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| This method of multiplication encourages understanding of the    |   |
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| process of multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. The | 7 |
| questions on this page would not normally be completed using     |   |
| written methods: mental methods should suffice. It would be      |   |
| expected that children could do these 'in their heads' from a    |   |
| knowledge of doubling. Also, the Primary Framework for           |   |
| Mathematics does not recommend using these types of written      | V |
| method until Year 3 onwards (7/8 years old).                     | ^ |

The method is to multiply the units first, then multiply the tens, finally adding the two together. It is a 'half-way house' towards the standard written method, explaining what happens when the tens boundary is crossed during multiplying the units (ie when the units come to more than 10).

| The stages are as follows: | t u<br><b>7 c</b>       |
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| Step 1: multiply the units | 7 <mark>6</mark><br>x 2 |
| 6 x 2 = 12                 | 1 2                     |

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Put the 12 in the row below the question.

| Step 2: multiply the tens                                    | x 2 |
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| 7 (tens) x 2 is 14 (tens) = 140.                             | 12  |
| Put the 140 in the row below, making sure the units line up. | 140 |

| Step 3: add the two answers |   | /6<br>× 2                 |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
|                             | 2 + 0 = 2 units<br>1 + 4 = 5 tens<br>s: 0 + 1 = 1 hundred | $\frac{\frac{x}{2}}{140}$ |
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4. **74** 5. **130** 6. **148** 

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