

MATH PHOBIA: WHY STUDENTS STRUGGLE WITH THE SUBJECT

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One of the main reasons why students hate math is due to a lack of understanding. Math can be a challenging subject, and students who struggle to grasp basic concepts may become frustrated and disengaged. Additionally, students who have not had a strong foundation in math may struggle to keep up with the material in later years.

Another reason why students may dislike math is due to a lack of relevance. Many students may see math as a subject that has no practical application to their lives. Without a clear understanding of how math is relevant to their everyday lives, students may find it difficult to engage with the material.

Furthermore, math is often taught in a way that does not take into account different learning styles. Some students may be visual learners, while others may be more hands-on. A teaching approach that does not accommodate different learning styles may make it difficult for some students to engage with the material.

Another reason is that math is often taught in isolation from other subjects, which can make it difficult for students to see the connection between math and other subjects. When math is taught in isolation, students may find it difficult to see how math is relevant to other areas of their lives.

In addition, students may also dislike math due to negative experiences or past failures. For example, a student who has had a negative experience with math in the past such as receiving a poor grade on a test may develop a negative attitude toward the subject. This can lead to a self-fulfilling cycle where the student avoids math and performs poorly, which in turn reinforces their negative attitude towards the subject.

There are indeed several reasons why students may dislike math. These reasons may include a lack of understanding, a lack of relevance, a lack of engagement and poor teaching methods, negative experiences, and past failures. It's important to address these issues and work towards making math more engaging and relevant to students, and to provide them with the support that they need to succeed in math.

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