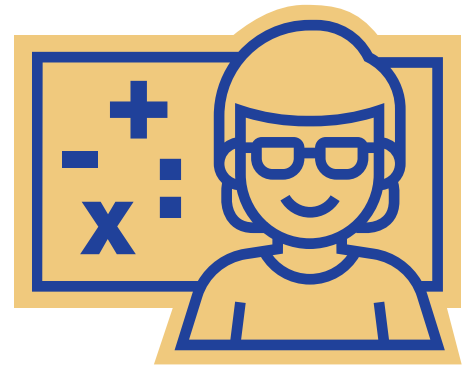




What if... We calculate?



Tips for encouraging an interest in mathematics in the daily life of grown-ups and children.

This is something to keep in mind when we are with children and young people. Our attitude is a decisive factor in their learning process.
It's easy! Will you give it a go? Try it!

1. Speak highly of maths.

Maths helps us to understand the world. It is a part of our daily lives: on our calendars, in the kitchen, in our shoe size, on the Internet, in our pockets, in the sky, etc. Let's embrace it and make it practical. Let's turn it into a tool to enjoy and to help us resolve our daily challenges.

2. Make maths fun and easy.

Buy, weigh, measure, calculate, draw, write, imagine, identify, describe, speak, read, count, reason, sing, observe, explain, play, associate, look, sort, question, doubt and don't be afraid to make mistakes!

3. There is more than one way to resolve situations.

Go at the pace of the child and their development. Allow them to explain the how and the why of their decisions. Be respectful.

4. Turn mistakes into opportunities.

By checking, estimating and rounding up, it is possible to discover that maybe the result is not what we expected.

Some good tools for mathematical reflection include the drafting of hypotheses, the discovery of strategies, the establishing of algorithms and investigation.

5. Board games always come in handy.

Most of them involve using maths: calculations and strategies. But they also allow us to spend enjoyable time with family and friends. Switch off your mobile phone and play.

6. And why not read up on the history of mathematics?

Mathematics has advanced in line with man's need to answer different questions throughout history. It can be fascinating to find out the origin of this study as well as its different scholars.

7. We learn to count by counting.

The thirst for mathematical discovery is developed by discovering a little every day, by questioning, trying, doubting... And not only at home or at school. A great time to encourage this is during children's free time, recreational activities or at summer camps.

8. It is always better when shared with others.

Sharing brings us closer to one another. Listening to and accepting the proposals, reasoning and doubts of others enriches our own knowledge. Speaking and presenting helps us to structure our thoughts.

9. The surname of numbers.

Maths helps us structure our thinking. Numbers fulfil their value according to what they represent, therefore, it is important to always place the corresponding unit after each number. Especially when speaking.

10. The love for maths is contagious.

If grown-ups question things, children will question things too. Don't miss this opportunity.