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# Numeracy lesson plans Primary 3 Term 2

## ▶ Creating opportunities for classroom talk

This is the fourth  
in a series of six  
numeracy lesson  
plan publications,  
designed to be  
used throughout  
the three academic  
school terms.



## Introduction

Quality education is a direct result of the quality of teaching and teachers, more than anything else. Unfortunately, it is in these most critical factors that Kwara State education has suffered the worst setback in recent years.

Reports showing that the majority of children completing the first six years of basic education are unable to read or write have raised serious concerns about the quality of teaching and teachers in our schools.

In trying to understand this, it was concluded that the teachers failed because their own basic education failed. In other words, they were also victims of an education system that has collapsed at all levels. Therefore, to address this serious problem, our intervention is holistic and will be delivered on a sustained basis.

These lesson plans have been described as a 'cookery book' approach to teacher training. As a teaching manual, they have been designed to provide a step-by-step guide to teachers of literacy and numeracy, while ensuring that children become active learners.

In using these lesson plans, teachers are continuously supported by both the state school improvement teams and the school support officers who have been trained to provide such support.

I am delighted to note that within a very short time of these lesson plans being introduced into our schools, children's learning abilities have improved considerably. The lesson plans have also made learning and teaching a lot more exciting for both teachers and pupils.

I am confident that these lesson plans will raise standards in our schools and improve the quality of children proceeding to higher levels of education in the near future.

I commend all those who have worked very hard to produce these lesson plans and thank the UK Department for International Development (DFID) for its abiding support to Kwara's education reform through its ESSPIN project.

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# Introduction

## ▶ Creating opportunities for classroom talk

## Classroom talk

In any classroom, the pupils should do most of the talking, not the teacher. If pupils have the chance to talk they will quickly improve their language skills.

They should experience lots of different types of talk, in pairs, small groups, and within the whole class, eg:

Having conversations between themselves and with adults in the school.

Asking questions of each other and of the adults in the school.

Answering questions.

Expressing opinions.

Explaining how to do something.

Giving instructions.

Solving problems.

Designing ways of recording findings.

Carrying out investigations into numbers.

Sharing ideas.

Singing songs.

Saying rhymes.

These are all included in the numeracy lesson plans.

Here are some ideas to help you encourage all pupils to join in classroom talk:

Ask questions which have lots of different answers and can be answered by individuals, not the whole class at the same time.

When you ask a question, count to 15 in your head before you choose someone to answer. This gives all pupils the chance to think of something to say, not just the 'quick thinkers'.

When you ask a question, give the pupils 2 or 3 minutes to discuss the answer with a partner before putting their hands up.

When you ask a question, give the pupils 2 or 3 minutes to write the answer in their exercise books and then ask random pupils. This makes all pupils try to think of the answer.

Sit the pupils in a circle and ask them a question which has lots of different answers. Go around the circle and ask every pupil to answer.

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# Introduction

▶ Essential low-cost  
or free teaching aids

## The balance scale

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Balance scales are needed in Week 19 so that the pupils can explore weight.

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You could try and borrow some from the local market.

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You can also try to make your own using:  
two empty plastic cartons  
string  
a nail  
a wooden frame.

Put them together to make a balance.

## Counters

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For Weeks 16—20 you will need a great many counters. One way of collecting counters is to ask a local shopkeeper to put a container by the crates of soft drinks and ask people to put their bottle tops in them when they take them off the bottle. Once a week, or once a month collect the container, wash the tops and store them to use as counters. Replace the container in the shop to collect more.

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This should provide you with a regular supply.

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# Introduction

▶ Songs and rhymes  
for the term

## Peas

5 fat peas in a pea  
pod pressed /  
1 grew, 2 grew  
and so did all the rest /  
They grew and grew  
and did not stop /  
Until one day the pod  
went pop.

## 1 finger 1 thumb

1 finger, 1 thumb  
keep moving /  
1 finger, 1 thumb  
keep moving /  
1 finger, 1 thumb  
keep moving /  
We'll all be merry and bright.

1 finger, 1 thumb, 1 arm  
keep moving...

1 finger, 1 thumb, 1 arm,  
1 leg keep moving...

1 finger, 1 thumb, 1 arm,  
1 leg, 1 nod of the head  
keep moving...

## 1 potato, 2 potatoes

1 potato, 2 potato,  
3 potato, 4 /  
5 potato, 6 potato,  
7 potato more.

## 5 little speckled frogs

5 little speckled frogs  
sat on a speckled log /  
eating the most delicious  
bugs, yum, yum /  
1 jumped into the pool /  
where it was nice  
and cool /  
then there were 4 green  
speckled frogs, glub, glub.

4 little speckled frogs...  
3 little speckled frogs...  
2 little speckled frogs...  
1 little speckled frog...

## 5 little ducks

5 little ducks went  
swimming one day /  
Over the hills and far away /  
Mummy duck called, 'quack,  
quack, quack, quack' /  
But only 4 little ducks  
came back.

4 little ducks...  
3 little ducks...  
2 little ducks...  
1 little duck...

Week  
16  
Multiplication  
of two-digit numbers



**Words/phrases**

**multiply  
product of  
times by  
vertical  
horizontal**

**Assessment**

**During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.**



Lesson  
title

# Multiplication of two-digit numbers

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Multiply two-digit numbers  
by one-digit numbers using  
repeated addition.

Count in fives from any given  
number up to 100.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Read the lesson plans carefully,  
trying a few sums so that  
you understand the method.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 103.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask pupils to sit in a circle and  
ask one of them to say a number  
between 1 and 30.

