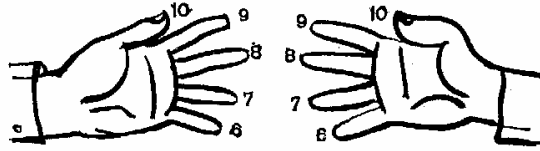


Finger Multiplication

This is a simple way to multiply numbers from 6 to 10. This method was used in some parts of Russia before the Revolution because at that time poor people and their children could not go to school. For this method you must do the following:

1. You give numbers to your fingers from 6 to 10.



2. If you want to multiply 7 by 8, finger number 7 of one hand must touch finger number 8 on the other hand. Then the two fingers together with all the fingers under them are tens. You have five tens, that is 50.

Then you multiply the number of the other fingers on the left hand by the number of other fingers on the right hand. This gives you $3 \times 2 = 6$. So, $50 + 6 = 56$. This method always gives the right answer.

