

# Functional Skills Maths

## Exam Tips

### **Keep fraction answers simple**

Always reduce fractions to their simplest form to get full marks. Example: Instead of writing  $\frac{4}{8}$ , simplify it to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### **Answer clearly and completely**

If the question asks for a “yes” or “no,” write it explicitly. For money questions, always include the £ sign — missing it could cost you marks.

### **Understand diagrams from different angles**

Be prepared to read or draw diagrams from aerial (top), side, or front views. This can come up in problem-solving tasks.

### **Know your measuring tools**

Be confident using everyday equipment like rulers, scales, and measuring jugs — questions may ask about them.

### **Practice writing your own calculations**

Sometimes you’ll need to set up your own sums or equations rather than having them written out for you.

### **Measuring on paper? Don’t stress.**

If a question asks you to measure something on the paper, the assessor will verify the correct measurement, not your ruler skills.

### **Know the calendar**

You might get questions involving days of the week or months of the year — it helps to be familiar with them.

### **Practice problem-solving**

Many questions require more than just calculations. You’ll need to read carefully, understand the context, and explain your answers clearly (even in a maths paper).

### **Check mark schemes during revision**

Look at how marks are awarded in past papers. This helps you understand what’s expected in your written responses.