

Math Smarts

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BEFORE YOU READ: Describe something that you were able to learn easily. It could be anything, from riding a bike to cooking to any school subject. What made the learning go well?

When I think about math, I feel very confident. Math has been my favorite subject since I was a kid. From adding to subtracting, and even multiplying, the more I

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practiced, the more it sank deep into my brain. Multiplication problems are my favorite. I felt very intelligent, and I even helped my older and younger sisters with their math homework. For some odd

reason I learn faster in math than any other subject. That's why I love it.

When I was in elementary school, I felt advanced. We had a website called "Smart Shorties." I could go on the website and learn multiplication problems through a song. It was much easier for me to learn, especially when I heard my favorite music teaching me math. I even still know a few songs I learned in my fourth grade year, and I am now 19.

I am still learning math today. I struggle with decimals and percentages. When I take tests

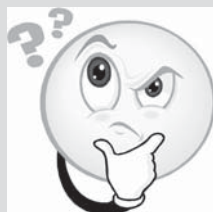
in math now, calculators aren't always allowed, so I always need a piece of scratch paper. I love using scratch paper because I can always show work and check it. That's how I know if I'm right or wrong. Note-taking

is important in class, especially if I'm learning something unfamiliar or have an upcoming test. I'm not usually allowed to bring notes to a test so I have to study them before the test. That way, I can ace my test.



AFTER YOU READ: One of Jordan's math strategies is in the box below (left). But there are more strategies in the article. List some of her math strategies. Which ones might work for you?

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Math Strategy:

Practice! As Jordan says, "The more I practiced, the more it sank deep into my brain."

Jordan's Math Strategies:

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