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I was surprised when I first taught 7th grade math to find many, perhaps most, of my students were not fluent in the multiplication facts. It may be possible to succeed in later math using a calculator or table for simple 7 x 8 answers, but why? It will be very frustrating and make all math work very slow. I made a web site (<http://www.geocities.com/multiplicationfacts>) to try and help my students get practice on the facts and learn them. Some students with learning disabilities have serious and real problems memorizing the facts but it is possible with continued effort. Many students lack the motivation and discipline to spent the time memorizing the times tables.

I also teach adults in an ABE/GED program and many adults are not fluent in their times tables either.

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