STARTER QUESTIONS



Welcome!

Here are some warm-up questions to get your brains working. Discuss them with each other and with your teacher.

No calculators!

QUESTION 1 Which positive integer below 50 has the greatest number of factors?

QUESTION 2

What is the value of the third cube added to the fifth square number?

QUESTION 3

What are the similarities between a trapezium and a parallelogram?

What are the differences?

QUESTION 4

Last year the price of a cinema ticket went up 25% from £4 to £5.

What percentage reduction would take the new price back to the old price?

QUESTION 5

Which is larger $\frac{5}{6}$ or $\frac{6}{7}$?

QUESTION 6

2017 is a prime number.

When is the next year that is prime?

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QUESTION 7

Write down seven integers that have a mean of 7, a median of 7, and a mode of 7, but which are not all 7.

QUESTION 8

I catch the bus at 8:42 and the journey to town takes 45 minutes.

What time will I get there?

QUESTION 9

I cycle at a speed of 15 km per hour for 40 minutes.

How far do I travel?

QUESTION 10

Choose a mathematical word; describe it to a friend without saying the word itself.

Can they work out what you're describing?

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Answers

QUESTION 1 48 has ten factors: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 48.

QUESTION 2

 $3^{3} = 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27;$ $5^{2} = 5 \times 5 = 25;$ 27 + 25 = 52.

QUESTION 3

Both are quadrilaterals and have at least one pair of parallel sides. A parallelogram has two pairs of parallel sides of equal length; the trapezium need not have any pairs of sides of equal length.

QUESTION 4

 $5.00 \times \frac{80}{100} = 4.00$, so a 20% reduction is needed.

QUESTION 5 $\frac{5}{6} = \frac{35}{42}$ and $\frac{6}{7} = \frac{36}{42}$, therefore $\frac{6}{7}$ is larger.

QUESTION 6

2027 is the next one, and 2029 the one after that.

QUESTION 7

There are numerous answers, such as 5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9 or 4, 4, 7, 7, 7, 10, 10.

QUESTION 8

9:27. There are 18 minutes until 9:00 and then another 27 minutes until the journey is over.

QUESTION 9

10 km. Every 20 minutes I cycle 5 km.

QUESTION 10

This is the Maths version of the well-known game *Taboo*.