

Ideas, games and activities

Tips for learning your tables

- ▶ Use different voices when you practise saying the tables facts. You could use the voice of a bird, a worm, a mouse or an elephant. Sometimes shout the facts, sometimes whisper them.
- ▶ Clap your hands, tap your head and jump around when you are saying your tables out loud.

Ideas for using the cut-out flashcards

- ▶ Keep the cards for each times table in an old envelope so that you don't lose them!
- ▶ Cut out the cards for one of the times tables. Spread out the cards on a surface, question-side up. Put them in order in a line, starting with $0\times$ going up to $10\times$.
Say the multiples of that table aloud as you point to each card.
Then point to any card and give the answer, turning the card over to check. Repeat until you think you know them all.
- ▶ Use the cards for one of the times tables. Put them in a pile, question-side up. Answer the questions one at a time, turning the card over to check. Put the ones you get right into one pile and the ones you get wrong into another.
Then take each one you got wrong and say the question and answer out loud. Jump up and down as many times as the answer!
- ▶ Stick any cards you got wrong onto the fridge, bathroom mirror, in the car, or anywhere you will see it! Have a fact for the day and keep saying it over and over. Ask someone to keep asking you the fact and when you are sure that you know it you can put the card away!
- ▶ Ask someone in your family to hold the cards in one hand. Ask them to show you a question, holding it up so that they can see the answer on the back. See how quickly you can answer all the questions in a times table. Keep the ones you get wrong and practise them again until you know them.