

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
Cooool! 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.

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THE END