

**Blairdardie Counts**

Second Level Numeracy Guide for parents, carers and other adults!

**Multiplication and Division Strategies**

A multiplication strategy that you can use at home in the **grid method.** Here is an example:

Here is a video of a demonstration of how to use the grid method for multiplication:

 



Another strategy is the **bar model**. Bar models help children to visualise word and number problems by showing the parts of a number. Here is an example:

**Multiplication and division language**

**Ways You Can Practice Multiplication and Division at Home**

**Times Table Tennis**

Choose a times table to focus on. Take it in turns to say the next number in the times table sequence. You could pretend to serve and pass a tennis ball between you or use a real one.

**Fastest Times Tables Facts**

Choose a times table to focus on and have a competition to see who can write down the times tables facts the fastest. You can decide whether to write the number sentences out in full (e.g. 1 × 2 = 2, 2 × 2 = 4, 3 × 2 = 6 ) or just the numbers (e.g. 2, 4, 6).

* **Multiply**
* Product
* By
* Times
* Lots of
* **Divide**
* Goes into
* How many times
* Share equally
* Groups



Here are some videos that explain the concept of place value and provide tips to help you support your child's understanding.

**Practicing maths in a real life context:**

**Working with money**

* Calculate costs when shopping

**Measurement**

* Estimating and measuring when cooking/baking

**Time**

* Look at the bus/train timetable. How long until the next train? How long will it take until you arrive at your destination?

**Useful websites for games and practise:**

[**www.topmarks.co.uk**](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[**www.sumdog.com**](http://www.sumdog.com)

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