

A Guide to the MTC

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What is the MTC?

- The MTC stands for **Multiplication Tables Check**.
- Set by the government, the MTC is an on-screen assessment designed to determine whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through a set of timed questions.

When is the MTC?

- There is a 2-week window starting 3rd June 2024 during which schools will complete the MTC with pupils in Year 4.
- Pupils will have 3 practice questions before the check begins.

What happens in the MTC?

- The MTC will ask the pupil 25 random multiplication questions- they will not be asked division questions.
- Pupils will have **6 seconds** to read the question, understand it, and enter a response.
- They will then receive a 3 second pause before the next question is shown.

Administration Arrangements

- Children will take the test on a Chromebook. There is no option to complete the test on paper.
- The test will take place in small groups.
- There is no pass mark for the MTC.

After the MTC

- After the MTC window closes, schools will be able to compare their school average, with their Local Authority and National average.
- Your child's results will be shared with you as part of their end of year report in July.

Preparing children in school

- We will be using time practising our times tables in class. This helps children get used to the Chromebook and keypad.
- We will take part in unofficial MTC activities and games.
- We will do regular sound checks to monitor children's progress.

What you can do at home

- Regular verbal times tables practice.
- Ensure your child completes their weekly Times Table Rockstars home work (12 minutes garage).
- 21 minutes a week has been shown to be the ideal number for getting top MTC scores.

TT Rockstars

- ▶ We have set up a number of Chromebooks for you to use to see what your child accesses when on TT Rockstars.
- ▶ Play the Sound check if you want to get an idea of what the MTC will be like.
- ▶ Or you could use
<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Any questions?