



Helping Your Child Prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

What Is the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)?

The MTC is a short online test taken by Year 4 pupils to assess their fluency in times tables up to 12×12 . It's designed to be quick, simple, and supportive. Just 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each one. There's no pass or fail, and results help teachers understand where children may need extra support.

Why Times Tables Matter

Strong times tables knowledge helps children:

- Solve maths problems more quickly
- Build confidence in lessons
- Prepare for future topics like division, fractions, and algebra

Fun & Free Ways to Practise at Home

Here are some engaging websites and games your child can explore:

Website	What It Offers	Link
Hit The Button	Fast-paced recall games for multiplication, division, number bonds and more.	hitthebuttonmaths.uk
Timestables.co.uk	Realistic MTC simulator, speed tests, and fun games like Blocky Multiplication.	timestables.co.uk
Twinkl Interactive	Curriculum-aligned games and activities tailored to Year 4.	twinkl.co.uk

Offline Games for Times Tables Practice

These games are simple, fun, and great for building confidence with multiplication facts, no tech required!



Flashcard Challenge

- Create cards with multiplication questions (e.g. 7×8) on one side and answers on the back.
- Time your child to see how many they can answer in 1 minute.
- Mix in “wild cards” with silly challenges (e.g. “Do 5 star jumps!”) for extra fun.

Times Tables Bingo

- Make bingo cards with answers (e.g. 24, 36, 48).
- Call out multiplication questions (e.g. “ 6×6 ”) and let your child mark the correct answer.
- First to get a line or full house wins a small prize!

Dice Doubles

- Roll two dice and multiply the numbers together.
- For a twist: roll three dice and multiply all three!
- Keep score and challenge your child to beat their previous total.

Multiplication Match-Up

- Write multiplication questions and answers on separate cards.
- Mix them up and play a memory-style matching game.
- Great for visual learners and younger siblings too!

Times Table Treasure Hunt

- Hide cards with multiplication questions around the house or garden.
- Each correct answer leads to the next clue.
- Final clue leads to a small treat or reward!



Call & Response Game

- Say a multiplication question aloud (e.g. “What’s 9×4 ?”).
- Your child responds with the answer.
- Add rhythm or clapping to make it musical and memorable.

These games are perfect for short bursts of practice and can be adapted for different skill levels. They also help make learning feel like play, so children stay motivated and engaged.

Top Tips for Parents

- Keep practice short and sweet - 10 minutes a few times a week is plenty.
- Let your child choose the game they enjoy most.
- Use praise and encouragement to build confidence.
- Try practising in everyday moments - counting steps, setting the table, or playing with dice.

Questions or Concerns?

If you’d like more support or have questions about the check, please speak to your child’s teacher. We’re here to help every child feel confident and ready.