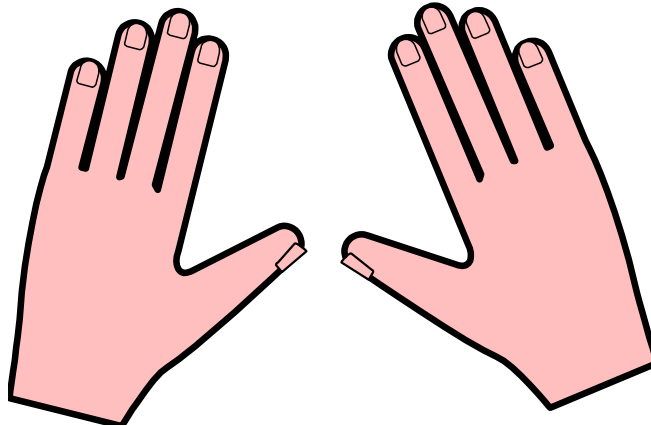


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LEARNING TIMES TABLES USING THE ROMANY METHOD

Each finger on both hands is numbered from 6-10, number 6 being each thumb, moving outwards to number 10 being each little finger. See diagram.



To do 7 X 8

- a) Identify a 7 finger on one hand and an 8 finger on the other hand.
- b) Make a bridge by putting the 7 finger from one hand with the 8 finger from the other hand.
- c) From the bridge, **including those fingers making the bridge**, lower those fingers nearest to the body down on both hands, pinching them together as in the photo. Each one counts as a ten. In this case there are 5 fingers so
5 = 50.
- d) The fingers left over and still sticking up as in the photo-graph are, 3 on one hand and 2 on the other. These **have to be multiplied together**. $3 \times 2 = 6$ and these are used as the units.
- e) So there are 5 tens = 50 and 6 units. The answer is 56

