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The Maths learners show an unbelievable shortage of ability to do mental arithmetic. They use a calculator for the smallest calculation. They even won’t multiply a number with 10 using mental arithmetic.

There should be more multiplication table tests written as in the old days. Learners do not develop their arithmetic abilities if they are not forced to do mental arithmetic. Simple addition and subtraction sums should be included in these tests.

Recent research has shown that learners must regularly get the chance to copy work from the board. The act of reading the work, copying it in their own books and then rereading it to ensure that it is correct, will strengthen language comprehension and the ability to build sentences.

Being able to do Maths, remains an important skill. Grade 10–12 learners in South Africa must take Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.