

 Notes for parents. Activity next page.**The purpose of this task is to have your child:**

- see how numbers are 'related', depending on the number operation (+, -, x, ÷) used

In particular your child is encouraged to see that addition and subtraction are inverse operations, just as multiplication and division are inverse operations.

Inverse operations **reverse** the effect of another operation.

For example:

$60 + 20 = 80$ , and  $80 - 20 = 60$ . Subtraction 'undoes' addition, (or 'reverses the operation').

$20 \times 3 = 60$ , and  $60 \div 3 = 20$ . Division 'undoes' multiplication (or 'reverses the operation').

**Think about this:**

- Make sure that a pencil and paper are available.
- If your child sees an addition fact, encourage them to also see the 'related' subtraction fact.  
Similarly with multiplication and division.
- Encourage your child to see if they know a basic fact such as  $3 \times 2 = 6$ , this fact helps them with  $3 \times 20 = 60$ , or  $30 \times 2 = 600$ .
- As your child writes down equations to show the relationships that they find, have them explain some of these to you and together, check the equations for accuracy.



What do you **notice** about these numbers?  
Are any three numbers related? If so, show how.

How many **relationships** can you find?  
Be sure to write them down.

15	300	45	10
60	2	80	20
90	40	1200	
600	4	400	30
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