

# Arithmekit

## Secondary Sample



**The essential maths toolkit**  
A collection of rich problem solving and reasoning activities designed to deepen children's understanding of the Number strands (place value and calculation) of the National Curriculum for Mathematics and improve their arithmetical proficiency.

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# Teacher notes

Secondary Go ArithmeKit offers a range of 120 problem solving and reasoning activities to strengthen and deepen understanding of key number and calculation skills and strategies.

The 24 skills and strategies, essential elements of any successful mathematician's toolkit, have been carefully selected to develop pupils' conceptual understanding. By exploring the structure of mathematics and noticing relationships, the activities aim to improve fluency in calculation, develop a secure and deep understanding and help pupils make connections.

An activity to develop fluency – just do it! Then use higher order thinking skills to create your own challenge.

Each section has 2 pages containing 5 activities:

**3**      **Go!**

Order these numbers from smallest to largest:

3.244	
3.2	
3.442	
3.4	
3.39	
3.44	
3.24	

Compare and order decimal numbers

Fill in the missing digits to make a list of numbers in order from smallest to largest:

.44, .6, 2, .6, 2, .1, .4

Can you complete it in 7 different ways?

Compare it using only two different digits

How close could the numbers be on a number line?

How far apart could they be?

What do you notice?

What do you notice?

**3**      **Go!**

Coco says "if a number has more digits, it is a bigger number!"

Is this true?

Is this false?

Convince yourself that 3.499 is smaller than 3.5

Using resources, convince Colin that 4.2 is bigger than 4.49

Compare and order decimal numbers

Using the digits 0 – 9 once each, order these decimals from smallest to largest:

3.4	
3.44	
3.2	
3.2	
3	
3.5	
3	
3	

Smallest

Largest

Is there anything you can say about the numbers?

Create your own challenge

An activity to explore relationships and the structure of an aspect of number. Ask "What do you notice?" to dig deeper.

A 'true or false' statement to investigate further. Do you agree with Colin or Coco? Explore a conjecture by asking "When is it true?"

A missing number activity to develop fluency – just do it! Then use higher order thinking skills to create your own challenge.

Convince Coco or Colin using resources or jottings.

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On Your Marks

Round and adjust to subtract numbers including decimal numbers

Find the matching pairs:

$19.3 - 4.9$	$14.3$
$19.5 - 4.9$	$16.6$
	$14.5$
$16.2 - 1.9$	$14.4$
$20.7 - 5.9$	
$20.4 - 5.9$	$16.5$
$19.7 - 2.9$	$16.7$
$19.5 - 2.9$	$14.8$
$20.2 - 4.9$	$16.8$
$19.6 - 2.9$	$14.6$

What's missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem.

Calculate these by rounding the second number to 2000:

$$5736 - 1999 =$$

$$4826 - 1999 =$$

$$5746 - 1998 =$$

$$4856 - 1998 =$$

$$5756 - 1997 =$$

$$4886 - 1997 =$$

When is rounding to 2000

Try some more.

What is the smallest number that round to 2000 works efficiently for?

What do you notice?

What do you



Colin says, "The best way to subtract  $\star.9$  is to round to the nearest whole number and then adjust."

Do you agree with Colin?  
Give some examples

Do you disagree with Colin?  
Give some examples

Use practical resources and jottings to convince Coco that

$$5672 - 2999 = 5672 - 3000 + 1$$

and that

$$4.7 - 1.9 = 4.8 - 2$$



Put a digit in each box to make the statements true:

$$\square.\square - 1.9 = 6.3$$

$$642 - 299 = 34\square$$

$$\square\square.\square - \square.\square = 8.7$$

$$862 - 39\square = 4\square2$$

Is there only one way to solve this problem?  
Use the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 once each, to make all the statements true.

Create your own missing digit problem.



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On Your Marks

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table

Find the matching pairs:

$3 \times 3$
$9 \times 3$
15
$18 \div 3$
$3 \times 7$
$3 \div 3$
$3 \times 4$
$36 \div 3$
$0 \times 3$

12
1
0
$2 \times 3$
12
$3 \times 5$
21
$11 \times 3$
9

What's missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem involving multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.

Fill in the gaps:

1	3
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4	<input type="text"/>
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7	
8	<input type="text"/>
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10	<input type="text"/>

1	3
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3	<input type="text"/>
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6	<input type="text"/>
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9	<input type="text"/>
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12	<input type="text"/>

What do you notice?

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On Your Marks

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table



Colin says, "An even number multiplied by 3 is an even number."

Always true?

Never true?

Sometimes true?

Using practical resources convince Coco that an odd multiple of 3 is odd.



Put a digit in each box to make the statements true.

$$3 \times \square = 1 \square$$

$$2 \square \div \square = 3$$

$$\square = 0 \times 3$$

$$15 \div 3 = \square$$

$$\square \times \square = \square \square$$

Is there only one way to solve this problem?

Use the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 once each, to make all the statements true.

Create your own missing digit problem.

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### Get Ready

### Divide numbers mentally using known facts and place value

(Mental methods include 'in your head' or 'with jottings'.)

Find the matching pairs:

$560\ 000 \div 80$	8
$420 \div 60$	70
$630 \div 0.9$	80
$35 \div 0.5$	80\ 000
$2400 \div 3$	700
$4800 \div 60$	8000
$640\ 000 \div 0.8$	7
$320 \div 0.8$	800
$4 \div 0.5$	7000

What's missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem involving known facts and place value.