Ask them to count round the  
circle in fives, starting from  
that number and finishing at or  
near to 100.

Write the numbers in a vertical list  
on the chalkboard as they say them.

Ask the pupils if they can see  
any patterns in the numbers.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Briefly revise the addition of two-digit numbers, by giving the pupils the following sums to do in their exercise books:

$$24 + 13 =$$

$$32 + 21 =$$

$$46 + 23 =$$

Ask the pupils to exchange their books and mark the sums.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Explain to the pupils the relationship between **multiplication** and **repeated addition** with this example:

$$3 \times 24 = 24 + 24 + 24 \\ = 72$$

Ask the pupils to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 103, exercise C, numbers 1—10 using repeated addition.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to explain how they worked out the sums.

# Multiplication of two-digit numbers

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use a multiplication table.

Multiply two-digit numbers by a one-digit number, using expansion.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Read the lesson plans carefully, trying out a few sums using that method so you understand it clearly.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 101, and make sure you understand the method.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to find the multiplication table at the back of MAN Primary Mathematics 3.

Explain that the place where the **horizontal** and the **vertical** lines meet gives the answer.

Ask the class some questions and tell them to find the answer using the table, eg:

$$1 \times 1 =$$

$$5 \times 4 =$$

$$10 \times 1 =$$

$$7 \times 8 =$$

Ask one or two pupils to show how they found each answer, using the multiplication table.

Tell pupils to ask each other questions they can answer using the table.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to expand these numbers:

12  
23  
35  
52  
29  
17  
32

Ask them to explain how they worked out the answers.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Show the pupils the following examples on the chalkboard:

$$\begin{aligned}12 \times 2 &= (10 + 2) \times 2 \\ &= (10 \times 2) + (2 \times 2) \\ &= 10 + 10 + 2 + 2 \\ &= 20 + 4 \\ &= 24\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}13 \times 3 &= (10 + 3) \times 3 \\ &= (10 \times 3) + (3 \times 3) \\ &= 30 + 9 \\ &= 39\end{aligned}$$

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Call out a number and ask the pupils to tell you as many ways as they can to make that number.

Give the pupils the following sums, one at a time, to do in their exercise books using the same method:

$$\begin{aligned}34 \times 2 &= \\ 22 \times 3 &= \\ 11 \times 4 &= \\ 15 \times 2 &= \\ 12 \times 5 &= \end{aligned}$$

After each sum, ask different pupils to explain how they did it.

Lesson  
title

# Multiplication of two-digit numbers

15  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Say the 7 and 8 times tables.

Multiply two-digit numbers by  
one-digit numbers.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Find the multiplication chart  
at the back of MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 101, exercise B.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the class to say their 7 and  
8 times tables all together, using  
the multiplication chart at the  
back of MAN Primary Mathematics  
3 to help them.

Ask the pupils to look at the  
multiplication charts at the back  
of MAN Primary Mathematics 3,  
and use them to answer the  
following questions:

$$6 \times 7 =$$

$$6 \times 6 =$$

$$7 \times 8 =$$

$$6 \times 8 =$$

$$8 \times 3 =$$

$$7 \times 8 =$$

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to do the following sums in their exercise books using the method they learned on the previous day:

$$33 \times 3 =$$

$$21 \times 4 =$$

$$32 \times 3 =$$

$$25 \times 2 =$$

$$45 \times 2 =$$

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Pair task

Ask pupils to look at MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 101, exercise B.

Explain that many books write multiplication as a vertical sum, ie:

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

When you find a vertical sum first write it horizontally, ie:

$$23 \times 3 =$$

After that, follow the method you know.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask some pupils to explain how they completed the task.

Lesson  
title

# Multiplication of two-digit numbers

15  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Complete a multiplication chart.

Multiply two-digit numbers  
by one-digit numbers using the  
vertical method.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 93, exercise E.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 104, exercise D, numbers  
11—20.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the class to look at MAN  
Primary Mathematics 3, page 93,  
exercise E, questions i and ii.

Ask the pupils to copy and  
complete the tables in their  
exercise books.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to give you step-by-step instructions to complete the following sum:

$$\begin{array}{r} 39 \\ \times \quad 8 \\ \hline \end{array} =$$

Write their instructions on the chalkboard as they say them.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to work in pairs to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 104, exercise D, numbers 11—20 using the above method.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask a few pupils to explain how they worked out the sums to the rest of the class.

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**Week 16**  
**Multiplication of  
two-digit numbers**  
Day 5

Lesson  
title

# Multiplication problem solving

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Answer multiplication  
questions orally.

Solve word problems leading  
to multiplication of two-digit  
numbers by single digit numbers.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, pages 102—104.

## Daily practice

**Group task**

Ask each group random  
multiplication questions.

When they have the answer,  
one member of each group  
should come out and write it on  
the chalkboard.

The first group to write the answer  
on the chalkboard gets a point.

Record their points and  
declare the first group to reach  
10 the winners.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to tell you how many words they can think of to describe multiplication, eg:  
multiply  
times by  
product of

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 104, questions 22—28.

Give the pupils an example of a multiplication problem:

'If 1 packet of biscuits contains 44, how many biscuits are there in 2 packets?'

'If 1 packet contains 44, 2 packets contain  $44 + 44$  which is the same as  $44 \times 2$ .'

Work out  $44 \times 2$  with the class using the method they have learned during the week.

