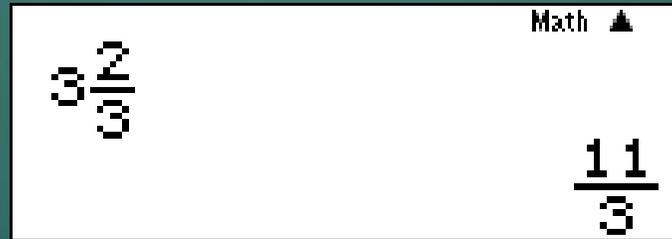
$$227 = 190 + 30 + 7$$

$$227 - 32 = 195$$



Equivalence

What is the relationship
between $3\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{11}{3}$?



Math ▲

$$3\frac{2}{3}$$
$$\frac{11}{3}$$

Equivalence

Which is closer to 1?

$$\frac{5}{4} \text{ or } \frac{4}{5}$$



Using
appropriate
tool

RENDER 2015 DIGITFUL

- x +

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Can you find an expression for 2015
which uses all the digits 1 to 9?

If you can't, how close to 2015 can you get?

..... = 2015

Can you make last year (2014) or next year (2016) ?

[Teacher: The numbers and operations above can be dragged into different positions to help with this challenge]

Let's talk!





What makes 5 a
special number?



Inquiry

First to 50!

1st Player: Enter **1, 2, or 3**

2nd Player: **Add 1, 2, or 3**

Continue adding 1, 2, or 3

Winner: Student who **first displays 50** on the calculator.

Switch who goes first.



If we want to use tools of technology as tools of inquiry, we must do two things...



1. Ask better questions

2. Ask students to create

Inquiry



You multiply 2 numbers
and the result is
24,000. What two
numbers might you have
multiplied?

Inquiry



Are there more multiples
of 3 or more multiples of 4
between 1 and 100?

Inquiry



Jennifer added two different 2-digit numbers. She multiplied the same numbers. About how much do you think the difference is between those answers?

Inquiry



You divide two numbers
and the answer is
2.5. What two numbers
might you have divided?

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How does technology,
specifically a
calculator, fit into an
inquiry lesson?

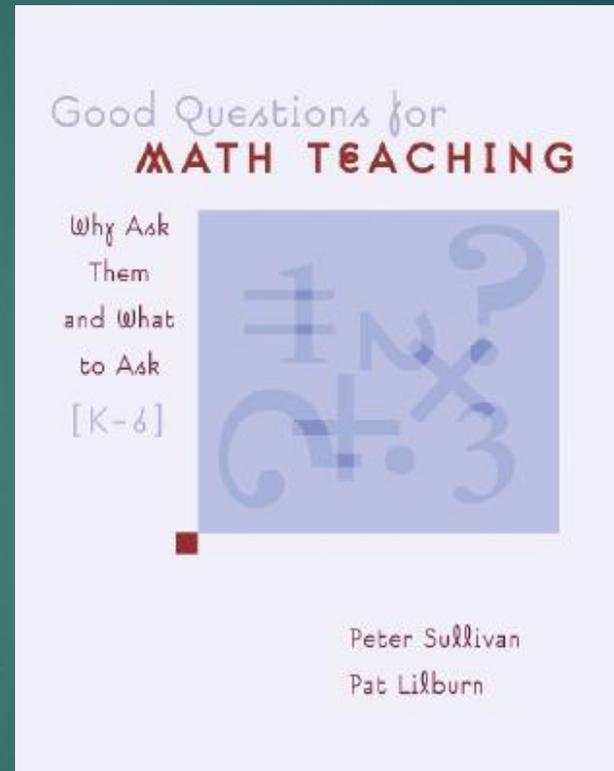
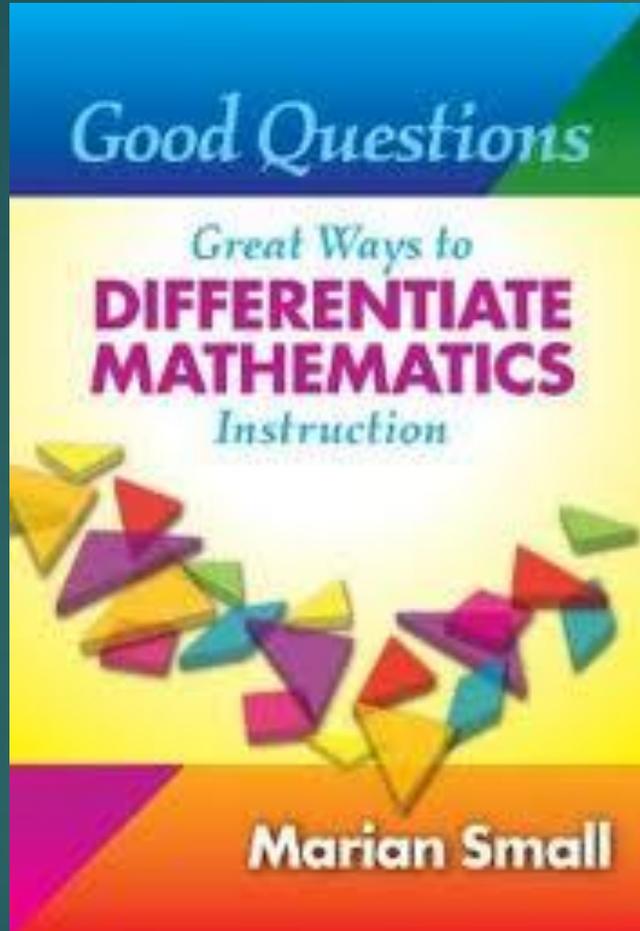
Inquiry



Create a sentence that
uses each of these
numbers and words:

5, 3995, share, almost

Print Resources



Inquiry



If you can't find a good question, re-write one!

Inquiry

Original: I have 45 cents. What coins might I have?

New: I have two coins in one hand and one coin in the other. The coins in each hand are worth the same amount. What could the coins be?

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Thank you!

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