

Keeping in mind

Instruction

This exercise is aimed at improving your ability to think of more than one thing at a time. Carry out the calculations below while following these three rules.

Rules

- ▶ When you see the symbol *, it means carry out the opposite calculation – the opposite sign – from the sum before. So if the calculation before had a plus (add) sign (+), then the * indicates minus (–) sign.
- ▶ When you see X in front of a calculation, it means stop working on this column immediately, do not carry out that calculation. Add up the total of the column, and move to the top of the next column and continue your calculations.
- ▶ When you see M in front of a calculation, it means miss out this calculation and go to the next one.

7 + 2 =	2 – 1 =	5 + 4 =	5 + 2 =
2 + 3 =	M 5 + 8 =	7 * 3 =	7 – 6 =
4 – 2 =	9 – 6 =	8 – 5 =	5 * 3 =
6 + 2 =	3 * 4 =	4 * 3 =	3 – 2 =
5 * 2 =	2 + 7 =	7 * 2 =	6 * 2 =
6 – 4 =	3 * 2 =	M 5 + 5 =	5 – 4 =
M 7 + 4 =	M 6 + 2 =	1 – 1 =	M 9 + 3 =
9 – 7 =	3 – 3 =	2 + 3 =	1 + 2 =
M 8 – 3 =	4 + 2 =	M 4 – 3 =	3 + 4 =
5 * 1 =	6 + 6 =	5 + 5 =	5 – 3 =
4 + 5 =	X 7 + 4 =	6 – 3 =	2 + 3 =
3 + 4 =	2 + 2 =	M 6 + 6 =	9 * 4 =
X 6 + 3 =	9 * 6 =	3 + 3 =	X 4 – 3 =
6 – 4 =	1 – 1 =	X 2 + 1 =	2 + 6 =
2 * 5 =	3 + 3 =	1 + 2 =	8 * 8 =
1 + 4 =	7 + 1 =	8 + 9 =	7 – 2 =
Total =	Total =	Total =	Total =

How did you find this exercise? Easy OK Hard What strategies did you use?