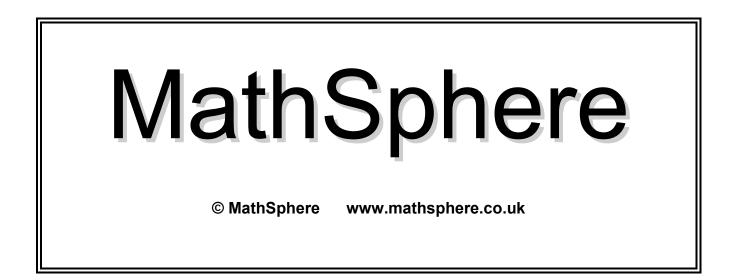


Equipment

Paper, pencil, ruler Dice, number cards, buttons/counters, boxes etc



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Concepts

Solving problems and investigating continue in three year. Some of these problems are 'closed', in other words they only have one, or a few possible answers. Others are 'open' and can have many possible answers.

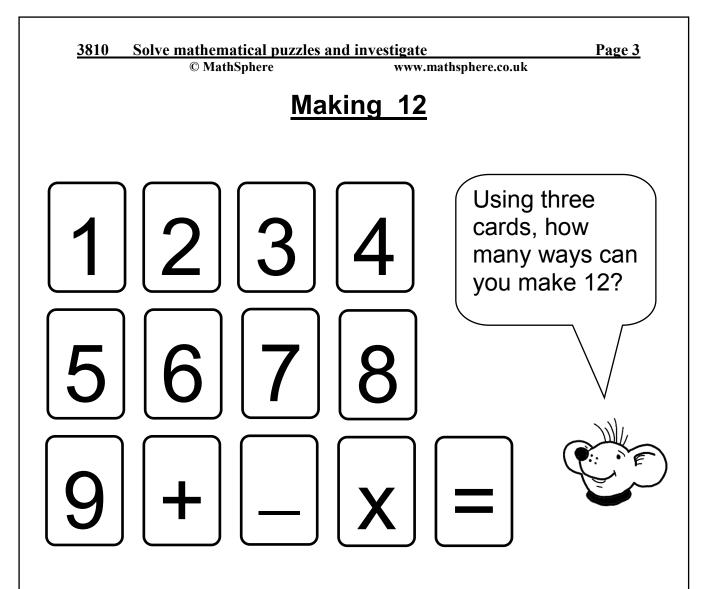
The open questions are ideal for assessing how well children use their knowledge and how imaginative they can be.

The questions on sum and product are closed and children will probably need reminding what the terms mean.

Exercises such as the magic triangle look closed to begin with but there is plenty of potential to change totals or even change the numbers that are put in. For this reason a blank triangle has been included at the end of the module.

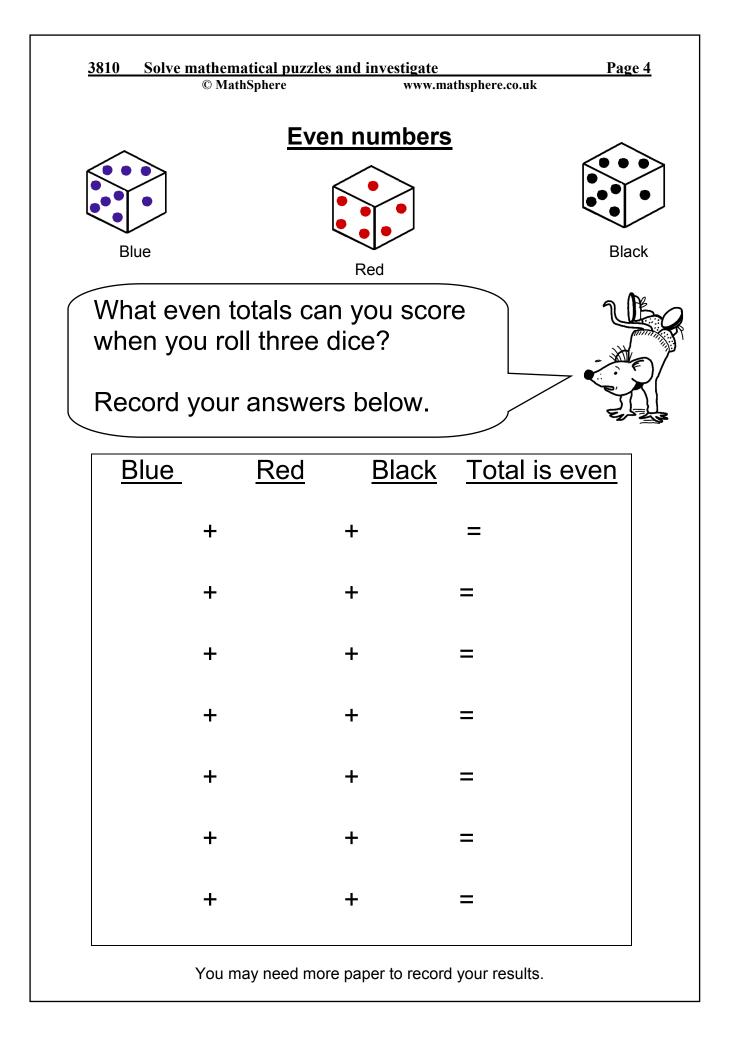
Because of the open nature of most of these problems we have not included answers for the majority – it is an excellent idea for children to check both their own and other children's solutions to see if they fit the criteria.