10  
minutes

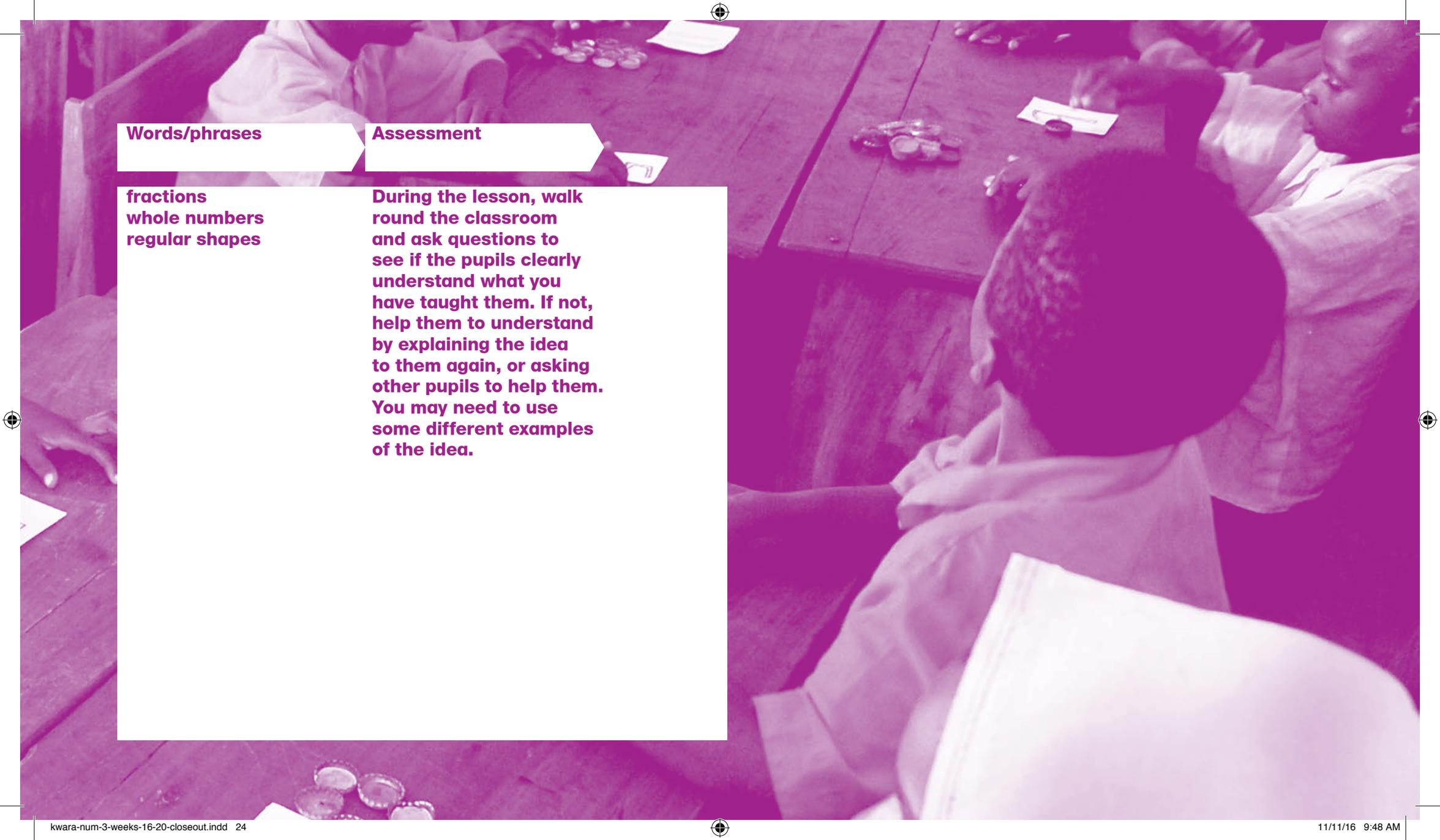
## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask some pairs to tell the rest of the class how they got their answers.



Week  
17  
Fractions



**Words/phrases**

**fractions**  
**whole numbers**  
**regular shapes**

**Assessment**

**During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.**

Lesson  
title

# Fractions of objects

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use number lines to multiply two-digit numbers by single digit numbers.

Cut objects into various fractions.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Collect plenty of ground nuts, kola nuts and sugar cane pieces.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 29 and 30.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to draw separate number lines to answer the following sums:

$$20 \times 4 =$$

$$12 \times 5 =$$

$$13 \times 5 =$$

$$32 \times 3 =$$

$$46 \times 2 =$$

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Group task

Give each group a set of either kola nuts, ground nuts or sugar cane pieces.

Ask them to tell you what the object is.

Explain that you are going to look at fractions and will use these objects to help.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Group task

Ask each group to discuss what they understand by the word **fraction**.

Ask the groups to write down any fractions that they know, and share them with the rest of the class.

Ask the pupils to cut one of their objects in half, (two pieces) one into quarters (four pieces) and one into thirds (three pieces).

Ask them to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 29 and 30, exercise 3, pages 29 and 30, exercise D in their exercise books.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to choose one person to tell everyone else what they have learned.

# Fractions of rectangles and squares

## Learning outcomes

### By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Identify fractions of shapes in rectangles and squares.

Cut different sets of paper into squares and rectangles.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Cut paper or newspaper into different sized squares and rectangles.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 29.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to do the following sums using any method they have learned.

