

## THERE'S LIFE WITH MATH

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Oftentimes, we'll hear questions and statements from students like, "Why study math?" or "What does math have to do with our dream course?" or "we can't even use math in our daily lives" or, worst of all "I hate math!" People tend to think that Mathematics subject is just a waste of time for them to learn and that it has no connection to our lives.

However, it is our responsibility as educators to make our students feel and think the opposite way. Let us be their eye-opener of what's the real relevance of Mathematics in our lives and make them realize that Mathematics is not just a mere subject that they have to pass.

Most students find Mathematics hard as it requires a lot of thinking, analyzing, and solving just to get the correct answer to a given question. They might feel overwhelmed with all the numbers and problems that they have to solve.

What can we do to change their thoughts? First is to make them witness how much we, the teachers, enjoy and love this subject. It is essential that we will be the living proof that math is such a fun subject to learn. Second, is to be their motivator, not their humiliator. Since there's only right or wrong in answering Math problems, not everyone will grasp the lessons in one sitting and solve everything correctly. It is important to encourage them to practice more and tell them that it's okay to get it wrong as it is a sign that they are learning. And last is to show them how Mathematics is a big part of our everyday lives.

It is said that “Mathematics makes a man methodical or systematic” as this subject requires us to follow certain steps or procedures to be able to arrive at the desired answer. And without realizing it, we are using mathematics in our everyday routine. You are already using math, from waking up to calculating how to manage your time to arrive at school on time. Budgeting your allowance based on your spending prior to receiving your next allowance is also math. Cooking your favorite dishes and following their recipes to ensure they taste their best is all about Math. And in any profession, Math will be present.

Without the help of Mathematics, our lives will be disorganized and full of unresolved problems. Learners must become aware of these at all times for them not to hate the subject, thus making them appreciate the existence of Math more.

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