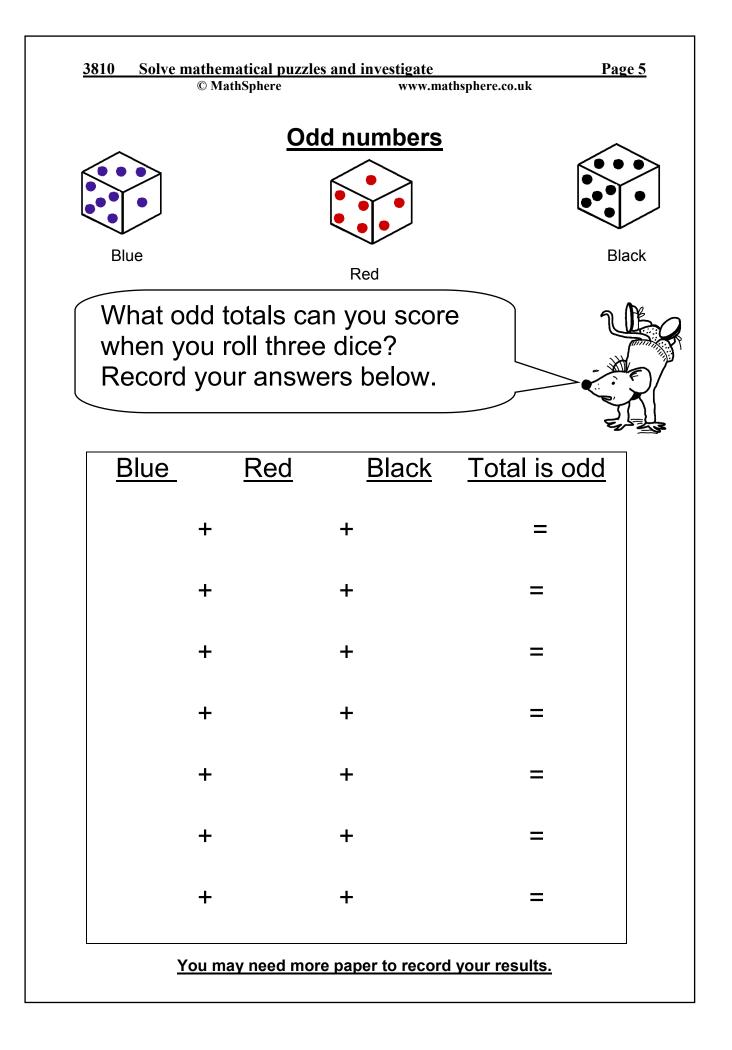
A key feature of this work is that children should become more systematic in their approach, checking as they go and looking for answers which are the same. They should be able to talk about their work, especially about how they are tackling the investigation, what the rules are and any findings they have.



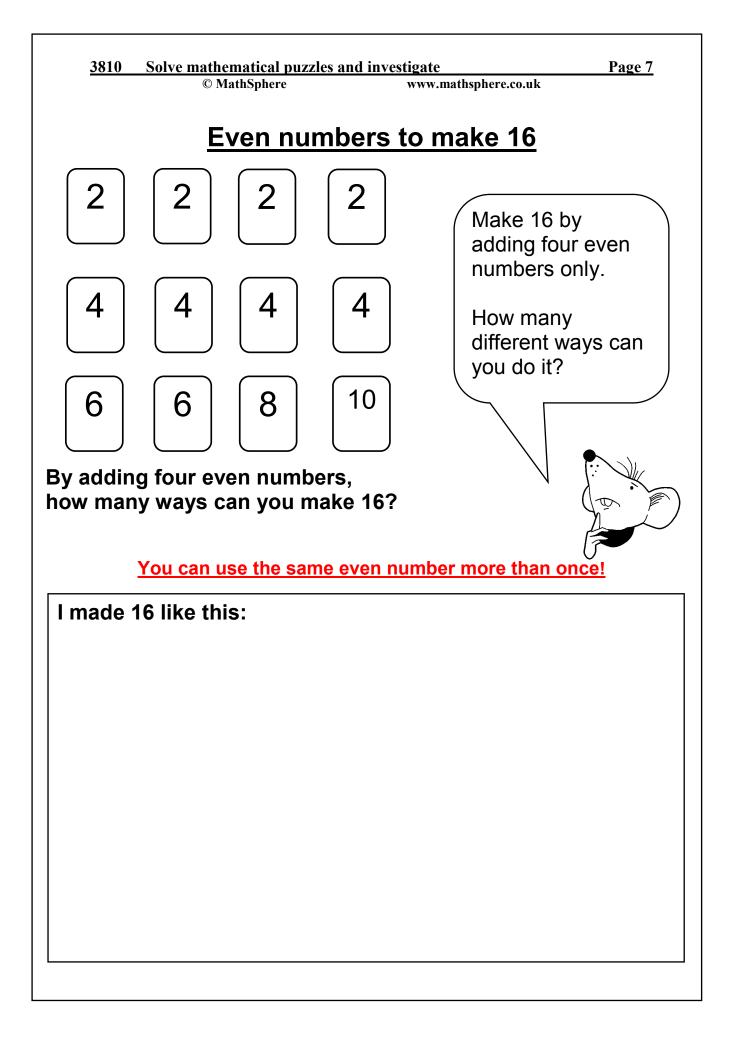
By using three cards together with some of the signs, how many ways can you make 12?

