

MULTIPLY MAN AND DIVIDE DUDE

"VERY BASIC PRINCIPLES"

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OPENING TITLE ANIMATION SEQUENCE:  
Background is orange/red starburst pattern.  
Text spins fast and stops abruptly:

MULTIPLY MAN  
AND  
DIVIDE DUDE

Episode title slides in from right:  
VERY BASIC PRINCIPLES

FADE IN:

EXT. SCHOOL BUILDING - MORNING

A large building on a grassy hill. It's morning, with a bright yellow sun in the sky; the school day is about to begin. An American flag stands tall, blowing in the wind. Several white clouds slowly move from left to right.

The camera moves down a storm drain and through a pipe to the interior of the duo's headquarters, while the NARRATOR's VOICE OVER is heard.

NARRATOR (V.O.)  
(booming, voice of God tone)  
From their secret hidden  
headquarters, deep in the earth  
under Public School 281,  
Multiply Man and Divide Dude  
prepare for another day of math  
problem-solving!

CUT TO:

INT. HEADQUARTERS - MORNING

Batcave-like, headquarters is full of computers and other math equipment, with flashing lights and monitors. Multiplication and division signs are a major part of the decor. MULTIPLY MAN stands in the center of the room in a typical superhero pose: legs spread to shoulder width, fists on hips. MULTIPLY MAN is tall and lanky, while DIVIDE DUDE is very short, with child-like features. DIVIDE DUDE hovers at MULTIPLY MAN's eye-level.

MULTIPLY MAN  
Divide Dude, sometimes the most  
important thing to know is the  
easiest to remember!

DIVIDE DUDE  
Like what, Multiply Man?

MULTIPLY MAN  
 I'll tell you like what! Divide  
 Dude, I'm talking about Very  
 Basic Principles!

#### MATH GRAPHICS

A series of math equations on screen, scrolling from bottom to top, appear. They are the first 10 digits being multiplied by the number 1 (shown in bold type), the equal sign, followed by the answer.

MULTIPLY MAN (V.O.)  
 For example...Any number  
 multiplied by the number one  
 is...itself!

The words, "ANY NUMBER" flies into the screen, then the multiplication sign, then a large number 1.

MULTIPLY MAN (V.O.)  
 Obvious perhaps - but true!

An equal sign flies in, followed by "ANY NUMBER". Finally, the entire equation is shown on screen: "ANY NUMBER X 1 = ITSELF". During this sequence, MULTIPLY MAN continues:

MULTIPLY MAN (V.O.)  
 Learning this Very Basic  
 Principle really counts - you'll  
 always use it!

#### INT. HEADQUARTERS - MORNING

Excited to learn such an important lesson, DIVIDE DUDE flies around the room a few times. He reiterates MULTIPLY MAN's lesson:

DIVIDE DUDE  
 I get it! If you multiply any  
 number by one, you get the same  
 number!

DIVIDE DUDE begins his own lesson:

DIVIDE DUDE  
 Well I've got a Very Basic  
 Principle for you, Multiply Man!

#### MATH GRAPHICS

A series of equations scroll up the screen, from bottom to top. They are the first ten digits, a division sign, the same digit, an equal sign and the number 1 (in bold.)

DIVIDE DUDE (V.O.)  
 If you take any number and  
 divide it by itself, the result  
 is one!

The words, "ANY NUMBER" flies into the screen, then the division sign, then the words, "ANY NUMBER".

An equal sign appears, followed by the number 1 (in bold.)

DIVIDE DUDE (V.O.)  
 All this means is that any  
 number goes into itself exactly  
 once!

So, like you said, obvious,  
perhaps...

In the same way MULTIPLY MAN's lesson ended, the entire equation is shown on screen: "ANY NUMBER / ITSELF = 1" During this sequence, DIVIDE DUDE continues:

DIVIDE DUDE (V.O.)  
 (continuing)  
 - but true!

With the lesson ended, both MULTIPLY MAN and DIVIDE DUDE are happy to have shared their mathematical knowledge with each other.

The NARRATOR's VOICE OVER is heard:

NARRATOR (V.O.)  
 Suddenly, a cry for help rings  
 out!

A GIRL and BOY's voices ring out:

GIRL and BOY (V.O.)  
 Help, Multiply Man and Divide  
 Dude, help!

MULTIPLY MAN and DIVIDE DUDE quickly respond.

MULTIPLY MAN  
 Someone needs us, Divide Dude!

DIVIDE DUDE  
 I'm with you, Multiply Man.

With that, they both fly off screen.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY

We ZOOM to two troubled kids standing in the SCHOOLYARD.

GIRL and BOY  
We need your help!

GIRL  
John dared me to multiply  
830,401 by any number! But I  
can't!

BOY  
And in class, the teacher asked  
who could divide 128,922 by  
anything. But we can't - these  
numbers are too big!

MULTIPLY MAN is first to respond to the kids.

MULTIPLY MAN  
Fear not, good students! You can  
do it!

MATH GRAPHICS

The number 830,401 flies on screen, followed by a multiplication  
sign, followed by a number 1 (in bold), followed by an equal  
sign, and finally, the number 830,401.

MULTIPLY MAN (V.O.)  
Any number multiplied by one is  
itself! Therefore, 830,401 times  
1 equals 830,401!

The number 128,922 flies on screen, followed by a division sign,  
followed by the number 128,922, followed by an equal sign, and  
finally, the number 1 (in bold.)

DIVIDE DUDE (V.O.)  
That is correct!  
(beat)  
And, any number divided by  
itself is one. So 128,922  
divided by 128,922 equals 1!

The kids are very happy to know their math problems are solved.  
They respond in unison:

GIRL and BOY  
Cooooo! Thanks, Multiply Man and  
Divide Dude!

MULTIPLY MAN and DIVIDE DUDE  
You're most welcome, students!  
'Til next time, remember:  
(beat)  
Learning Very Basic Principles  
Counts!

With that, our heroes fly off screen.

FADE OUT.

CREDITS

THE END