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## Graphing Calculator Scavenger Hunt

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1. Press  $2^{nd}$   $+$   $ENTER$  What is the ID# of your calculator? \_\_\_\_\_
2. For help, what website can you visit? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What happens to the screen when you push  $2^{nd}$   $\blacktriangle$  over and over?  $2^{nd}$   $\blacktriangledown$  over and over?  
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4.  $\wedge$  is called the "caret" button, and is used to raise a number to a power. Find  $6^5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.  
To square a number use  $x^2$  What is  $56^2$ ? \_\_\_\_\_ To cube a number, press  $MATH$  and select option 3. What is  $36^3$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Press  $2^{nd}$   $Y=$  to access the STAT PLOTS menu, how many stat plots are there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which option turns the stat plots off? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Press  $STAT$  which option will sort data in ascending order? What do you think will happen if option 3 is selected? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What letter of the alphabet is located above  $\div$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
8. To get the calculator to solve the following problem  $2\{3 + 10/2 + 6^2 - (4 + 2)\}$ , what do you do to get the { and }? \_\_\_\_\_ The answer to the problem is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. To solve a problem involving the area and/or circumference of a circle, which calculator key(s) would you most likely use? \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: What color is the sun?)
10. Use your calculator to answer the following:  
 $2 \times 41.587$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2578/4$  \_\_\_\_\_  $369 + 578$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Now press  $2^{nd}$   $ENTER$  two times. What pops up on your screen? \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrow down and change the 4 to a 2. What answer do you get? \_\_\_\_\_  
How will this feature be helpful? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What happens when the  $10^x$  and  $6$  keys are pressed? \_\_\_\_\_
12. The  $STO \rightarrow$  button stores numbers to variables. To evaluate the expression  $\frac{2a+3b}{4-c}$ , press  $9$   $STO \rightarrow$   $ALPHA$   $MATH$   $ENTER$  to store the number 9 to A. Repeat this same process if  $B = 2$  and  $C = 1$ , then evaluate the expression by typing in the expression  $\frac{2a+3b}{4-c}$  and pressing  $ENTER$ . Is it faster just to substitute the values into the expression and solve the old-fashioned way with paper and pencil? \_\_\_\_\_  
When might this feature come in handy? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Press  $2^{\text{nd}}$   $0$  to access the calculator's catalogue. Scroll up, to access symbols. What is the first symbol? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the last symbol? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Press  $2^{\text{nd}}$   $0$  to access the calculator's catalogue. An **A** appears in the top right corner of the screen. This means the calculator is in alphabetical mode. Press  $]$ . What is the 5<sup>th</sup> entry in the L's? What do these letters stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Press **MATH**, what do you think the first entry will do? \_\_\_\_\_  
Now press **CLEAR**, then press  $0$   $.$   $5$   $6$  **MATH** and select option 1. What answer do you get? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Press  $4$  **MATH**, choose option 5, then press  $1$   $6$  and **ENTER**. What did this option do? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Which function allows you to send/receive data/programs? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Press  $Y=$  type in  $2x - 1$ . Press **ZOOM** then select 6, press **MODE**, arrow to the bottom and arrow over to G-T and press **ENTER**. Now press **GRAPH**. What appears on the screen? \_\_\_\_\_  
Press **MODE** and scroll down to Full and press **ENTER** to restore to full screen.
19. Press  $5$   $\div$   $\div$   $9$  **ENTER**. Press  $2$  to go to the error. The cursor should be blinking on the second /, press **DEL** **ENTER**. What answer did you get? To convert this number to a fraction, press **MATH** **ENTER**
20. Enter this problem into the calculator and press **ENTER**.  $2.4 \times 3.7 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.  
Now press **MODE**  $\blacktriangledown$  Float  $\blacktriangleright$  to 0 and press **ENTER**.  
Now press  $2^{\text{nd}}$  **Quit** to return to the home screen and press  $2^{\text{nd}}$  **ENTER** and the original problem should appear on the screen, now press **ENTER**. What appears on the screen? \_\_\_\_\_  
Think about this number in relation to the answer you got before.  
What did the calculator do? \_\_\_\_\_  
Repeat this same process except select 2 under the Float option. Return to the home screen, recall the original problem and press **ENTER**. What number appears on the screen? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did the calculator do this time? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Enter  $(-2)^2$  into the calculator, what answer did you get? \_\_\_\_\_ Now enter  $-2^2$  into the calculator, what answer did you get this time? \_\_\_\_\_ Why do you think you got two different answers? \_\_\_\_\_ Would  $(-2)^3$  and  $-2^3$  give you two different answers? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_