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AIMING HIGH

TIMES NINE	
0 x 9 + 1 =	Complete these calculations.
4 × 9 + 2 =	What do you notice?
12 x 9 + 3 ≡	To explain how the patterns of numbers arise:
123 × 9 + 4 = 1234 × 9 + 5 = 12345 × 9 + 6 =	<i>Either</i> change from multiplying by 9 to multiplying by (10 – 1)
123456 × 9 + 7 =	or use the table below first completing the calculations on each line.
1234567 x 9 + 8 = 12345678 x 9 + 9 = 123456789 x 9 +10=	The picture shows the pyramids in the background because this number pattern, and others like, it were known to the ancient Egyptians.
100 000 000 × 9 =	
20 000 000 × 9 =	
3 000 000 × 9 =	
400 000 × 9 =	
50 000 × 9 =	
6 000 × 9 =	
700 × 9 =	
80 × 9 =	
9 × 9 =	
123 456 789 × 9 =	

HELP



The Game is to help you to understand how and why the pattern works – there is no competition here. Play with a friend if you can.

PLAY THE GAME: Cut out the strips on page 3.

Write down the multiples of 9 from 9 to 99 before you start.

Mix up the strips.

Fill in the answer in the last box on the right hand end of each strip.

Arrange the strips in order. Talk about how the patterns come about and why they occur.

NEXT	? × 9 + 7 = 88 ? × 9 + 6 = 888 ? × 9 + 5 = 8888	
What do you notice about this pattern of numbers?		
Can you explain why the pattern occurs?	? × 9 + 4 = 88888	
Work out the numbers to replace the ? marks.	? × 9 + 3 = 888888 ? × 9 + 2 = 8888888	
	$? \times 9 + 1 = 888888888888888888888888888888888$	
	? × 9 + 0 = 8888888888	

COPY AND CUT THESE CARDS INTO 10 STRIPS FOR THE GAME

0 × 9 + ? =	1	? =
1 × 9 + ? =	11	? =
12 × 9 + ? =	111	? =
123 × 9 + ? =	1 1 1 1	? =
123 4 × 9 + ? =	11 111	? =
123 45 × 9 + ? =	111 111	? =
123 456 × 9 + ? =	1 111 111	? =
1 234 567 × 9 + ? =	11 111 111	? =
12 345 678 × 9 + ? =	111 111 111	? =
123 456 789 × 9 + ? =	1 111 111 111	? =