

WHY MATH?

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To many students, mathematics is hell—it is a torture that is mentally and emotionally agonizing. It is mentally agonizing because when one is lost in those algebraic intricacies, he becomes crazy thinking of the right way out. It is emotionally agonizing because when one flunks the subject, he becomes despondent and feels that it is already the end of his world. But these would not be our reactions or attitudes to this very wonderful and challenging discipline. Why? Or better still, why math? What is its importance? There are many of them although we can only cite a few.

Our civilization, as we know it, could not have flourished without math. Think of the many engineering feats like the undersea tunnel that connects England and France, or the awesome skyscrapers, or the all-powerful, all-useful computers. These monumental achievements of man have become possible because of mathematics. Our world has seen tremendous progress especially in the field of science and technology because of mathematics. In fact, without mathematics, there would be no banking system, no commerce and industry, and no booming businesses. This world would stand still, and the grim result is that we go back to primitive way of life.

Just imagine, for example, what would happen if the concept of a circle is not discovered. There would be no cars, no electric fans, and no art. What if trigonometry and geometry were not introduced? There would be no buildings, no bridges, no roads – no nothing.

Mathematics, therefore, is an important tool of man in order to create a civilization. God created man, but man, through his mathematical skill, created civilization. That's how important math is. It is man's best friend, not worst enemy!

So, the next time you hate math, think of the world you live in. Think of the cellphone that you use when playing Mobile Legend. Think of the wonderful works of science and technology. All these have become possible because of mathematics. Then you will have a change of heart.

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