# Oddball Patterns

## **Facts and Reminders**

There are a number of unusual and interesting number patterns which are introduced in this unit.

## **Palindromes**

*Palindromes* are numbers (or words such as *dad* and *mom*) which have the same digits whether read forward or backwards. Below are some examples of palindromes.

121

333

1331

2234322

76567

Palindromes often yield unusual patterns when they are added or multiplied.

121 <u>x 11</u> 1331 151 <u>x 11</u> 1661

1221 <u>x 11</u> 13431

## **Palindrome Puzzle**

1. Start with any number.

Example:

1279

2. Reverse the digits and add the reversed digits to the original number.

1279 + 9721

11000

3. Reverse the digits and add again.

11000

+ 00011 11011

4. Continue the process until another palindrome is formed.

## **Multiplication Patterns**

Don't use a calculator or pencil and paper to solve these problems. Try to find the pattern from the answers shown.

40 41 <u>x 40</u> <u>x 39</u> 1600 1599 42 <u>x 38</u> 1596 43 <u>x 37</u> 1591 44 <u>x 36</u> 1584

<u>x 35</u> 1575

45

Each answer can be computed by following these steps:

1. Multiply 40 x 40.

Example:

 $42 \qquad 40 \times 40 = 1600$ 

<u>x 38</u> 42 is 2 more than 40

2. Subtract the square of the counting number or digit after the 40.

1596  $2 \times 2 = 4$ 

## **Oddball Patterns**

## **Palindromes**

Palindromes are digits that are in the same order whether they are read backwards or forwards. Below are some examples of palindromes.

131

111

34543

889988

32123

**Directions:** Study the Facts and Reminders page for this unit. Use a calculator and pencil and paper to solve these problems. (Some problems will be too large for a calculator.) Look for the pattern in the answers.

**1.** 121 x 11

**2.** 151 x 11

**3.** 242 x 11

**4.** 171 x 11

**5.** 181 x 11

**6.** 232 x 11

**7.** 545 x 11

**8.** 353 x 11

**9.** 2442 x 11

**10.** 24442 x 11

**11.** 123321 x 11

**12.** 123321 x 111

**13.** 141 x 11

**14.** 141 x 111

**15.** 124421 x 11

**16.** 171 x 111

**17.** 12344321 x 11

**18.** 4444 x 11

**19.** 2222 x 11

**20.** 123454321 x 11

## Extension

In the space below, create some multiplication problems using palindromes which also yield palindromes in the answers.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Which digits seem to work especially well? \_\_\_\_\_

Try to make palindromes with 3- or 4-digit multipliers.

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## **Oddball Patterns**

### **Unusual Number Patterns**

### **Directions**

Study the Facts and Reminders page for this unit.

1 x 1 = \_\_\_\_\_ 11 x 11 = \_\_\_\_\_

• Compute the problems shown here.

111 x 111 = \_\_\_\_\_

Look for the pattern.

1111 x 1111 =

Try doing some of them in your mind.

11111 x 11111 = \_\_\_\_\_ 111111 x 111111 =

 Check your answers with pencil and paper. (The calculator doesn't have enough room for all of the answers.)

1111111 x 1111111 = \_\_\_\_\_ 11111111 x 11111111 = 111111111 x 111111111 =

1. Describe the pattern.

2. Explain why you think it works the way it does.

**3.** How could you predict the product of 111,111,111 and 111,111,111?

**Directions:** Use your calculator and pencil and paper to solve these problems. The calculator won't have room to do the longer problems. Look for the pattern.

**4.** 12,345,679 x 9 **5.** 12,345,679 x 18 **6.** 12,345,679 x 27

**7.** 12,345,679 x 36 **8.** 12,345,679 x 45 **9.** 12,345,679 x 54

**10.** 12,345,679 x 63 **11.** 12,345,679 x 72

- **12.** 12,345,679 x 81
- **13.** Do the same problems but include the 8 in the multiplicand (upper number). For example, multiply 123,456,789 x 9, etc. Describe what changed in the answer pattern.

# Answer Key

- 8. (26, 29, 44, 48, 65, 66, 73, 100, 118, 124)
  - Median: 65.5

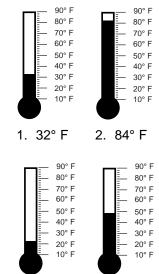
Extension: 1. R: (22) M: (4, 8, 9) 2. R: (28) M: (14, 18, 22) 3. R: (36) M: (27) 4. R: (64) M: (20, 45) 5. R: (14) M: (12) 6. R: (43) M: (–) 7. R: (34) M: (12) 8. R: (98) M: (-)

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- 1. Total: 77 Divided by: 7 Mean: 11
- 2. Total: 112 Divided by: 7 Mean: 16
- 3. Total: 136 Divided by: 8 Mean: 17
- 4. Total: 208 Divided by: 8 Mean: 26
- 5. Total: 298 Divided by: 8 Mean: 37
- 6. Total: 659 Divided by: 10 Mean: 66
- 7. Total: 1056 Divided by: 10 Mean: 106
- 8. Total: 218 Divided by: 10 Mean: 22
- 9. Total: 333 Divided by: 14 Mean: 24
- 10. Total: 5100 Divided by: 9 Mean: 567

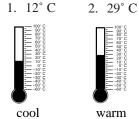
Extension: Answers will vary.

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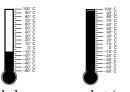


- 5. 32° F
- 6. 212° F
- 7. 57° F
- 8. 75° F
- 9. 20° F
- 10. 22° F
- 11. 112° F
- 12. 180° F
- 13. 142° F
- 14. 62° F 15. 82° F

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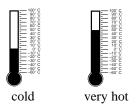




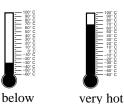


below very hot (near freezing boiling)

5. 2° C 6. 50° C



7. −30° C 8. 70° C



freezing

- 100° C—steaming tea kettle
- 100° C—hot soup
- 5° C—cold sandwich
- 20° C—chips
- 5° C-milk
- 37° C—your tongue
- 0° C—snow
- 250° C—burning wood
- 18° C—furnace turns on
- 205° C—baked potato just out of the oven

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Answers will vary.

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- 1. 1331
- 2. 1661
- 3. 2662
- 4. 1881
- 5. 1991
- 6. 2552
- 7. 5995 8. 3883
- 9. 26862
- 10. 268862
- 11. 1356531 12. 13688631
- 13. 1551
- 14. 15651
- 15. 1368631
- 16. 18981
- 17. 135787531
- 18. 48884
- 19. 24442
- 20. 1357997531

Extension: Answers will vary.

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- 1.-3. Answers may vary.
- 4. 111,111,111
- 5. 222,222,222
- 6. 333,333,333
- 7. 444,444,444
- 8. 555,555,555
- 9. 666,666,666
- 10. 777,777,777
- 11. 888,888,888
- 12. 999,999,999
- 13. A zero is added before the last digit

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- 1. 1600
- 2. 1599
- 3. 1596
- 4. 1591
- 5. 1584
- 6. 1575
- 7. 1564 8. 1551
- 9. 3600
- 10. 3599
- 11. 3596
- 12. 3591
- 13. 3584
- 14. 3575
- 15. 3564
- 16. 3551
- 17. 33033
- 18. 799997
- 19. 215512
- 20. 66666
- 21.–24. Answers will vary.

4. 48° F

3. 22° F