Explain that they can use different methods for each sum if they wish:

$$4 \times 6 =$$

$$23 \times 5 =$$

$$65 \times 7 =$$

$$8 \times 12 =$$

$$10 \times 3 =$$

$$54 \times 9 =$$

Ask different pupils to explain the method they used.

10  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Give each pupil paper squares and rectangles.

Go through the examples in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 29, unit 2 to explain to the pupils the concept of two thirds and three quarters.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Give each group two pieces of paper.

Ask each group to fold the paper shapes into two, three and four equal parts.

Tell each group to draw the opened up shapes in their exercise books.

Ask them to shade one section of each shape and say what fraction of the shape they have shaded.

Ask them to write the fraction next to the shape, eg:

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

### Individual task

Ask pupils to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 30, exercise E, questions a—d, copying the shapes into their exercise books and writing the fraction shaded underneath.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to compare their answers with a classmate.

# Fractions of regular shapes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Find **factors** of different numbers.

Identify fractions of regular shapes.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Cut paper or newspaper into different sized circles and rectangles.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 29—31.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to find the multiplication square in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91.

Give them the following numbers and ask them to find the pairs of numbers which make that number when they are multiplied together, eg:  $36 = 6 \times 6$  and  $12 \times 3$ .

Ask pupils to go through the same process with the following numbers:

28

42

117

99

108

64

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Give each pupil a paper circle or triangle.

Ask the pupils if they can say anything about the shapes.

Tell them to follow the instructions in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 29 and 30, unit 2, exercises A and B and unit 3, exercise C.

Ask them what they have learned from doing the paper folding.

## Main activity

### Pair task

Give each pair two pieces of rectangular paper.

Help them fold their shapes equally into eight.

Ask them to open it up and write how many sections they can count, ie: 8.

Ask each pair to draw the shape into their exercise book, numbering each section.

Ask them to shade three sections and describe what they have done in the following words: 'I have shaded 3 out of 8 sections'.

Explain that this can be written as a fraction and write it on the chalkboard for everyone to see:  $\frac{3}{8}$

Ask pupils to write the fraction next to the shaded shape in their exercise books.

Ask them to draw the shape again and colour five sections.

Ask them to write the fraction they have shaded next to the shape, ie:  $\frac{5}{8}$

Repeat similar exercises with the numbers 4, 6 and 7, using different fractions.

## Plenary

### Individual task

Ask the pupils to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 31, exercise E.

Tell them to write the answer to each question before moving on to the next question.

# Fractions of whole numbers

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Answer multiplication questions orally.

Identify the **numerator** and **denominator** in a given fraction.

Identify fractions of whole numbers.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Collect enough counters for each pair to have 12.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 32—33.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to answer the following questions orally, one sum at a time:

$$2 \times 5 =$$

$$12 \times 3 =$$

$$16 \times 4 =$$

$$18 \times 4 =$$

$$7 \times 6 =$$

$$14 \times 8 =$$

$$20 \times 3 =$$

$$35 \times 2 =$$

Write down all the different answers that they give you.

Ask all the pupils to check the answers, by completing the sum in their exercise books using any method they like.

Ask the pupils which answer is correct and ask them to explain how they did it.

**Introduction****Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to look at MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 32.

Read it through with them, explaining it in their local language if necessary.

Draw a rectangle on the chalkboard and explain to the pupils that this shape is a **whole**.

Divide the rectangle into seven equal sections and colour three sections.

Ask the pupils to tell you what fraction of the rectangle you have coloured:  $\frac{3}{7}$

**Main activity****Pair task**

Give each pair 12 counters.

Ask them to divide the 12 counters into four.

Explain that you have divided them into quarters and this is written as  $\frac{1}{4}$

Ask them how many are in each pile.

Write this as a fraction sum on the chalkboard:

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 12 = 3$$

Repeat the exercise, asking them to divide their pile of 12 into two equal piles, six equal piles and 12 equal piles.

Ask pupils to try and write a fraction sum for each:

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 12 = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \text{ of } 12 = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \text{ of } 12 = 1$$

**Plenary****Whole class teaching**

Ask different pairs to explain their answers to the rest of the class.

Lesson  
title

# Fractions of whole numbers

15  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Solve multiplication word problems.

Find fractions of whole numbers.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 110.

Collect enough counters for each pair to have 20 counters.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 36 and 37 and make sure you understand the method.

## Daily practice

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to complete the word problems in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 110, exercise H, questions 1—7.

Ask each pair to explain how they found the answer to one of the questions.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to tell you what they learned the previous day about fractions of whole numbers.

Give each pair a set of 20 counters and ask them to divide them into four equal piles.

Ask if anyone can answer the question:  
'How many is one quarter of 20?'

Remind them that to find the answer they have to count the number of counters in each pile.

Ask them to divide 20 counters again into two equal piles and ask the question:  
'How many is one half of 20?'

Ask pupils how they found the answer.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Individual task

Ask the pupils to use counters to answer MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 37, exercise M, questions 1—8.

Walk round the classroom and explain it again to those pupils who are finding it difficult to understand.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask a few pupils to show, on the chalkboard, the rest of the class how they got their answer.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white school uniform with a dark tie, is looking down intently at a tray of small, round, light-colored objects, likely math manipulatives. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting. The entire image has a light purple tint.

Week  
18  
Fractions

## Words/phrases

half  
quarter  
order  
is greater than  
is less than  
equal to  
divide

## Assessment

During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.

Lesson  
title

# Comparison of fractions

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use a number line to add together three-digit numbers.

