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## Q2 Read the informati

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## Mighty Minds Lesson Ins <br> 'Fundamentals' Less

Firstly, thank you for your support of Mighty Minds and our reso quality resources that are both educational and engaging, and works.

To assist you in using this resource, we have compiled $s$
About this resource
This Mighty Minds 'Fundamentals’ Lesson focus
 presents this skill through a theme from the Ay This lesson is also targeted at a certain skill that is suited to them.

## How to use this resource

Our ‘Fundamentals’ Lessons are s resources.

The student workbook contair

- The main title page; and
- The blank student work

The teacher resources

- This set of instruc
- The Teacher's De needed to teach the lesson;
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,oook (the first set of pages) for the students. If students you may also like to provide them with the student answer
nore detailed explanation of the model responses

that if you email us with suggested changes to any lesson, we will send you the revised lesson - free of charge.


## Using a Calculat

## Basic Operators

There are 5 main operators that are often used when doing They are as follows:
$+\quad$ The addition sign is used to add two numbers

- The subtraction sign is used to find the difff away from the other).
$x \quad$ The multiplication sign is used to find
$\div \quad$ The division sign is used to find th
$=\quad$ The equals sign is used to find
For example if you wanted to find
- The first step would be to er
- The second step would be two numbers.
- The third step would b
- And the final step wf calculate $12019 \times$ ?
- The answer wou'
ell the calculator that you want it to
2,615,342.

When usin using it. using a where
that the calculator is only as good as the person alators are more user friendly than others. When calculation in the correct order and use brackets alculation $(4+6) \times 3$.
ne on most scientific calculators without using brackets the calculators follow the rules of BIMDAS and would calculate $6 \times 3$ ets, if used, would tell the calculator that the multiplication should and 6 . Order is always important when calculating.
ase brackets. Without using brackets, the above calculation could be s. Firstly, you would input $4+6$ and press enter. Then using that number

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BIMDAS is an acronym that stands for brackets, indices, multiplicat subtraction. It is used to remember the order that operations shoy

This is the order that operations in a calculation should be car
Brackets anything inside brackets should ALWAYS the brackets as a separate calculation ap
Indices after calculating brackets, anything rai includes root signs.

Multiplication
and
Division

Addition
and
any division or multiplication shoy
culation

Subtraction

Note that some students may $h$
any addition and subtract reading left to right.

Multiplication Division Additior
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new concept.

## Other Operat

There are many othe other operators you
rculator. Below is a table of some of the use on a regular basis.

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| Button | Name | Use |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\times \mathrm{V}$ | Root | Used to find the xth root of a number. |
| $\pi$ | Pi | Used to evaluate and use pi in a calcu |
| $1 / \mathrm{x}$ | Fraction | Used to evaluate and use fractions |
| E or $10^{\mathrm{x}}$ | Exponential | Used to multiply or divide a nur |
| $=$ | Equals | Used to find the outcome of |
| + | Subtraction/take <br> away | Used to find the diffe <br> numbers. |
| - | Multiplication | Used to find the |
| $\times$ or $*$ | Division | Used to find |
| $\div$ or / |  |  |

All operations given in the table are shown on the calculator to the right. Note that while all calculators will be different, this diagram should illustrate what some of the keys may look like. To use the yellow or blue operations on the keypad (e.g. $\times$ V ) use the ' 2 nd' or ' 3 'rd' buttons.


For the Teachers

Please note: any activity that is not completed during class time undertaken at a later date.

## ‘Puzzle Predicament’, ‘Calcula 'Find-a-W'

- Activity Description:
- These activities will require student
compete with each other in games pertaining to
- The first worksheet reqy they enter calculation navigate a "maze". ${ }^{\text {P }}$ appear on each p?
- The second worl a race betweer designed to $b$ calculation no studer
the order in which e students have to Ing the letters that message.
or games. The first game is cons. The second game is of the game is to complete eliminations every round, but ne.
- The thir
ries of calculations, after each of which and discover a word. They then have
e of and skills with a calculator, especially in 1 and identification of particular buttons.
rs, words and other symbols ( $\alpha 1$ ) lone form to another ( $\alpha 7$ ) h or without calculators (Ф16) rogression of steps to achieve the required answer (\$37) and locating items/ information (a52)
ned to be completed within an hour - 20 minutes for each activity

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- Teaching Notes:
- Students will require a calculator fo
- Students should attempt all activit
- If students struggle with mental
- Homework/ Extension Ideas:
- Activity One could bs
quares and square roots.
- Activity Two coul a competition t
small groups and having ems first.
- Follow Up/ Class Disc
- Why do calculato
oblems versus solving it by mental arithme
- Why would Jy
es in times of warfare?
- In what sity calculator
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## Question One:

Students were required to navigate their way through a puzzle answer would give a letter, with all the correct letters spelling been bolded and italicised in the model diagram below.

Model Diagram:

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645
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Calculations to be cut out and put in a hat.

Calculation 1:
320 450-30 250 = 290200

| Calculation $4:$ |
| :---: |
| $7400+2130$ |
| $=9530$ |

Calculation 2:
4350 + 1020
$=5300$


Calculation 9:
$34+76$
$=110$

Calculation 12:
$234+134$
=368

Calculation 15:
$12 \times 3 \times 2$
$=72$

Calculation 18:
$10 \times 15 \times 20$
$=3000$

Calculation 20:
$6 \times 102$
$=612$ TEACRTENS ANSWI

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## Question One:

Students were required to perform a series of calculations men They were then told to check their results with a calculator.

Model Response:
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$12130+1923=14053$
$5 \times 6 \times 3=90$

## Question Two:

This question involved the entire mentally while one student soly calculator was beaten, he or below are solved from left $\dagger$

Answers to Calculations
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f)
g) OOZES SHOES

SIZZLE
BLOG
GOBBLE BOSS

HOBBIES
HIGH
LEGS
SOIL
SIZES
HISS

## E <br> Find-a-Word

! Word Search


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g note of the letters that do not belong to a word

Write ${ }^{\dagger}$


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## Question One:

Students were required to work out a series of problems on the answer for a problem, they were required to flip the calculator the numbers. After discovering the word, they then had to fir students had problems reading the word off of their calculz states what each number represents when the calculato they have to turn their calculators upside down otherwi correct words. Once the word search has been comp discover the hidden message within the word seard search that did not belong to any words.

Model Response:
Calculations:
a) $238^{2}+\sqrt{ } 2152$
b) $96 \% \times 365$
c) $-3166+$
d) $0.4 x$$\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { BOILS } \\ & \text { HOSE } \\ & \text { BEIGE } \\ & \text { BIBLE }\end{aligned}$
e)
f)


EGGSHELL
LOOSE
OOZES
SHOES
SIZZLE
BLOG
GOBBLE
BOSS
HOBBIES
HIGH
LEGS
SOIL
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$4^{2}=5514$
SIZES
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## Question One (cont'd):

The words that students were required to find in the word sear the letters that remain and were required to be placed in the

Model Response:


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\angle A L C \cup L A T O R S
$$

| $A R E$ | $V E R Y$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $--D$ | - |  |

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