

Mathematics Message for teachers and parents
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Whole numbers: Order of operations

This concept is complex in that it involves various misconceptions and learners are prone to committing many errors. This will affect their overall performance on this topic.

More intensive practice needs to be done with the support of both the teacher and the parents. Teachers can provide worksheets for learners to practice at home with the assistance of parents.

Reference to BODMAS, PEMDAS may help learners to be able to follow the order of operations. Provide examples that cover all the specific operations in consideration to level of complexity.

Examples to consider: a) $12 - (4 + 2) \times 7$ b) $(23 - 9) \times (13 - 7)$ c) $32 - 4 \times 2 + 9$