

✘ Products to Know ✘

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Review these once a day until you know them. All of them. All the time. Always.

- \* Most students know their multiplication tables up to  $10 \times 10$  or  $12 \times 12$ .  
That's insufficient. KNOW THE MULTIPLICATION TABLE UNTIL AT LEAST  $20 \times 20$ .  
If for some reason you never properly learned even  $10 \times 10$ , or,  
you're using an "alternative" involving say your fingers,  
even if that's reliably correct, that's going to hold you back immensely,  
in which case contact me and I will help you learn it in an expedient timeline.
- \* KNOW Perfect Squares up to 20, backwards and forwards.  
Plus some cubes and quads.  
Memorize all these in random order (not in the order presented below).

$0 \times 0 = 0$	
$1 \times 1 = 1$	(Note: "^" means "to the power of" that is exponentiation)
$2 \times 2 = 4$	$2^3 = 8$
$3 \times 3 = 9$	$3^3 = 27$ $3^4 = 81$
$4 \times 4 = 16$	$4^3 = 64$ $4^4 = 256$
$5 \times 5 = 25$	$5^3 = 125$ $5^4 = 625$
$6 \times 6 = 36$	$6^3 = 216$
$7 \times 7 = 49$	
$8 \times 8 = 64$	$8^3 = 512$
$9 \times 9 = 81$	
$10 \times 10 = 100$	$10^3 = 1000$
$11 \times 11 = 121$	
$12 \times 12 = 144$	
$13 \times 13 = 169$	
$14 \times 14 = 196$	
$15 \times 15 = 225 +$	
$16 \times 16 = 256 +$	
$17 \times 17 = 289$	
$18 \times 18 = 324$	
$19 \times 19 = 361$	
$20 \times 20 = 400$	
$25 \times 25 = 625 +$	

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Furthermore, be able to note these numbers coming up in passing!  
So for instance, if you see 169 it could be a helpful hint to something going on in a problem involving 13 ( $13 \times 13 = 169$ ).

Be able to note multiples of the above numbers too!  
For instance, 288 should leap out at you as  $144 (12 \times 12) \times 2$ .

Also, knowing these become handy in many Pythagorean Theorem problems, etc.!

\* KNOW "Teen" multiplications, backwards and forwards

These often become "forgotten" factors.

As such, many students might otherwise think say 51 is a prime number; it's not!

$$13 \times 3 = 39 \text{ (not prime)}$$

$$16 \times 2 = 32$$

$$16 \times 3 = 48 +$$

$$16 \times 4 = 64 +$$

$$16 \times 5 = 80$$

$$17 \times 2 = 34$$

$$17 \times 3 = 51 +$$

$$17 \times 4 = 68$$

$$17 \times 5 = 85$$

$$18 \times 2 = 36$$

$$18 \times 3 = 54$$

$$18 \times 4 = 72$$

$$18 \times 5 = 90$$

$$19 \times 2 = 38$$

$$19 \times 3 = 57 +$$

$$19 \times 4 = 76$$

$$19 \times 5 = 95$$

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\* This fact family tends to come up often:

$$105 / 3 = 35$$

$$\therefore 35 \times 3 = 105$$

\* This fact family tends to come up often too:

$$90 / 6 = 15$$

\* Make use of the Commutative Property of Multiplication

$$a \times b = b \times a$$

Therefore when you have a computation such as  $34 \times 56$

A way to double check it is to do  $56 \times 34$  and see if you get matching answers

(Ditto for addition:  $56 + 34$  is the same as  $34 + 56$ )

\* Check your divisions too:

$$515 / 5 = 103$$

That means  $5 \times 103 = 515$  ; it checks out

If you don't know the following fluidly, you MUST MUST MUST:  
\* Fractions

YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE WITHOUT EVEN THINKING:

$$\begin{aligned} 1/2 &= 50\% = 0.50 = 0.5 \\ 1/5 &= 20\% = 0.20 = 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1/4 &= 25\% = 0.25 \\ 1/10 &= 10\% = 0.10 = 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

And be as fluid with  $2/4$ ,  $3/4$ ,  $2/5$ ,  $3/5$ ,  $4/5$ , and  $2\dots9/10$ , again without thinking.

