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MEMORIZING THE MULTIPLICATION TABLES IS BORING, MOM. BORING, BORING, BORING!

I KNOW, HONEY, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU LEARN THEM SO WELL YOU NEVER FORGET THEM.



OKAY, I'M DONE WITH THE WORKSHEET. YOU WANT TO CHECK IT?

SURE... JUST LET ME DIG OUT MY CALCULATOR.



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CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY MATH?

I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU... THAT'S WHAT PARENTING IS ALL ABOUT.



HERE'S THE PROBLEM: "IF A COAL TRAIN LEAVES PHILADELPHIA AT 2 P.M. TRAVELING WEST AT 42 MPH AND A RED SEMI LEAVES DENVER AT 7 A.M. TRAVELING EAST AT 53 MPH, WHAT IS THE TEMPERATURE IN ST. LOUIS WHEN THE TRUCK REACHES CHICAGO?"



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I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVE TO LEARN ALL THIS MATH JUNK. WHO NEEDS IT?

MATH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR EDUCATION, HILARY.



YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT, MOM, BUT I'LL BET I WON'T USE THIS STUFF WHEN I GROW UP.



SURE YOU WILL... YOU'LL USE IT WHEN YOU HAVE TO HELP YOUR KIDS WITH THEIR MATH.



HEY, DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK... TRYING TO JUSTIFY MATHEMATICS IS A THANKLESS JOB.

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MATH IS STUPID! I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS STUFF THAN I HAVE TO.

KEEP AN OPEN MIND, HILARY. WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU'LL END UP MAJORING IN MATH IN COLLEGE.



NOT A CHANCE, MOM. I PLAN TO MAJOR IN SOMETHING MORE PRACTICAL THAN MATH... SOMETHING LIKE LATIN.