Use the symbol  $<$  or  $>$  to order fractions.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to do the following questions by drawing their own number line:

$$432 + 245 =$$

$$234 + 351 =$$

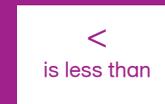
## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Prepare two flash cards as below.

Cut four strips of paper for each pair.

Flash cards



Strips of paper


10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Show the pupils the flash cards with < and > signs and ask if anyone can tell you what they mean.

Write a pair of numbers on the chalkboard and ask a pupil to place the correct card between them, eg:

23 is **>** 18

Write pairs of numbers and ask pupils to copy them and write the correct sign between the two numbers.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Pair task

Give each pair four strips of paper.

Ask each pair to put one strip down on the table.

Ask them to fold another strip in half and label each side:  $\frac{1}{2}$

Ask pupils to tear the strip along the fold and put the two halves next to the whole strip to show they are the same size.

Ask them to take the next strip, fold it into thirds and label each section:  $\frac{1}{3}$

Tell pupils to tear the strips along the folds and put them next to the other two strips as shown in the diagram.

Ask them to take the last strip, fold it into quarters and label each section:  $\frac{1}{4}$

Tear the strips along the folds and put them next to the other strips as shown in the diagram.

Ask them to arrange  $1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{4}$  in order of size.

Ask them to use the strips to show which of the following pairs of fractions is greater than, less than or equal to the other:

$$\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{2}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \frac{2}{3}$$

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Look at the different fractions and see if they have them in the correct order.

Ask pupils if anyone can notice anything about the order of the denominator (bottom number) in the fraction number line.

Lesson  
title

# Fractions

15  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Add three-digit numbers.

Describe fractions of whole numbers.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 55, exercise 2.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 36 and 37.

Have ready enough counters for each pair to have 12 counters.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to answer the questions in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 55, exercise 2 in any way that they can.

Ask them to explain which method they used to answer the questions.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Pair task

Give each pair 12 counters.

Ask each pair to divide those counters into four piles and say how many counters are in each pile.

Ask them to write it as a fraction, ie:

$\frac{1}{4}$  of 12 is 3

Ask them to say how many counters are in two piles and explain that this can be written as:

$\frac{2}{4}$  of 12 is 6

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Group task

Ask the pupils to read and discuss MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 36 together.

Ask them to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 37, exercise N, questions 8—18.

Walk round and help each group.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask one person from each group to explain what they have understood from the lesson.

# Ordering fractions

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Add three-digit numbers.

Order fractions along a number line.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Make a set of fraction number cards for each group with the following fractions:

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{7} \quad \frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{9} \quad \frac{1}{10} \quad \frac{1}{11} \quad \frac{1}{12}$$

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 37, exercise M and page 38.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to answer the following questions in their exercise books:

$$255 + 413 =$$

$$400 + 225 =$$

$$340 + 120 =$$

Ask them how they worked out the answer.

10 minutes | MAN Primary Mathematics 3

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to complete MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 37, exercise M.

Ask them to explain how they did it.

25 minutes | MAN Primary Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Explain to the pupils that fractions can be ordered on a number line in the same way as whole numbers can.

Ask them to look at the chart in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 38, and tell you which one is the largest number and which one is the smallest.

Ask them what they notice about the denominators from the smallest fraction to the greatest (they get larger as the fraction gets smaller).

### Group task

Give a set of fraction cards to each group and ask them to make a number line of fractions on their table.

Ask them to look at MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 38 again and see if they are correct.

10 minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to identify one thing they have found out about fractions from this activity.

# Finding out about fractions

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Add three-digit numbers.

Order fractions according to their size.

Identify fractions which are equal in value to each other.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Collect enough counters for each pair to have 12.

Collect the 'greater than' and 'less than' flash cards.

Draw the table shown right on the chalkboard (Table 1).

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to answer the following questions in their exercise books:

$$190 + 251 =$$

$$230 + 145 =$$

$$150 + 104 =$$

Ask them to show on the chalkboard how they worked out the answer.

Table 1

numerator	denominator	counters
3	6	
2	4	
1	2	

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Put the fraction number cards face down in a pile.

Ask a pupil to come out and hold one up for the class to see.

Ask the rest of the class to say the name of the fraction.

Ask them to guess whether the next fraction will be **greater than** or **less than** the one that is being held up.

Ask another pupil to come out and turn over the next card and show it to the class.

Ask one of the pupils to come out and choose the correct sign to go in the middle of the two fractions, ie:

$$\frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{5}$$

Repeat two or three times.

Table 2

numerator	denominator	counters
3	6	
2	4	<b>6</b>
1	2	

25  
minutes

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## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 36.

Write the fraction  $\frac{2}{4}$  on the chalkboard.

Ask pupils to say which number is the denominator (4), and which number is the numerator (2).

Ask them to look at the denominator and divide their 12 counters into that number of piles (4).

Ask them to look at the numerator and combine that number of piles together (2).

Ask pupils to count the number of counters in those two piles.

On the table on the chalkboard record their answers as shown in the diagram (Table 2).

Give out 12 counters to each pair.

Explain to them that they are going to find out something about fractions.

### Pair task

Ask them to copy the table into their exercise books and complete it, using the method you have just explained.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pairs what they found out about the fractions.

Lesson  
title

# Equivalent fractions

15  
minutes

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Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Add three-digit numbers.

Order fractions using a number line.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 59, exercise D, questions  
1—3.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics  
3, page 41.

Collect enough counters for each  
group to have 36.

