

Challenge

Zero Patterns

Patterns with zeros can help you multiply tens and hundreds quickly and easily. Start with the product of two 1-digit numbers. Then compare the number of *additional* zeros on both sides of the equal sign. Look at the patterns below.

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$$3 \times 40 = 120 \quad \bullet 1 \text{ zero}$$

$$3 \times 400 = 1,200 \quad \bullet 2 \text{ zeros}$$

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$$30 \times 400 = 12,000 \quad \bullet 3 \text{ zeros}$$

$$5 \times 6 = 30$$

$$5 \times 60 = 300 \quad \bullet 1 \text{ zero}$$

$$5 \times 600 = 3,000 \quad \bullet 2 \text{ zeros}$$

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You can also start with the product of a 1-digit number and a 2-digit number.

$$4 \times 21 = 82$$

$$4 \times 210 = 820 \quad \bullet 1 \text{ zero}$$

$$40 \times 210 = 8,200 \quad \bullet 2 \text{ zeros}$$

Multiply. When you can, use mental math.

1. $8 \times 600 =$ _____

2. $7 \times 500 =$ _____

3. $9 \times 800 =$ _____

4. $60 \times 400 =$ _____

5. $50 \times 300 =$ _____

6. $800 \times 5 =$ _____

7. $20 \times 700 =$ _____

8. $300 \times 30 =$ _____

9. $42 \times 500 =$ _____

10. $38 \times 900 =$ _____

11. $800 \times 45 =$ _____

12. $700 \times 62 =$ _____

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$$7. 20 \times 700 = \underline{14,000}$$

$$8. 300 \times 30 = \underline{9,000}$$

$$9. 42 \times 500 = \underline{21,000}$$

$$10. 38 \times 900 = \underline{34,200}$$

$$11. 800 \times 45 = \underline{36,000}$$

$$12. 700 \times 62 = \underline{43,400}$$

13. Extend It When will there be more zeros in the product than there are in the multipliers?

Sample answer: There will be one more zero in the product when the product of the non-zero digits has a zero in the ones place. Example: $800 \times 5 = 40$ with 2 more zeros because you are multiplying by hundreds.