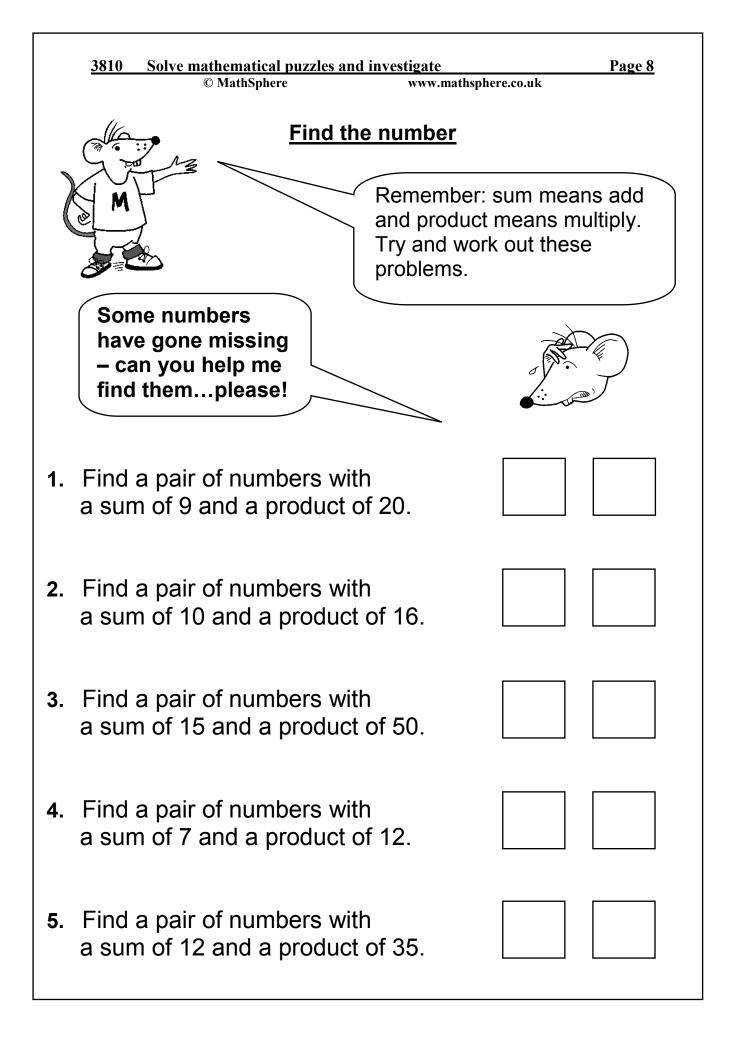
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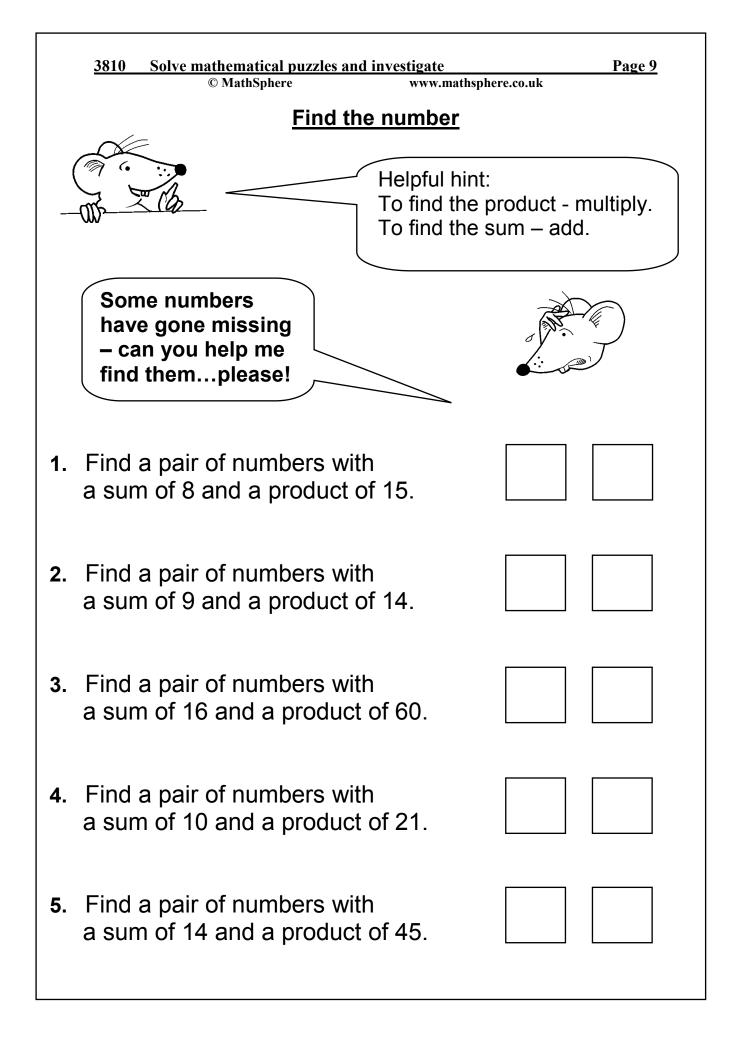