## Daily practice

### Pair task

Ask the pupils to complete  
MAN Primary Mathematics 3,  
page 59, exercise D, questions  
1—3 in their exercise books.

Ask them to explain how  
they arrived at the answers.

10  
minutes

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Mathematics 3

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Give each pupil six counters.

Ask the pupils to tell you what they learned yesterday about fractions.

Ask them to look at MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 41, and put a counter on top of the fractions that they investigated on Day 4, eg:

$$\frac{3}{6} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

Ask them to tell you something about the fractions they have covered (they are all on the same line).

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to look at the fraction number line and see if they can find any other fractions which come on the same vertical line.

Explain that these fractions are also equal to each other.

Give each pair 36 counters and ask them to cover up all the fractions on the same vertical line as  $\frac{1}{3}$

10  
minutes

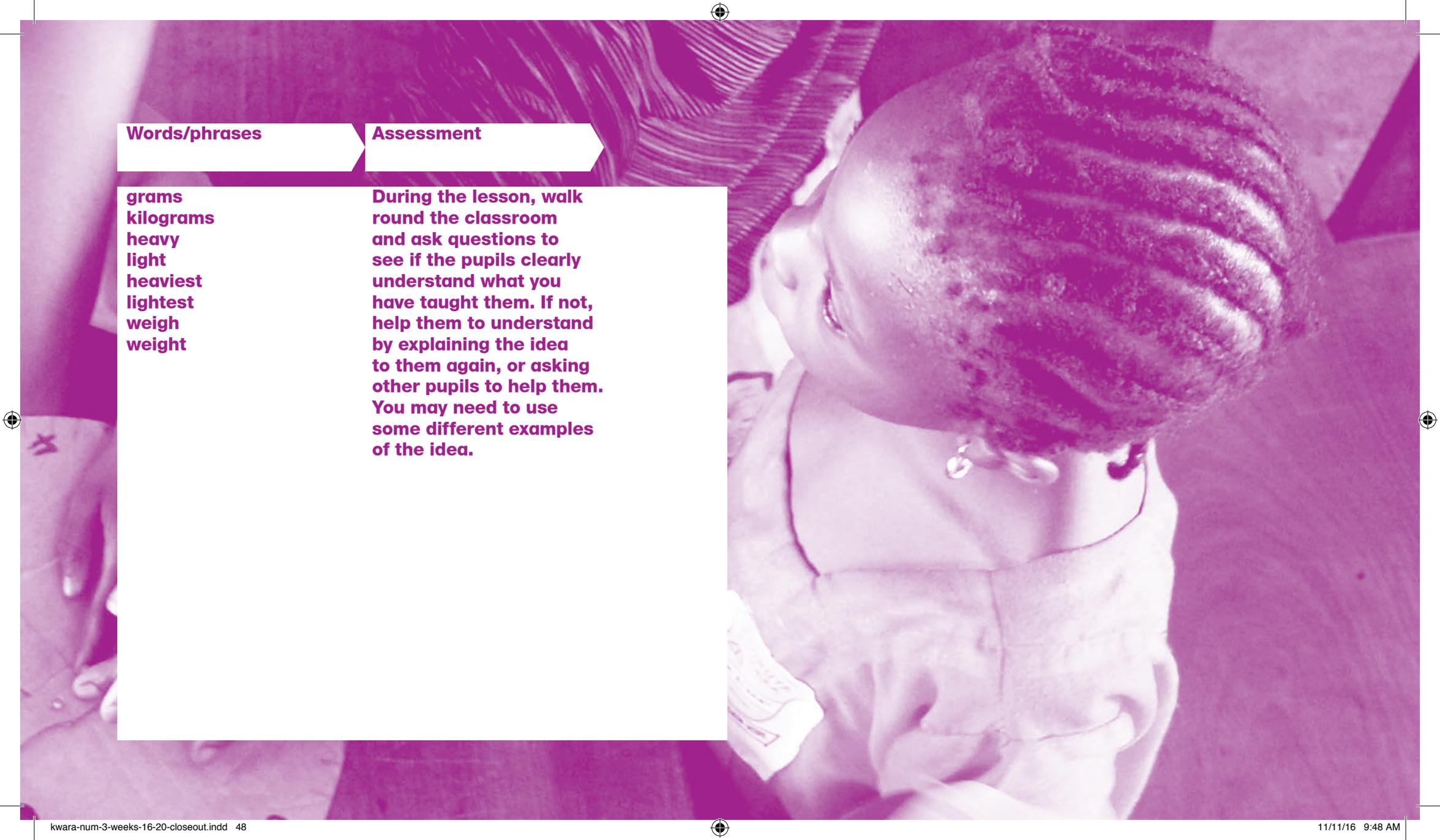
## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to tell you everything they have learned about fractions in the last two weeks and write their ideas on the chalkboard.

Week  
19  
Weight



A young girl with braided hair is looking at a doll. The doll has a large, textured head and is wearing a white shirt. The background is a wooden floor.

## Words/phrases

grams  
kilograms  
heavy  
light  
heaviest  
lightest  
weigh  
weight

## Assessment

During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.

Lesson  
title

# Heavy and light

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

### By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Count forwards/backwards in twos, threes and fours, from and up to 300.

Identify units of measurement used for weighing objects.

Guess the weights of different objects.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Find a selection of six objects of different sizes and weights.

## Daily practice

### Group task

In groups of four or five, ask pupils to count forwards/backwards in twos, fours, etc from any given number up to 300.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Explain to the class that this week they are going to do some measuring.

