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## The Nines Trick

Multiply any single-digit number by nine using this trick. Here's how....
Let's say you wanted to multiply $9 \times 7$.

Step 1: Hold up all 10 of your fingers.
Imagine they're numbered 1 through 10, as you see in the picture.


Step 2: $\quad$ Since you're multiplying $9 \times 7$, you fold down the seventh finger, like this.


Step 3: Count the number of fingers to the left of the folded finger (6).

Count the number of fingers to the right of the folded finger (3).

Your answer is 63 .

$9 \times 7=63$

Remember: Whatever number you want to multiply by nine, that's the finger you fold down.

If you wanted to multiply $9 \times 3$, your fingers would look like this:

$9 \times 3=27$

If you wanted to multiply $9 \times 8$, your fingers would look like this:


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9 \times 8=72
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Tell which multiplication fact is shown by the fingers in these pictures. Write the multiplication fact and the answer.

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Use the nines trick to solve these multiplication facts.

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\begin{array}{ll}
9 \times 8= & 9 \times 3= \\
5 \times 9= & 6 \times 9= \\
9 \times 9= & 9 \times 2= \\
4 \times 9= & 9 \times 7=
\end{array}
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Can you use the nines trick to solve $6 \times 7$ ? Explain.
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Can you use the nines trick to solve $12 \times 9$ ? Explain.
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## Another Nines Trick

Step 1: Make a column of numbers on your paper from 0 through 9.

0

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

Step 2: Next to your column, you're going to
09 make another column of numbers.

18
This time, count backwards
27
from 9 all the way down to 0 .
36
45
54
63
72
81
90
$09=9 \times 1$
Step 3: You've just written all the answers to $18=9 \times 2$ your nines times tables. Write the facts next to the numbers.
$27=9 \times 3$
$36=9 \times 4$
$45=9 \times 5$
$54=9 \times 6$
$63=9 \times 7$
$72=9 \times 8$
$81=9 \times 9$
$90=9 \times 10$

## ANSWER KEY

## The Nines Trick

Tell which multiplication fact is shown by the fingers in these pictures. Write the multiplication fact and the answer.

$9 \times 4=36$

$9 \times 7=63$

Use the nines trick to solve these multiplication facts.

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\begin{array}{ll}
9 \times 8=\underline{72} & 9 \times 3=\underline{27} \\
5 \times 9=\underline{45} & 6 \times 9=\underline{54} \\
9 \times 9=\underline{81} & 9 \times 2=\underline{18} \\
4 \times 9=\underline{36} & 9 \times 7=\underline{63}
\end{array}
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Can you use the nines trick to solve $6 \times 7$ ? Explain.
No. You can only use the nines trick when multiplying by 9.

Can you use the nines trick to solve $12 \times 9$ ? Explain.
No. The nines trick only works up to $9 \times 10$. You don't have enough fingers to make it work up to $9 \times 12$.