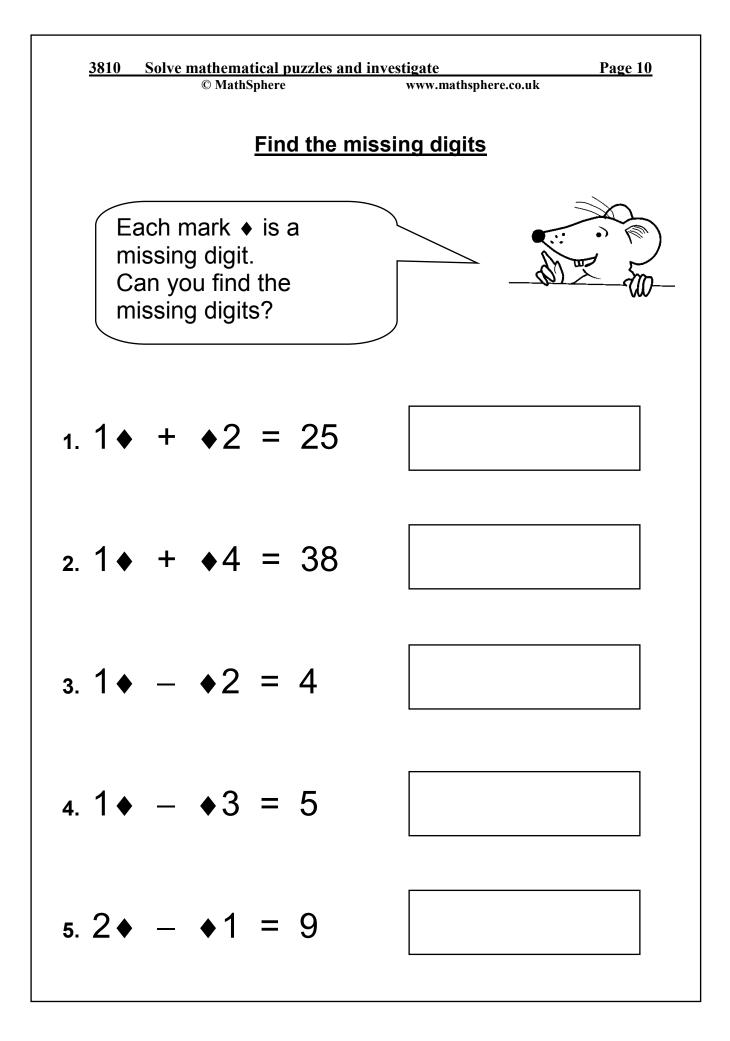


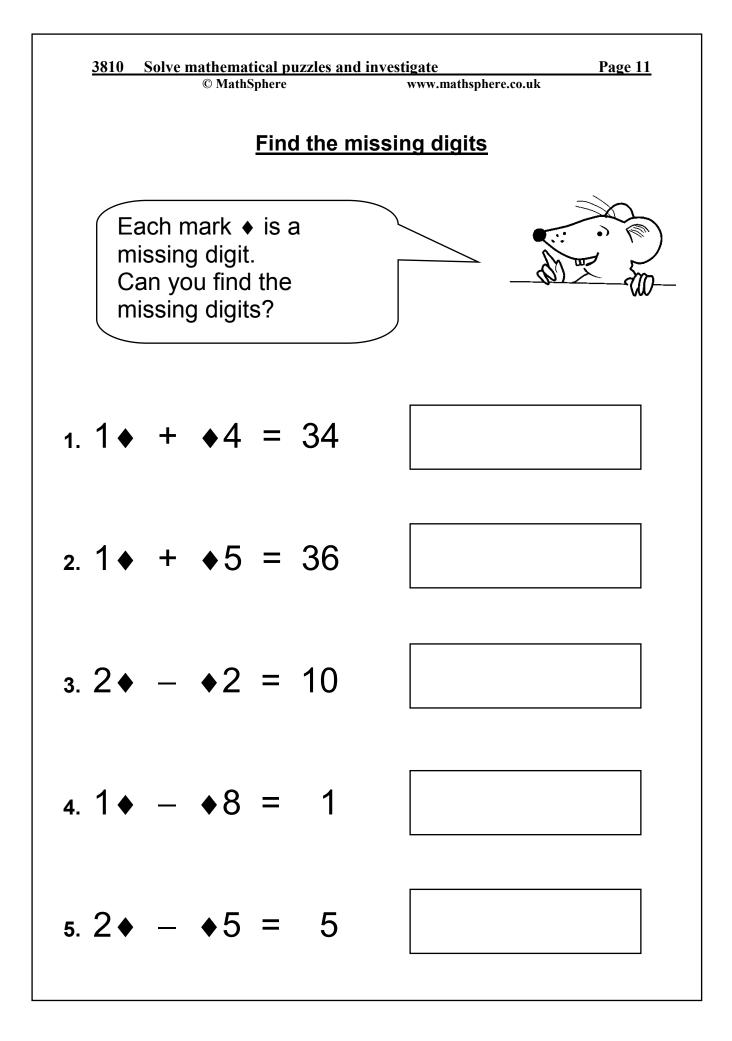
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Odd numbers	to make 20
1 1 3 3 5 5 5 5 7 7 9 9 By adding four odd numbers, how many ways can you make 20?	Make 20 by adding four odd numbers only. How many different ways can you do it?
You can use the same odd number more t	
I made 20 like this:	

