

Math and Real Life

1. Think about what job you want when you grow up. How will math help you with that job or career?

2. How many toes do you have? How many teeth do you have? Write about all the numbers that tell about your body.

3. Write about all the things you could NOT DO if you could NOT count.

4. Write about your favorite number. Why is it your favorite number?

5. Imagine you are a math teacher. How would you explain to your students why math is important?

6. How could a math teacher make math more fun?

7. Some people like to say, "Bigger is better." Write a story about a time when bigger was NOT better. It does not have to be a real story.

8. Write about things you do once a day, once a week, once a month and once a year.

9. Estimate how many strands of hair you have on your head. What strategy did you use to make this estimate?

10. Write about how making mistakes can help you be a better mathematician.