

Setting up the **mathsquad** times table program

Semester 1:

1. Download the Quick Quiz Book 1 and Quick Quiz Book 1 Solution files (mathsquad.org/all-files)
2. Print out the sheets for Quick Quiz Book 1
3. Copy one book for each student (recommend A4 folded and stapled in the middle – so each sheet is A5 size)
4. Distribute to students (to minimise the likeliness that students will lose this booklet I request that each student has a display folder for the subject). Possibly give students time to decorate the front cover.
5. Each lesson, complete the warm up by doing the following:
 - a. Asking students to get out their warm up books and a pen while you set up your laptop to project a timer (google “stopwatch”, it works a treat!). Also check if any student is missing their warm up book and lend them a spare book if you can.
 - b. When kids are set up tell them what sheet they will complete (make a big song and dance about the sheet number, write it on the board, have students chorus it back, as nothing is more frustrating than when students do the wrong sheet and can't correct with the class).
 - c. Tell students that they will start shortly, and once they've done their times tables they are to record their time for each section. There are a couple of more challenging questions for students to solve mentally if they complete their times tables early. I suggest giving a time limit of 5 minutes, though watch how the kids go and give more or less time if you think it's best.
 - d. Once the time is up, project the solutions and read them out loud too.
 - e. Get the students to document their score in the front of their booklet. (there are two columns for score and two columns for time to give space for students to record the starred questions separately)
 - f. Finish by asking students to raise their hand if they improved their time or their score and celebrate!
6. Repeat Step 5 each lesson (the hope is that students will do 4 sheets per week most weeks)
7. Once the booklet has been worked through completely download and print Quick Quiz Book 2 and Quick Quiz Book 2 Solutions.

Semester 2:

This times table program contains 80 sheets. I would recommend that teachers try and get through these sheets in Semester 1. This could be achieved by doing more than one sheet each lesson, skipping sheets or setting some for homework as appropriate. In Semester 2 I recommend the use of Numeracy Ninjas. (<http://www.numeracyninjas.org/>)