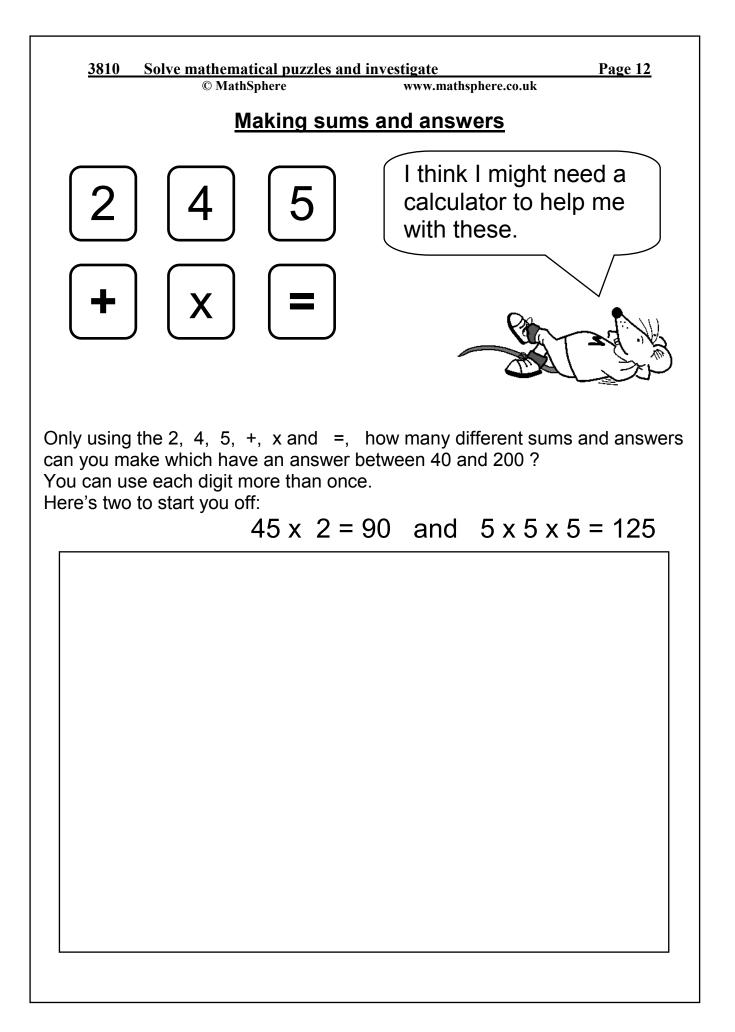


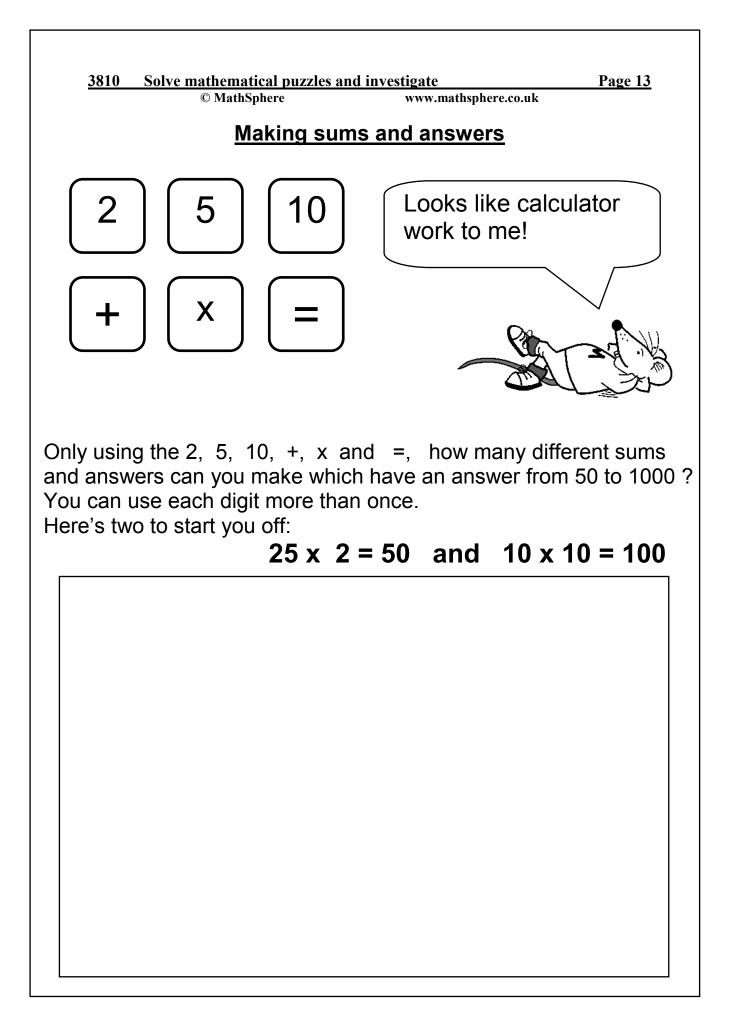


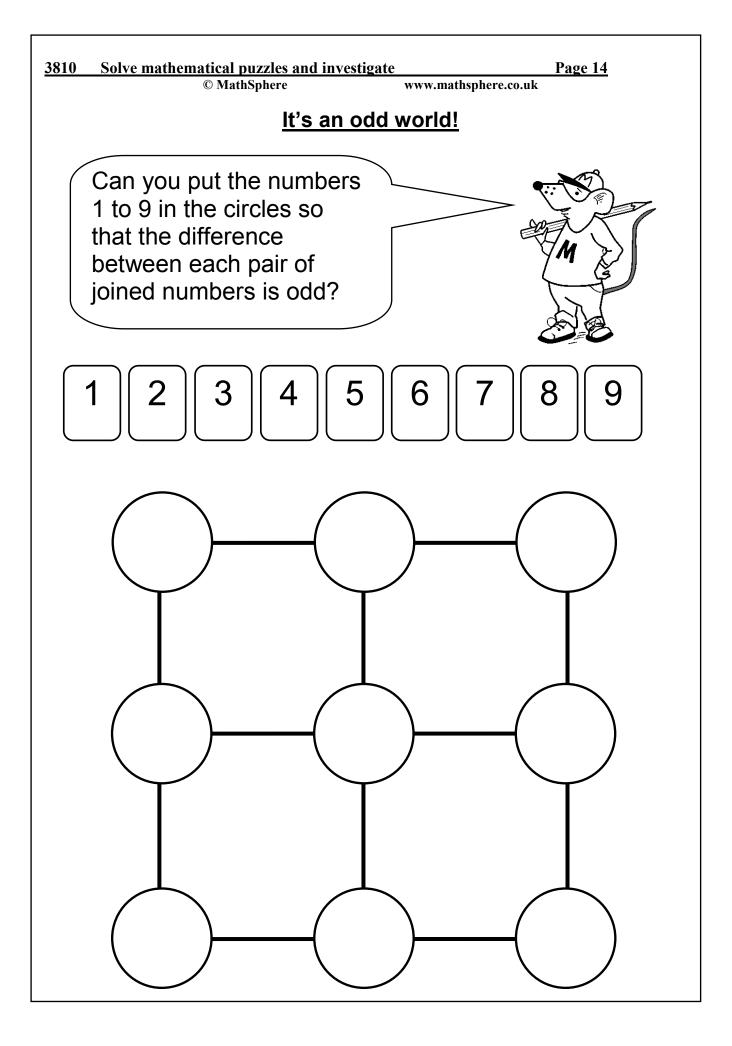