Ask them to tell you some units of measurement that they know, eg: metres and centimetres.

If they say grams and kilograms ask them where they have heard them used and what for.

If they don't mention them, tell them that we use **grams** and **kilograms** to measure the weight of different things.

Explain that the next time they go to the market they should listen to see if the sellers use grams and kilograms, or different terms.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Put a selection of objects on the table and ask the pupils to guess the order according to their weight.

Ask them to draw a line in their exercise books and draw the objects on it in order from the heaviest to the lightest, as shown below:

heaviest

lightest

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to say the order they put the objects in and see if the rest of the groups agree.

If they do not, ask them to explain the reasons for their answers.

# Comparing the weight of objects

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Compare the weights of different objects.

Count forwards/backwards in threes and fours.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Make simple balance scales.

Collect the objects which you used on Day 1.

Bring in as many empty packets as you can find which have grams and kilograms on them.

Draw the table shown right on the chalkboard.

## Daily practice

### Group task

In groups of four or five ask pupils to count forwards/backwards in threes and fours, from any given number up to 300.

Weights of objects table

item	weight
Sugar packet	2 kilograms

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils if they found out the units of measurement that are used in the market to weigh different items and write their answers on the chalkboard.

Explain that on Day 1 they guessed which were the heaviest and lightest objects.

Ask them if they can tell you how to find out the weight of objects more accurately.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Ask the pupils to come out, one group at a time, to use the balance scales to find the order of the weight of the objects, from the heaviest to the lightest.

Ask them to put the objects in the correct order.

Ask them to look at the scale from heaviest to lightest that they drew on Day 1 and see if they had guessed the order correctly.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to say one thing that they found out from their activities.

While each group is doing this, give out some empty packets to the other groups.

Ask them to complete the table on the chalkboard to show the different measurements of weight written on the packet.

Ask pupils to go outside and fill the packet with small stones, and let everyone in the group feel it. Then empty it, fill it with leaves and let everyone feel it again.

When they do this, ask them to discuss the difference in weight.

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**Term 2**  
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**Week 19**  
**Weight**  
Day 3

Lesson  
title

# Non-standard measurements

15  
minutes

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most  
pupils will be able to:**

Count numbers in fours and fives  
up to 300.

Use non-standard measures to  
find the weight of objects.

Draw a table to record the weight  
of different objects.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Find the objects that you brought  
in on Days 1 and 2.

Collect plenty of bottle tops.

Collect flash cards with numbers  
up to 100.

## Daily practice

**Group task**

Ask each group to count forward  
in fours and fives from any given  
number up to 300.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Sit the pupils in a circle and go round the circle, asking each pupil to say one thing they know about weighing objects.

Encourage them to speak, even if it is only to say something very small.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Ask each group to draw a table to record the weight in bottle tops of each object.

While they are doing this, ask each group to come out in turn and weigh the objects you have brought in, using the balance scales and bottle tops.

Ask them to write their answers in the table they have drawn.

Ask pupils to write the name of the heaviest object and the name of the lightest object underneath their table.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to say what they found out about the weight of the objects.

# Comparison of non-standard measurements

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Multiply two-digit numbers by single digit numbers.

Find the collective weight of a group of objects.

Find which group has the heaviest set of objects.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Collect as many bottle tops as possible.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 176 and make sure you understand it before you teach the lesson.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to answer these multiplication questions in their exercise books:

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 17 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Ask the pupils to compare their findings.

Ask them to explain how they found the answers.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Group task

Ask each group to collect six objects from within the school premises that they can weigh on the balance scales, using non-standard measurements (bottle tops).

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Ask the pupils if anyone can suggest a way of finding out which group has the heaviest set of objects.

If the pupils' suggestions are not successful, ask them to:

'Weigh each object, using bottle tops and record its weight in their exercise books.'

'Add up the total weight of all the objects collected.'

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Record the weight from each group.

Ask which group has the heaviest objects altogether.

# Units of weight

## Learning outcomes

### By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Count backwards/forwards in fives and sixes.

Measure and record weights in grams and kilograms.

Compare and order weights from the heaviest to the lightest.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Find something that the pupils can use to weigh themselves.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 176—178 and page 179, questions 1—4 and make sure you understand how to do them.

## Daily practice

### Group task

In groups of four or five, ask the pupils to count forwards in fives and sixes from any number up to 500, and then backwards.

10  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Remind the pupils that at the start of the week they discussed that standard measurements were grams and kilograms.

Ask them to look in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 176—178, to find out the answers to the following questions:

‘How many grams are in 1 kilogram?’

‘How many grams are in half a kilogram?’

‘How many grams are in a quarter of a kilogram?’

When they have found the answers ask them to tell you.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Pair task

Explain to the pupils that they are going to weigh themselves using grams and kilograms.

Ask them to write down a guess in their exercise books about how many kilograms and grams they weigh.

Bring the pupils out in pairs and help them to weigh each other.

Ask them to record their weight next to their guess.

Ask them if they were close to their guess.

While you are doing this, ask the pupils to try MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 179, questions 1—4.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

When you have weighed everyone, ask the pupils to use the results to arrange themselves in order of weight.



Week  
20  
Capacity



**Words/phrases**

**Assessment**

**before**  
**after**  
**below**  
**between**  
**above**  
**container**  
**capacity**  
**liquid**  
**litre**  
**gallon**  
**greatest**  
**least**

**During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.**

# Measuring capacity

## Learning outcomes

### By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Use a multiplication table to answer questions.

Explain the meaning of **capacity**.

