



Maths Focus: Calculating differences and identifying a rule

Helpful Hints: Calculate the difference between each number in the sequence to help you to identify the rule

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p>Aidan has written some sequences of numbers and he needs your help. For each sequence, carry it on with the next 3 numbers and explain what the rule is below.</p> <p>1) 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 Rule= add/increase by 3 each time</p> <p>2) 50, 48, 46, 44, 42, 40, 38 Rule= subtract/decrease by 2 each time</p> <p>3) 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90 Rule= add/increase by 15 each time</p>	<p>Aidan has written some sequences of numbers and he needs your help. For each sequence, work out any missing gaps in the sequences and then explain the rule below.</p> <p>1) 99, 92, 85, 78, 71, 64, 57 Rule= subtract/decrease by 7 each time</p> <p>2) 55, 64, 73, 82, 91, 100, 109 Rule= add/increase by 9 each time</p> <p>3) 5, 0, -5, -10, -15, -20, -25 Rule= subtract/decrease 5 each time</p>	<p>Aidan has written some sequences of numbers and he needs your help. For each sequence, work out any missing gaps in the sequences and then explain the rule below.</p> <p>1) 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36 Rule= square numbers in order</p> <p>2) $3\frac{1}{2}$, 7, $10\frac{1}{2}$, 14, $17\frac{1}{2}$, 21, $24\frac{1}{2}$ Rule= add/increase by $3\frac{1}{2}$ each time</p> <p>3) -0.75, -0.5, -0.25, 0, 0.25, 0.5 Rule= add/increase by 0.25 each time</p>