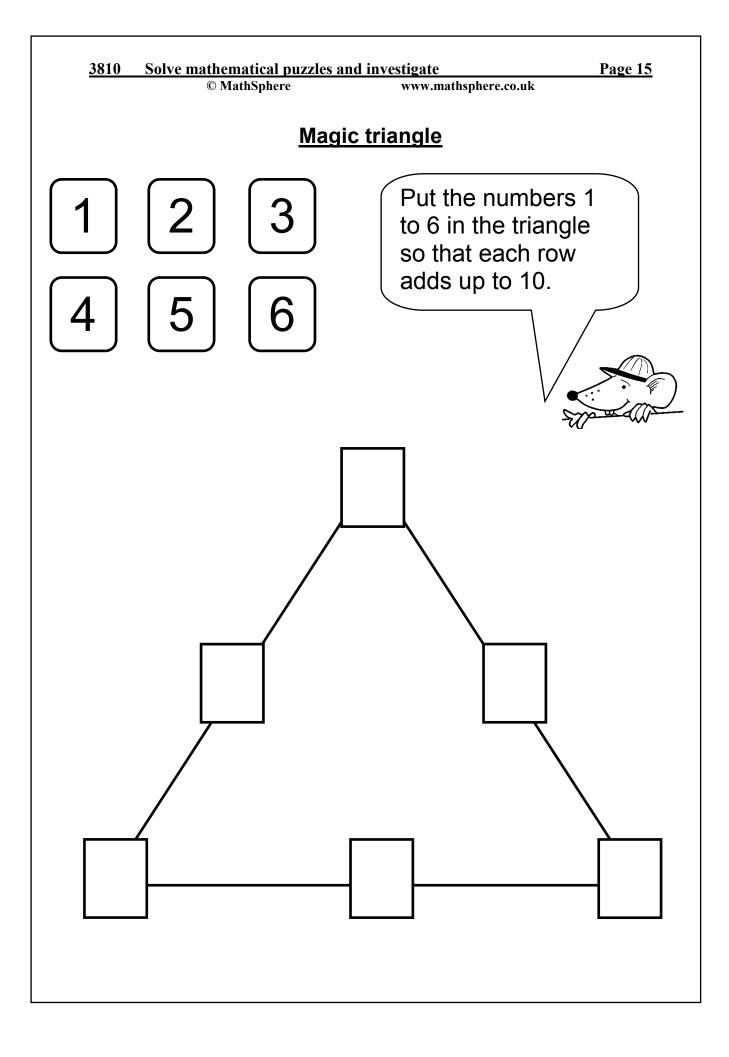


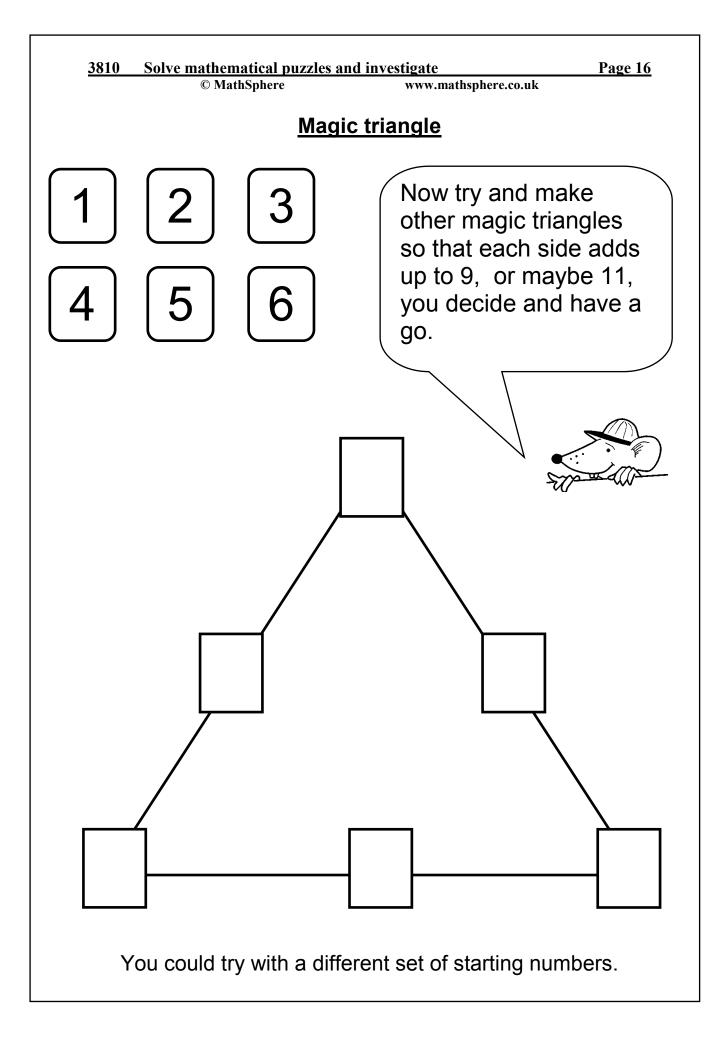


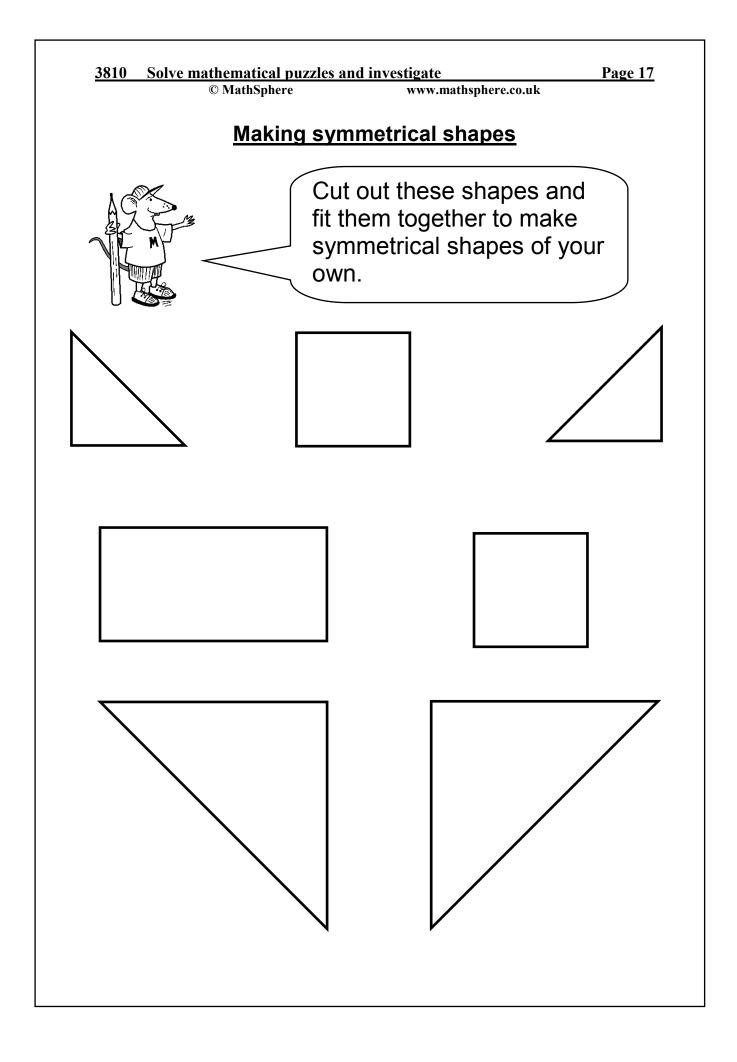