Explain how to use containers to measure in litres.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Bring in a selection of containers, eg: cylinders, bottles, tins, tea cups, cooking pots.

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 169, and make sure you understand the ideas.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Give the following sums to the pupils and ask them to use the multiplication table in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91 to find the answers:

$$5 \times 13 =$$

$$8 \times 14 =$$

$$5 \times 9 =$$

$$15 \times 10 =$$

$$1 \times 12 =$$

$$9 \times 14 =$$

$$11 \times 12 =$$

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to give examples of some liquids and the sort of containers they come in.

Write their ideas on the chalkboard.

Explain that the liquid in these containers can be measured so that everyone knows how much they are getting.

Explain that **capacity** describes the amount which a container can hold.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils if they know a measurement of liquid, eg: litre.

Ask them to say what they buy in litres, eg: kerosene, milk, water, etc.

Show them the containers you have brought in.

Ask them to draw the containers in order on a line, from the one which they think holds the most to the one which they think holds the least.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask one pupil to arrange the containers in the order in which they put them and ask the rest of the class if they agree.

# Comparison of capacity

## Learning outcomes

### By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Use a multiplication table to carry out a simple investigation.

Measure capacity using non-standard measurements.

Compare the capacity of two containers.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91.

Bring in the selection of containers from the previous day.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to use the multiplication table in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91. Ask them to use counters to cover all the numbers in the textbook that are made when you multiply a number by itself, eg:

$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

Ask pupils if they can tell you anything they found out from doing this.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to find the work they did on Day 1 about capacity.

Ask them whether the method they used was an accurate way of comparing capacities of containers.

Explain that they are going to use a different method to order the capacity of containers.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Give each group four containers that are of different sizes.

Ask them to fill one of the containers with sand or water.

Ask pupils to pour the water or sand from one container into the other and see if holds more, less, or the same amount as the first one.

Do the same thing for each of the containers and use the results to put them in order of capacity.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask the groups to compare their results.

# Measuring capacity, using non-standard measurements

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use a multiplication table to answer questions.

Measure the capacity of containers using non-standard measurements.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91.

Bring in a selection of containers of different shapes and sizes including spoons, small cups, etc.

Fill a bowl with water, sand or soil.

Collect number cards from 1—100.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to look at the multiplication table in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 91, and write down the sums which give these answers:

11

22

33

44

55

66

77

88

99

110

121

132

143

154

165

Ask them if they can tell you anything about the sums.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Sit the pupils in a circle and go round the circle, asking each pupil to say one thing they know about capacity.

Encourage them to speak, even if it is to say something very small.

Put a selection of containers in the middle of the circle.

Ask one pupil to fill the smallest container with water, sand or soil and pour it into one of the other containers.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Group task

Give each group some containers and tell them to draw a table to record the capacity of the containers.

Ask the groups to measure the capacity of their containers in the way you demonstrated.

Ask them to write their answers in the table they have designed.

Ask pupils to write the name of the object with the greatest capacity and the name of the object with the least capacity.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Ask each group to say what they found out about the capacity of the objects.

# Estimating capacity in litres

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use a multiplication table to answer questions.

**Estimate** the capacity of containers in litres.

## Teaching aids

**Before the lesson:**

Find number cards from 1—30.

Bring in containers that are larger than a litre, eg: a bucket, a large bottle, a cooking pot, a jerry can.

Bring in a litre container.

## Daily practice

**Whole class teaching**

Ask the pupils to find the following numbers on the multiplication table:

‘The number that comes above 77.’

‘A number that comes before 104.’

‘A number that comes after 168.’

‘A number that comes below 42.’

‘Any number that comes between 60 and 84.’

Tell the pupils, in pairs, to ask each other questions about the multiplication table, similar to the ones above.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Show the class a litre container and fill it with water.

Ask them to **estimate** (guess) how many litres it will take to fill the largest container.

Write their answer on the chalkboard.

Give each of the pupils a number card.

25  
minutes

## Main activity

### Pair task

Explain to the pupils that they are going to do the same activity in pairs, to estimate and measure the capacity of the other containers.

Ask them to draw a table to record their estimates and their actual answers.

Ask each pair to come and measure the capacity of each container in litres and record it on their table.

Ask them to see what the difference is between their estimate and the actual amount.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Group task

Ask each pair to compare their results with those of another pair.

Lesson  
title

# Measuring in litres

15  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Learning outcomes

**By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:**

Use a multiplication table.

Measure the number of litres a container holds.

## Teaching aids

### Before the lesson:

Read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, pages 171—172.

Bring in the items that are listed in the table on MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 171.

## Daily practice

### Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to write as many multiplication sums that make 30 as they can in 5 minutes.

Ask the pupils to check their answers using the multiplication square in their textbooks.

10  
minutes

## Introduction

### Whole class teaching

Explain that they are going to do an individual task which will help you see how well each of them understands the work you have taught them.

25  
minutes

MAN Primary  
Mathematics 3

## Main activity

### Individual task

Ask the pupils to complete the table in MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 171.

When they have completed their estimate, ask them to come out on their own and measure the capacity of each container.

While they are waiting for their turn, ask them to read MAN Primary Mathematics 3, page 172, exercise B, and see if they can complete the task.

Ask one of the pupils to explain how they did it.

10  
minutes

## Plenary

### Whole class teaching

Sit the pupils in a circle.

Go round the circle and ask the pupils what they have learned this week about measuring capacity.

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