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This is the standard written method known as 'short multiplication'. It leads on from the earlier worksheets on 'Moving towards a standard method'.

The stages are as follows:

#### Step 1: write the sum out correctly

The question may be put in a different layout eg 38 x 7 =

Make sure it is laid out with the units under each other as shown.

#### Step 2: multiply the units

8 (units) x 7 is 56 or 5 tens and 6 units.

Put the 6 in the answer in the units.
Place the 5 (tens) in the tens column, but under the answer line.

#### Step 3: multiply the tens

3 (tens) x 7 is 21 (tens). Add the 5 (tens) to make 26 (tens) or 2 hundreds and 6 tens. Place the 6 in the tens column and the 2 in the hundreds column. Easy! All done!!  $\begin{array}{c}
3 & 8 \\
 \times & 7 \\
2 & 6 & 6 \\
\hline
 & 5
\end{array}$ 

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<sup>t</sup> 8 1.

2.

3.

4.

6 d

5.

<sup>t</sup> 6

x 6

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

6 <sup>t</sup> 9

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## **Answers**

1. 144 2. 285 3. 553

4. **252** 5. **516** 6. **592** 

7. **558** 8. **434** 9. **675** 

10. 336 11. 333 12. 552