

# Maths Takeaway



## This month's special

## Starters

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### Getting through redundancy

You already know that the current economic downturn makes it a tough time for businesses large and small but did you know ...?

Improved maths skills can help you reach your full potential.



Invest time in learning and you'll be equipping yourself for the future. You'll have a better chance of improving your career or finding a new job.

Check [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) for a full range of information on dealing with redundancy, finding a new job, training and voluntary work.



### If you change job will you be able to:

- calculate changes to your income if you earn a different hourly rate?
- work out the costs of weekly travel?
- understand new rotas and timetables?

Maths isn't just about calculations. Maths is involved in measuring, reasoning, estimating, planning, problem solving and managing time effectively.

For examples of other maths skills that you might want to improve as you search for new employment go to:

[www.move-on.org.uk/skillschecklists](http://www.move-on.org.uk/skillschecklists)

Check your own maths skills by doing the mini-test at:

[www.move-on.org.uk/testyourskills.asp](http://www.move-on.org.uk/testyourskills.asp)

### Thinking about re-training?

You may have seen Beryl here on the national 'It's in our hands' TV advertising campaign.

Improving maths skills across the nation is a key aim of government.



Taking a free maths course could help you get to grips with your maths skills, and increase work prospects.

You'll be joining thousands of people across the country, who have already transformed their work and home lives. To order or watch the Get On DVD <http://geton.direct.gov.uk/>

**Maths training up to Level 2 is FREE.** You can learn at work, at home, at college. Call 0800 011 30 30 or get a [skills account](#) on-line.

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### Improving your maths skills – it all adds up!

Recent research has found that improving your numeracy skills could add nearly 20% to your earning potential.

*Source NRDC: The value of basic skills in the British labour market p14.*

It is predicted that in the future there will be even fewer jobs for people lacking numeracy skills.

By updating you are more likely to remain in employment, and any training you do may well call on your maths skills, for example maths is essential for success in many NVQs.



Do you know your current level of skills?

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### Could you answer the following questions?

- 1 A total of 8 million people, or 25% of the working age population, in England have maths skills above Level 2. This leaves how many below level 2?
  - a) 10 million
  - b) 24 million
  - c) 16 million
  - d) 8 million
- 2 You decide to brush-up your maths skills on line and study 45 mins each weekday. In two weeks you will have studied for:
  - a) 5 hours
  - b) 4 ½ hours
  - c) 6 ¾ hours
  - d) 7 ½ hours
- 3 A company has a workforce of 3,350 and decides to make 20% redundant. Which of these is not the same as 20%:
  - a) 1/5
  - b) 4/20
  - c) 1/20
  - d) 20/100

**Log on to the Move On Learner Route at [www.move-on.org.uk](http://www.move-on.org.uk) to try some more numeracy and literacy questions.**

### Grin

A director decided to award a prize of £50 for the best idea of saving the company money during the credit crunch. It was won by a young executive who suggested reducing the prize money to £10.

Research shows that people with higher levels of maths skills are more likely to be employed as professionals or have jobs as managers.

### Or groan

The Skills for Life Survey of Needs showed that on average, people with Entry Level maths skills earned £8,000 less every year than those with Level 2 maths skills.

**Improve your maths skills now in preparation for the future.**