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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS HOME COMPUTER

MILLIKEN MATH SEQUENCES:

EQUATIONS

EDUCATION

SOLID STATE CARTRIDGE

A self-paced "tutor" which introduces children to the solution of mathematical equations. Suitable for children from grades 6 to 8.

$$N + 3 = 20 \quad N = ?$$

*Working problem in two steps
Finding the correct value for N in the equation*

MILIKEN

$$7 \times N = 21$$

EQUATIONS

$$9 \times N + 14 = 43$$

$$4 \times N =$$

EQUATIONS

20

$$N - 11 = 3 \quad N = ?$$

Finding the correct value for N in the subtraction equation

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

Quick Reference Guide

To take full advantage of the features and benefits of this cartridge, please read this manual completely. Important keystroke sequences are summarized here for your quick reference.

TI-99/4 *TI-99/4A*

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|-------------------|------------------|--|
| ENTER | ENTER | Proceeds to next problem or continues problem after an incorrect answer has been given. Proceeds to next step of a problem in the "Let Me Help You" feature. Also used to enter Beginning Level and Name |
| SHIFT S (←) | FCTN S (←) | Allows you to move the cursor back to correct errors on the "Levels 1-26" screen before pressing ENTER. |
| E | E | Tells the computer you want to "exit" the work session or leave a particular level. This key works only when the question mark is flashing. |
| SHIFT Q (QUIT) | FCTN = (QUIT) | Returns to the master title screen. |



Milliken Math Sequences: Equations

This Solid State Cartridge is designed to be used with the Texas Instruments Home Computer. One in a series of twelve cartridges, it can help your child develop the strong math skills needed in today's and tomorrow's world. Suitable for children from grades six through eight.

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A NOTE TO PARENTS

Children need strong math skills to solve today's and tomorrow's problems. The Milliken Math Sequences, along with the TI Home Computer, can help your child meet these challenges. The series allows children to work at their own pace and on the skill level at which they need practice. Children find that learning with the computer is fun, challenging, and motivating. The computer never tires of repetition or loses patience—it's like having a private math tutor!

The Milliken Math Sequences, developed for Texas Instruments by Milliken Publishing Company, consist of twelve Solid State Cartridges. Each cartridge concentrates on a different skill area in mathematics, such as addition, subtraction, decimals, fractions, or equations. By providing different levels of difficulty, the series is suitable for children from the kindergarten age through grade eight.

The Equations cartridge is divided into 26 levels of difficulty, covering material generally taught in grades six through eight. This program introduces the concept of variables—finding the value of an unknown number N —in equations. It also provides practice with a wide variety of skills related to solving equations, including working problems in more than one step and solving equations by adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. This program assumes that your child has mastered basic arithmetic and a certain degree of mental computation.



The Equations cartridge offers several special features that increase its motivational and reinforcement value:

- Colorful, rewarding graphics and sound effects that appear in response to correct answers.
- An unthreatening, try-again approach to incorrect answers.
- A progress report posted at the bottom of the screen.
- A “help” feature that displays the problem step by step until the final answer is found.
- Advancement to the next level if problems are answered correctly, or automatic return to a lower level if your child needs more practice.
- One- and two-step activities which allow your child to interact with the computer so that the skills needed to solve equations are reinforced.
- Report screens personalized with your child’s name at the end of each level’s activities.
- An “Exit” screen with a complete report on your child’s score at the end of the work session.

YOUR CHILD AND THE COMPUTER

The Texas Instruments computer is a rugged, durable device designed for easy use and care. Teach your child to give the computer the same good care and respect he or she would give a television set, record player, or any piece of electronic equipment:

1. Keep snacks and beverages away from the console.
2. Don't hammer on the keyboard or place heavy objects on it.
3. Don't touch the cartridge contacts. These are recessed in the cartridge to help prevent accidental soiling and/or damage.

