

How to Teach Your Child Maths

So your child has grown older, and you're ready to give them a head start in getting ready with Maths. Well, that's great! This article will give you some tips and ideas on how to best instruct your child while not making them fall asleep.

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Encourage your child.

What do you think would make for a more enriching class-time experience, an excited and ambitious one or a defiant, uninspired one?

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Begin teaching them with an interactive activity.

There are so much of options. You can use flashcards or a simple sheet of Maths problems. Give them a handful of small objects and let them use those to count out the answers to the problems. Make sure you also have them learn to use their fingers in case no objects are available.

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Teach concepts, not just memorization.

While memorization can certainly be helpful, it's even more helpful to have the child learn exactly how mathematic functions work. This way, they can also begin to apply their knowledge in other ways. That will help them when they begin to move on to more complicated Maths.

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Always make sure that your child completely understands a concept before moving on.

If you skimp out on anything, it will be confusing for them and they will not be able to work as well as they should be able to when you apply it in other ways.

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Enhance the learning experience by playing games with the things around you.

For example, ask them to say how many more pictures on the wall there is in the living room than the dining room. Have them count them both, then subtract.

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Reward your child.

At the end of your time sitting down to work with them, you should reward them somehow. Whether you give them a small piece of candy or you just hug them and express how smart they are, it will give them confidence and help them strive to do better.

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Keep teaching them at a consistent pace.

Sit down with them daily or at least biweekly to fuse the concepts into their minds. Never forget to keep it fun!

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Bring up problems when you're out with your child.

In the grocery store, for example, ask them how much money out of \$10 you'd have left if you bought green beans for \$1. This will also help make the connections in their mind to make them better at Maths.

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Play board games.

Board games with two dice rolled instead of one can be a good application for learning basic addition. When they get older, games that use play money, like Monopoly, can help them learn more about adding and subtracting money.

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Don't quit!

Teaching your child math isn't something that happens overnight. Skills need to stack up in their minds like building blocks, and while schools are a primary educator in your child's life, you are one of the most important!