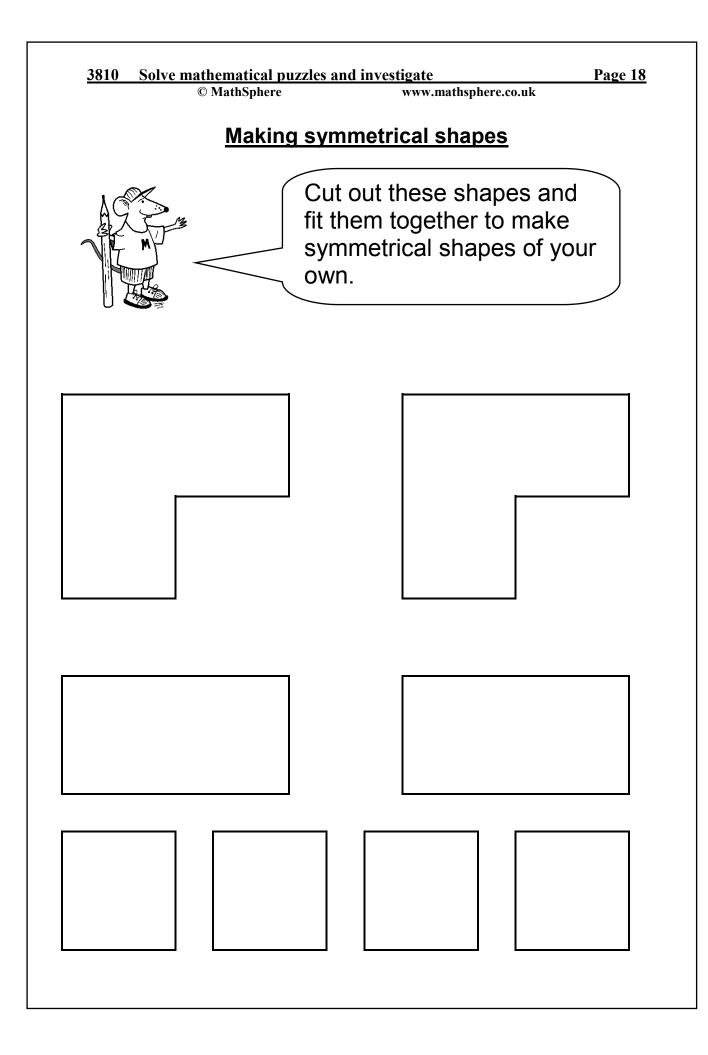


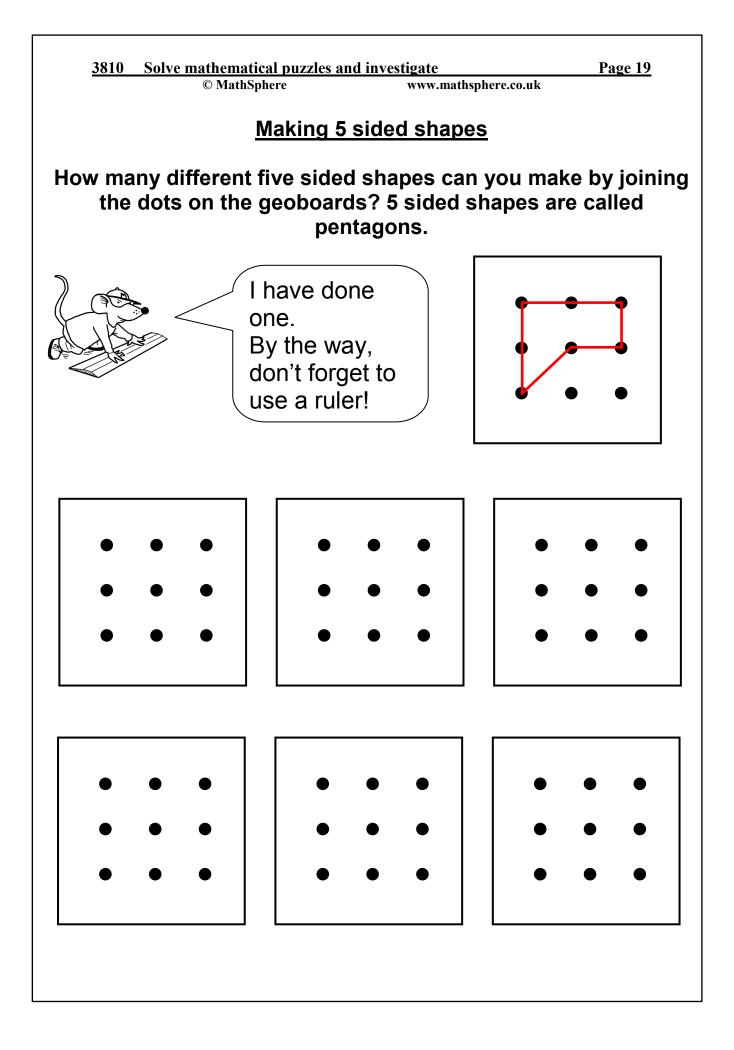


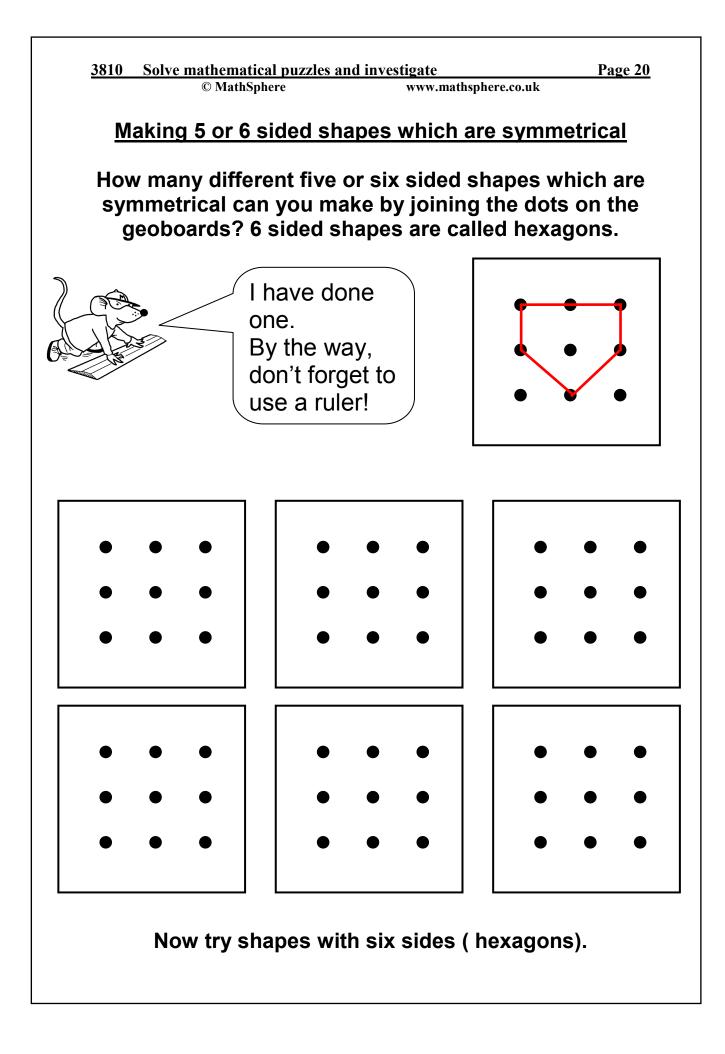