Review these once a day until you know them, as you really want to know these too:  
\* More Fractions

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125 \text{ (half of } 1/4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 3/8 &= 3 * 0.125 = 0.375, \text{ etc} \\ \therefore 1/16 &= \text{half of } 1/8 = 0.0625, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.\bar{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2/3 &= 0.\bar{6} \approx 0.67 \\ \therefore 1/6 &= \text{half of } 1/3 = 0.1\bar{6} \approx 16.67\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} = 0.\bar{1}$$

$$\therefore 2/9 = 0.\bar{2}, 5/9 = 0.\bar{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{12} = \text{half of } 1/6 = .08\bar{3} \approx 8.33\%$$

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.1428\text{plusmanymoredigits (just remember via } 2 \times 7 = 14, \text{ double is } 28)$$

$$\frac{1}{11} = .\overline{09} \approx 9.091\%$$

Know all these backward and forwards, memorizing if need be.

Also if you were to see say  $0.\bar{4}$  it should leap out to you that's  $4/9$ , and so forth for many of these.

You should also be aware of how repeating decimals map to fractions (I cover this in another PDF).

\* 1 mile = 5280 feet

The use of a mile comes up often enough in standardized testing. Often you're asked to do unit conversions to/from it, or it's involved in a circumference/revolution calculation, cancelling out a numerator/denominator, etc. It's worth at least a cursory review of numbers that could come up involving mile computations, not so much to literally worry about computations involving miles but to get familiar with some of the numerical fluidity you should be considering. (So do not necessarily memorize this section, but understand why I've put it here.)

Remember that in addition to the factors shown below that there are times when their negative forms may come into play (I worded it this way as many definitions/contexts of factors don't include negative numbers, and yet the solution may involve say  $-66 \times -80$ ).

Factor Pairs of 5280

1 × 5280 = 5280		
2 × 2640 = 5280		
3 × 1760 = 5280		
4 × 1320 = 5280		
5 × 1056 = 5280		
6 × 880 = 5280		
8 × 660 = 5280		
10 × 528 = 5280	10	
11 × 480 = 5280		11
12 × 440 = 5280		
15 × 352 = 5280		15
16 × 330 = 5280		16
20 × 264 = 5280	20	
22 × 240 = 5280		22
24 × 220 = 5280		
30 × 176 = 5280	30	
32 × 165 = 5280		
33 × 160 = 5280		33
40 × 132 = 5280	40	
44 × 120 = 5280		44
48 × 110 = 5280		
55 × 96 = 5280		55
60 × 88 = 5280	60	
66 × 80 = 5280		66
80 × 66 = 5280	80	
88 × 60 = 5280		88
96 × 55 = 5280		
110 × 48 = 5280	110	110
120 × 44 = 5280		120
132 × 40 = 5280		
160 × 33 = 5280	160	
165 × 32 = 5280		
176 × 30 = 5280		
220 × 24 = 5280	220	220
240 × 22 = 5280		240
264 × 20 = 5280		
330 × 16 = 5280	330	330
352 × 15 = 5280		
440 × 12 = 5280	440	440
480 × 11 = 5280		
528 × 10 = 5280		
660 × 8 = 5280	660	660
880 × 6 = 5280	880	880
1056 × 5 = 5280		
1320 × 4 = 5280		
1760 × 3 = 5280		
2640 × 2 = 5280		

Note how many factors are multiples of 11, 10, and both 11 and 10.  
Also many multiples of 12.

Also note 15 and 16.

And by use of 15 that means 3 and 5; and by use of 16 that means 4

60 is in there too, which might involve contexts in a problem where say there are feet per minute or seconds, etc. and this creates a kind of heads up.  
And so on for all of 60s factors too.

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