



TT Rockstars Guide



When it comes to learning times tables, speed AND accuracy are important - the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to tackle harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master times tables! To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars by the end of Year 4!

World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they've spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It's just the same with times tables - all Times Table Rock Stars need to practise and practise and practise.

It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every day - short bursts of daily practice are more effective than spending hours once a week.

This is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.

Please encourage your child to log on and practise their tables on **TT Rockstars 4 times a week.**

Over the course of the next few weeks and months, your child WILL get faster and more accurate with the times tables. All your hard work and theirs WILL make them a Times Table Rock Star.

Rock Status

It's helpful to understand that the quicker your child can answer a times tables question, the higher their Rock Status.

Use this to help your child work out their Rock Status:



Logging in

1. Type trockstars.com into your browser's address bar or download the app.
2. Log in. Your child has their log in details (details are in the back on your child's planner)
3. Play!

Game Modes:

Single Player

Jamming - In the Jamming studio, your child can select the times tables they need to practise and can select multiplication only, division only or a mixture of both. You can turn the timer on or off (we suggest off to begin with). This will help them learn the specific tables they need to get better at.

Garage - They will practise the one table chosen for them after playing a gig in small chunks of four questions at a time.

As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Gig - They will periodically play Gig games to assess which table is best for them to practise.

Studio - Here your child earns their rock status, which is based on their studio speed. The faster they are, the better their status. Studio speed is the average of their most recent 10 studio games. The questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12. This is suitable for confident players.

≤ 1 sec/qu = **Rock Hero**

≤ 2 secs/qu = **Rock Legend**

≤ 3 secs/qu = **Rock Star**

≤ 4 secs = **Headliner**

≤ 5 secs/qu = **Support Act**

≤ 6 secs/qu = **Breakthrough Artist**

≤ 7 secs/qu = **Unsigned Act**

≤ 8 secs/qu = **Gigger**

≤ 9 secs/qu = **Busker**

≤ 10 secs/qu = **Garage Rocker**

> 10 secs/qu = **Wannabe**

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The arena allows children to race against other members of their class who are logged in and choose the same arena name at the same time.

A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others.

In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables that have been set for the week, similar to the Garage.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12. Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Stats

If you click on Me > My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