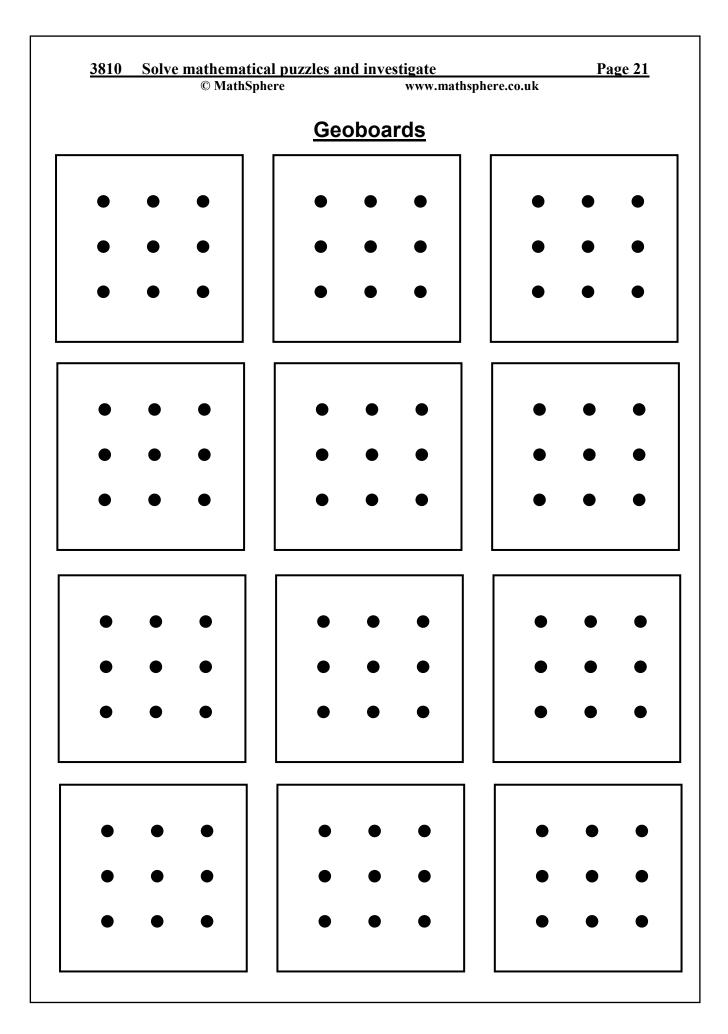


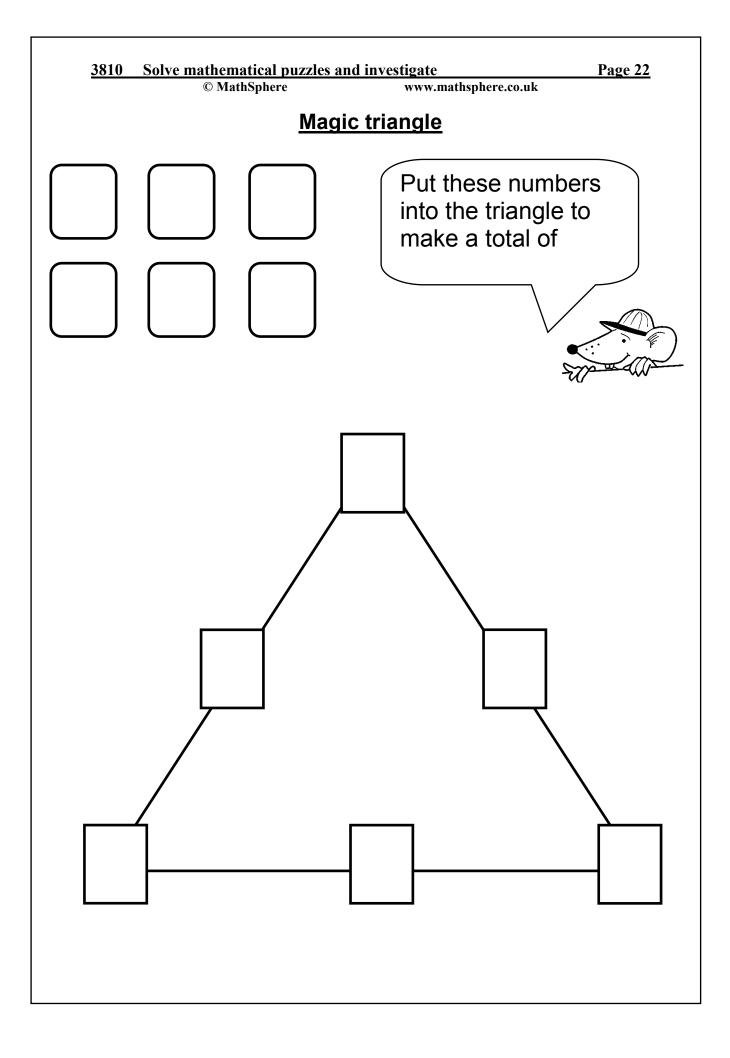












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