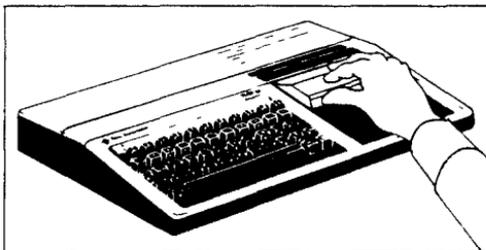
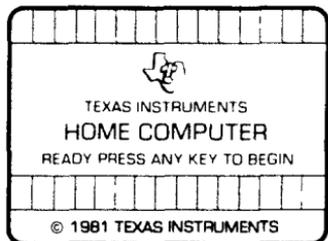
The letters and numbers on the keyboard are arranged in the same order found on standard typewriter keyboards. If your child is not familiar with a typewriter or has not used the computer before, take a few minutes to acquaint him or her with the keyboard. Point out the row of number keys at the top and the rows of letter keys below. Show your child how to insert the cartridge and how to select the activities. This brief "tour" of the computer will help reinforce correct procedures and instill confidence as your child starts out in a new world of computers.

Today computers are involved in almost every aspect of life. Working with this cartridge can help your child become familiar with computers and their operation. Since computer-enhanced instruction is more common in the classroom every year, this knowledge can give your child an important advantage.

USING THE SOLID STATE CARTRIDGE

An automatic reset feature is built into the computer. When a cartridge is inserted into the console, the computer returns to the master title screen. All data or program material you have entered will be erased.

Note: Be sure the cartridge is free of static electricity before inserting it into the computer (see page 11).



1. Turn the computer ON, and wait for the master title screen to appear. Then slide the cartridge into the slot on the console.
2. Press any key to make the master selection list appear. To select the cartridge, press the key corresponding to the number beside MILLIKEN on the list.

Note: To remove the cartridge, *first* return the computer to the master title screen by pressing QUIT. *Then* remove the cartridge from the slot. If you have any problem inserting the cartridge, or if it is accidentally removed from the slot while in use, please see "In Case of Difficulty" on page 11.

A SAMPLE ACTIVITY

For easy use, directions are displayed on the screen throughout all the levels. This sample activity, however, can help to illustrate the way the program works.

Let's Begin

When the Milliken title screen appears, press any key to begin. The screen then asks you to enter the Beginning Level. Select any level from 1 to 26 by typing the number and then pressing **ENTER**. For this example, press **4** and **ENTER**. Next, the screen asks for Name. Type your child's name (up to ten letters long) and press **ENTER**.

Now a problem is displayed on the screen. A flashing question mark shows where the answer will go, and the directions on the screen tell you to "ENTER THE CORRECT NUMBER." Your child must mentally work the problem.

A progress report appears across the bottom of the screen, with the following meanings:

PL = Problem Level
TC = Total Correct
TP = Total Problems
AVG = Average

As your child works through the problems, these figures are updated to report his or her progress. TC, TP, and AVG are automatically reset to zero at the beginning of each level.



Entering Answers

Let your child answer a few problems as you observe. He or she simply presses the correct numbers from the top row of keys from right to left.

How the Computer Responds

If the problem is answered correctly, an animated picture appears. Your child then presses **ENTER** to continue to the next problem. If the problem is answered incorrectly, the computer displays the value entered with a message to "TRY AGAIN." Your child must press **ENTER** to continue. If a second incorrect answer is given, the screen border turns red and flashes. To continue, your child presses **ENTER** again, and the computer gives the answer, with a message to "STUDY THE ANSWER." When your child presses **ENTER** again, the next problem appears.

Two chances are given to answer each problem correctly. On problems which involve several steps, two chances are given to answer each step correctly.

Advancing or Moving Back

If your child answers at least three of the previous six problems correctly, a "Good News" report is displayed. He or she then advances to the next level. If three problems in a row are answered incorrectly, a "Bad News" report appears, and your child moves back one level.

Changing Levels

You can change levels any time the question mark is flashing. To leave this level, simply press the letter **E** for "exit." An "EXIT" screen appears, which reports on your child's progress. Press **ENTER** to return to the title screen.

Let's try another level. Press any key to go to the "Levels 1-26" screen. This time, enter **11** as the Beginning Level. Then type your child's name again, and press **ENTER** to continue.

Now a multiplication problem appears on the screen. A flashing question mark shows where the answer will go, and the directions on the screen tell your child to "ENTER THE CORRECT NUMBER." Your child computes the problem mentally and enters the correct answer (from right to left).

