Parent Guide

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)



What is the MTC?

It is a statutory on-screen check assessment, consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What is the aim of the MTC?

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support

What kind of questions will my child need to answer?

The 25 questions are made up of a random collection of facts from the 2 to 12 times tables, with a slightly greater emphasis on questions from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables. This means that there are a total of 121 possible questions that your child could be asked, but remember, they'll only be asked 25 of them. These questions are not ordered in any specific way. If a question has been asked already, it won't be asked again in the reverse order, so if they have already answered 6 x 4, they won't be asked to solve 4 x 6. Each question is laid out in the same way, for example, 3 x 5 = []

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

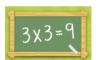
Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check. This result will be shared in your child's end of year school report.

How can I help my child prepare for the MTC?

If you're concerned about your child's times tables fluency, you can support them by having them practise little and often at home. There are many apps, online games and activity sheets that you can use to help your child memorise their times tables.

Times Tables Practice



Timestables.co.uk

Practise your times tables here with 5 steps to success structure.

Practise for your MTC

https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/
This is a good website for practising the structure of the MTC.



MTC Practice

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/multiplication-tables-check-practice-tq-qa-190

This MTC resource is design to precise specifications of the government test and optimised for desktop, tablet or iPad use.