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$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

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The 3 times table is one of the harder tables to learn – the pattern of even numbers found in the two times table is not there: but answers do alternate between odd and even. It is usually learned after the twos, tens and fives.

A good way of checking if an answer is correct is to see if the digits add up to 3, 6 or 9. eg 24:  $2 + 4 = 6$

Remember the danger is that some children are taught that they only need to count up the answers: 3, 6, 9, 12 etc. However, this is not very helpful if a child needs to know what  $3 \times 9$  is; they do not want to have to go through the whole counting up in threes 9 times to get the answer. The whole idea of tables is that they are learnt, off by heart. To do this it is essential to say them out loud:

One times three is three

two times three is six

three times three is nine

four times three is twelve

five times three is fifteen

six times three is eighteen

seven times three is twenty one

eight times three is twenty four

nine times three is twenty seven

ten times three is thirty

Below are two worksheets for the three times table. A good way to do these is to time them to see how long your child takes.

$4 \times 3 =$

$1 \times 3 =$

$2 \times 3 =$

$8 \times 3 =$

$6 \times 3 =$

$10 \times 3 =$

$3 \times 3 =$

$9 \times 3 =$

$5 \times 3 =$

$7 \times 3 =$

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$10 \times 3 =$

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