“Let Me Help You”

Now let's try the “Let Me Help You” feature. On a problem with an answer of more than one digit, deliberately enter a wrong answer twice. When the border flashes red, press **ENTER** and the message “LET ME HELP YOU” is displayed. Keep pressing **ENTER** as the computer completes the problem step by step until the final answer is found. Thus, if your child has difficulty with a particular problem, the computer demonstrates the solution.

Continue to observe as your child works through the problems and gains familiarity with the program's operations.

SKILL LEVELS

This chart can help you find the appropriate starting level for your child. By looking at the sample problems and the skill description, select a level that is not too easy, but also not too difficult, for him or her. If in doubt, start at a lower level and work up from there.

| Level | Sample Problem | Skill Description |
|--------------|--|--|
| 1-2 | $N + 3 = 20$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | Finding the correct value for N in the addition equation. |
| 3-4 | $N + 40 = 42$ $N = \underline{\quad} ?$ | |
| 5-6 | $N - 11 = 3$ $N = \underline{\quad} ?$ | Finding the correct value for N in the subtraction equation. |
| 7-8 | $N - 36 = 40$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | |
| 9-10 | $N - 19 = 43$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ $N + 26 = 48$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | Review of Levels 1-8. Finding the correct value of N in the subtraction equation. Finding the correct value of N in the addition equation. |

| Level | Sample Problem | Skill Description |
|-------|---|---|
| 11-12 | $7 \times N = 21$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ | Finding the correct value for N in the multiplication equation. |
| 13-14 | $\frac{N}{2} = 47$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ | Finding the correct value for N in the division equation. |
| 15-16 | $\frac{N}{8} = 25$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ $8 \times N = 8$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ | Review of Levels 11-14. Finding the correct value for N in the division equation. Finding the correct value for N in the multiplication equation. |
| 17-18 | $N + 36 = 49$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ $N - 21 = 29$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ $7 \times N = 49$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ $\frac{N}{5} = 45$ $N = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$ | Review of Levels 1-16. Finding the correct value for N in the addition equation. Finding the correct value for N in the subtraction equation. Finding the correct value for N in the multiplication equation. Finding the correct value for N in the division equation. |

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| Level | Sample Problem | Skill Description |
|-------|---|---|
| 19-20 | $9xN + 14 = 43$ $4xN = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ $N = \underline{\quad} ?$ | Working problems in two steps. Finding the correct value for N in the multiplication and addition equation. |
| 21-22 | $2xN - 47 = 25$ $2xN = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | Working problems in two steps. Finding the correct value for N in the multiplication and subtraction equation. |
| 23-24 | $\frac{N}{8} + 10 = 12$ $\frac{N}{8} = \underline{\quad} ?$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | Working problems in two steps. Finding the correct value for N in the division and addition equation. |
| 25-26 | $\frac{N}{7} - 50 = 27$ $\frac{N}{7} = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ $N = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} ?$ | Working problems in two steps. Finding the correct value for N in the division and subtraction equation. |

CARING FOR THE CARTRIDGE

These cartridges are durable devices, but they should be handled with the same care you would give any other piece of electronic equipment. Keep the cartridge clean and dry, and don't touch the recessed contacts.

CAUTION:

The contents of a Solid State Cartridge can be damaged by static electricity discharges.

Static electricity build-ups are more likely to occur when the natural humidity of the air is low (during winter or in areas with dry climates). To avoid damaging the cartridge, just touch any metal object (a doorknob, a desk lamp, etc.) before handling the cartridge.

If static electricity is a problem where you live, you may want to buy a special carpet treatment that reduces static build-up. These commercial preparations are usually available from local hardware and office supply stores.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY

If the cartridge activities do not appear to be operating properly, return to the master title screen by pressing **QUIT**. Withdraw the cartridge, align it with the cartridge opening, and reinsert it carefully. Then press any key to make the master selection screen appear. (*Note: In some instances, it may be necessary to turn the computer off, wait several seconds, and then turn it on again.*)

If the cartridge is accidentally removed from the slot while the cartridge contents are being used, the computer may behave erratically. To restore the computer to normal operation, turn the computer console off, and wait a few seconds. Then, reinsert the cartridge, and turn the computer on again.

If you have any difficulty with your computer or cartridge, please contact the dealer from whom you purchased the unit and/or cartridge for service directions.

Additional information concerning use and service can be found in your *User's Reference Guide*.

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