Calculate:

$$560\ 000 \div 80 =$$

$$56\ 000 \div 8 =$$

$$5600 \div 0.8 =$$

$$560 \div 0.08 =$$

$$5600 \div 8 =$$

$$5600 \div 80 =$$

$$5600 \div 800 =$$

$$5600 \div 8000 =$$

Use place value and the fact  $6 \times 7 = 42$  to make 0.6 in seven different ways.

What do you notice?

What do you notice?



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### Get Ready

Divide numbers mentally using known facts and place value

(Mental methods include 'in your head' or 'with jottings'.)

Colin thinks  $420 \div 6 = 700$



Coco thinks  $420 \div 6 = 70$



Who do you agree with?

Explain your answer.

Using practical resources

convince yourself  $450 \div 5 = 90$

Using practical resources

convince Coco  $2.4 \div 4 = 0.6$



Using the digits 0–9 once each, complete these statements:

$$2 \square \square \square \div 5 = 50$$

$$\square 400 \div 0.7 = \square \square \square 00$$

$$2 \square \square 00 \div \square = \square \square 00$$

$$\square \square \square 0 \div 8 = 80$$

Is there only one way to solve this problem?

Create your own missing digits problem.

## Get Ready

Solve problems using percentage and decimal equivalents

Match the decimals to their equivalent percentages:

0.2	75%
0.5	2.5%
0.75	
0.02	22%
	25%
0.1	5%
0.22	1%
0.4	10%
0.05	2%
0.01	20%
0.025	50%

What is missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem involving decimals and percentages.

Write the equivalent fractions:

30%

70%

10%

40%

80%

20%

Write the equivalent fractions as hundredths and then in their lowest form:

0.5

0.75

0.25

What do you notice?

What do you notice?

## Get Ready

Solve problems using percentage and decimal equivalents

Colin thinks these are all correct.



$$\frac{4}{5} = 45\%$$

$$\frac{1}{5} = 5\%$$

$$\frac{3}{5} = 60\%$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 50\%$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = 14\%$$

Who do you agree with?

Coco thinks that more are correct than incorrect.



Convince Coco in at least two different ways that,

$$\frac{2}{5} = 40\%$$



Using the digits 0–9 once, complete these statements:

$$\frac{\square}{\square} = 100\%$$

$$\frac{\square}{12} = \square\%$$

$$\frac{\square}{\square} = \square\%$$

$$\frac{\square}{5} = \square\square\%$$

$$\frac{1}{\square} = 33.3\% \text{ (to 1 dp)}$$

Is there only one way to solve this problem?  
Create your own missing digits problem.

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Go!

Use place value or adjusting to add numbers mentally

*(Mental methods include 'in your head' or 'with jottings'.)*

Find the matching pairs:

$434\ 500 + 19\ 500$	$629\ 000$
$256\ 000 + 199\ 000$	$780\ 500$
	$512\ 300$
$434\ 000 + 195\ 000$	$275\ 900$
$48\ 250 + 29\ 800$	$643\ 300$
$436\ 000 + 198\ 000$	$455\ 000$
$256\ 000 + 19\ 900$	$912\ 400$
$482\ 500 + 298\ 000$	$634\ 000$
$436\ 000 + 19\ 800$	
$613\ 400 + 29\ 900$	$453\ 500$

What's missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem involving adjusting.

Calculate  $345\ 000 + 198\ 000$  by adding  $200\ 000$  then adjusting.

$$276\ 000 + 199\ 000 =$$

$$536\ 900 + 197\ 000 =$$

$$634\ 000 + 195\ 000 =$$

$$783\ 400 + 189\ 000 =$$

When is rounding to  $200\ 000$  the most efficient method?

Try some more.

What is the smallest number that rounding to  $200\ 000$  still works for?

What do you notice?

What do you notice?

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Go!

Use place value or adjusting to add numbers mentally

(Mental methods include 'in your head' or 'with jottings'.)



Colin says, "The best way to add 28 000 is to round it to 30 000 and adjust."

Do you agree?

Do you disagree?

Using jottings convince Coco that you can calculate

$$36874 + 29800$$

by adjusting.



Using the digits 0 – 9 once each, complete these statements:

$$322\ 000 + 16\ \square\ 000 = 485\ 000$$

$$12\ 300 + 45\ 600 = \square\ \square\ \square\ 900$$

$$42\ \square\ 000 + 115\ 000 = 54\ \square\ 000$$

$$36\ 000 + 6\ \square\ 000 = \square\ 6\ 000$$

$$78\ \square\ 00 + 43\ \square\ 00 = 1\ \square\ 2\ 200$$

Create your own missing digits problems.

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Go!

Double decimal and whole numbers

Find the matching pairs:

Fill in the middle column to help.

Start	Double	Double again
8.5		56
		21
13.75		42
9.5		47
11.75		22
5.5		34
5.25		
14		38
10.5		54
35		45

What's missing?

Create your own matching pairs problem involving doubling.

Double these numbers:

3.2    5.4    4.2    7.4    8.2

3.7    5.6    4.7    7.6    8.7

What do you notice?

Now double these:

3.08    2.09    4.08    5.09    6.08

3.8    2.9    4.8    5.9    6.8

What do you notice?



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Go!

Double decimal and whole numbers

Coco thinks to double a number, you double each digit.



Sometimes true?

Always true?

Never true?

Using concrete apparatus, convince Colin that double 5.6 is 11.2



Using the digits 0–9 once, complete these statements:

4.  doubled = 8.  6

2  doubled = 50

6.  2 doubled = 1 .  4

.3 doubled = 4.

24.5 doubled =

Is there only one way to solve this problem?  
Create your own missing digits problem.